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Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

Note by the secretariat

1. At its fifty-ninth session, the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 2003/77, requested the Secretary-General to appoint an independent expert for a period of one year to develop a programme of advisory services to ensure the full respect and protection of human rights and the promotion of the rule of law and to seek and receive information about and report on the human rights situation in Afghanistan in an effort to prevent human rights violations. This independent expert was also invited to provide a report on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and on the achievements of the technical assistance in the field of human rights to the General Assembly and to the Commission.

2. As of January 2004, an independent expert had yet to be appointed. Therefore, no report will be submitted to the sixtieth session of the Commission on Human Rights on this subject.

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