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Concerning UN Economic and Social Council Decision Asking the UN Commission on Human Rights to Wind Up Its Work

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On March 22 the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) adopted without a vote a decision in which in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution 60/251 of March 15, 2006, it asks the UN Commission on Human Rights to conclude its work at its 62nd session. It is also recommended that the session should be "brief and procedural." In addition, the decision envisages the abolition of the UN Commission on Human Rights by June 16, 2006.

The 62nd session of the UN Commission on Human Rights opened in Geneva on March 13, 2006, and suspended its work until the decision of ECOSOC. It is planned that on March 27, 2006 meetings of the Commission's 62nd session will be resumed in order to fulfill the recommendations contained in the ECOSOC decision.

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