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**Appendix No. 4**

**UN Briefing Note on Open-Ended Working Group**

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**Open-ended Working Group on a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

**First session**

**Mandate**

The Commission on Human Rights established the working group by its [resolution 2003/18](#).

In paragraph 13 of that resolution, the Commission requested “the working group to meet for a period of 10 working days, prior to the sixtieth session of the Commission, with a view to considering options regarding the elaboration of an optional protocol to the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, in the light, inter alia, of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the Commission on a draft optional protocol (E/CN.4/1997/105, annex), comments and views submitted by States, intergovernmental organizations, including United Nations specialized agencies, and non-governmental organizations, and the reports of the independent expert (E/CN.4/2002/57 and E/CN.4/2003/53 and Corr.1)”.

**Participants**

The working group is an open-ended working group. This means that all UN Member and Observer States, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC consultative status may attend public meetings of the working group.

**Documentation**

The provisional agenda of the session will be available as document [E/CN.4/2004/WG.23/1](#).

All in-session and background [documents](#) ready prior to the session will be available on the internet. Documents will also be available in the meeting room of the working group throughout the session.

**Dates**

The working group will meet from 23 February to 5 March 2004.

**Location**

The working group will take place in Room ..... at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

### **Time**

The working group will have two daily sessions from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00.

### **Registration and accreditation**

Experts and representatives of States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other organizations including non-governmental organizations in possession of an identity badge issued by UNOG Security and Safety Section, valid for the duration of the session, will have unrestricted access to the working group.

Any other person without a UNOG identity badge should apply for accreditation to the session.

States and organizations wishing to accredit representatives to the first session of the working group are invited to complete the registration form (see below) and send it, together with their request for accreditation duly signed to Simon Walker either by fax on 022 917 90 10 or by mail to UNOG-OHCHR, CH-1211 Geneva 10.

Registration prior to the session will ensure that a badge will be available from 9am on 23 February 2004 at the *Villa les Feuillantines*, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix, 1211, Geneva, opposite the Palais des Nations. The accreditation office at the Villa les Feuillantines will remain open from 9:00 to 2:00 during the session.

**First session of the open-ended working group on a draft optional protocol to the  
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Geneva, 23  
February to 5 March 2004) Conference Registration Form**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: Working Group Registration Form should be accompanied by a request for accreditation duly signed and returned to Fax Nr. 0041 22 917 90 11.

