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**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY**

**Discrimination in the criminal justice system**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. At its fifty-fourth session, the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, in its resolution 2002/3, decided to appoint Ms. Leïla Zerrougui as Special Rapporteur to conduct a detailed study of discrimination in the criminal justice system with a view to determining the most effective means of ensuring equal treatment in the criminal justice system for all persons without discrimination, particularly vulnerable persons, and requested the Special Rapporteur to submit a preliminary report to the Sub-Commission at its fifty-fifth session, a progress report at its fifty-sixth session and a final report at its fifty-seventh session. In its decision 2003/108, the Commission on Human Rights approved this decision of the Sub-Commission. At the fifty-fifth session, the Sub-Commission had before it the preliminary report of the Special Rapporteur (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2003/3).
2. On 3 June 2004, Ms. Zerrougui informed the secretariat that she would not be able to attend the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission in her capacity as Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission and that she would not be able to submit her progress report on the discrimination in the criminal justice system as foreseen.

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