

ECOSOC Decision 2008/233

Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 22 July 2008, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2007/269 of 27 July 2007 and taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General:¹

(a) Decided to invite the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to consult with relevant United Nations entities on the implementation of and follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions 2001/39 of 26 July 2001 and 2004/9 of 21 July 2004, the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights,² the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data,³ the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights⁴ and other norms and instruments adopted within the United Nations system that are relevant to genetic privacy and non-discrimination, and on a possible inter-agency coordination mechanism;

(b) Also decided to invite the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to report to the Economic and Social Council on relevant developments in the field of genetic privacy and non-discrimination at its substantive session of 2010 and on a possible inter-agency coordination mechanism, in consultation with and taking into account the views of Member States.

¹ E/2008/51.

² United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-ninth Session, Paris, 21 October-12 November 1997*, vol. I: *Resolutions*, chap. III, resolution 16.

³ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Paris, 29 September-17 October 2003*, vol. I: *Resolutions*, chap. IV, resolution 22.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-third Session, Paris, 3-21 October 2005*, vol. I: *Resolutions*, chap. V, resolution 36.