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Women in prison

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its fifty-fifth session, the Sub-Commission, in its decision 2003/104, decided to entrust Ms. Florizelle O'Connor with the preparation of a working paper on women in prison, including issues relating to the children of women in prison.
2. At its fifty-sixth session, the Sub-Commission had before it the working paper prepared by Ms. O'Connor (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2004/9), and in its decision 2004/116, decided to request her to prepare an expanded version of her working paper, including issues relating to the children of women in prison, taking into account the comments and suggestions made at that session, and to submit the expanded working paper to it at its fifty-seventh session.
3. On 28 May 2005, the Secretariat was informed by Ms. O'Connor that she would not be able to submit the working paper she was requested to prepare.
