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**NEW PRIORITIES, IN PARTICULAR TERRORISM AND COUNTER-
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Note by the Secretariat

1. Pursuant to Sub-Commission resolution 2002/24, the Special Rapporteur on terrorism and human rights, Ms. Kalliopi Koufa, submitted to the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Commission in 2003 an additional progress report with two addenda on the subject of her mandate. In view of their late submission and length (over 80 pages), which significantly exceeded the maximum page limits established by the General Assembly, the documents could only be issued as a working paper with restricted distribution and in the language of submission (English) only (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2003/WP.1 and Add. 1-2).
2. The Sub-Commission, in its resolution 2003/6, requested that the additional progress report be translated into the official languages and published as an official document. The Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 2004/44, also requested the Office of the High Commissioner to circulate, in all official languages, the reports of the Special Rapporteur on human rights and terrorism of the Sub-Commission.
3. The final report submitted by the Special Rapporteur in May 2004 for circulation at the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission also exceeded the maximum 20-page (10,700 words) limit established for this type of document. In accordance with the established procedure, the Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights sought from the Office of General Assembly

Affairs and Conference Management in New York, by memorandum dated 24 May 2004, a waiver to proceed with the translation of both the progress report submitted by the Special Rapporteur in 2003 and her final report submitted this year.

4. In a reply dated 8 June 2004, the Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management denied the request for a waiver for the progress report already considered by the Sub-Commission but found that the waiver for the final report could be justified.

5. The final report of Ms. Koufa, Special Rapporteur on terrorism and human rights will therefore be issued in its totality and in all official languages as document
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