

**1997/244. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights**

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/17 of 11 April 1997,<sup>39</sup> endorsed the Commission's decision to request the Secretary-General to submit reports to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-fourth session, under the relevant agenda items, on progress made towards the realization of the rights set forth in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights,<sup>41</sup> giving due reflection to:

(a) The views of all relevant national and international organizations, governmental or non-governmental, on the opportuneness and resource implications of appointing a special rapporteur to encourage the promotion and protection of economic, social and cultural rights in general;

(b) Their reactions to the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on a draft optional protocol for the consideration of communications concerning non-compliance with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.<sup>42</sup>

<sup>39</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1997, Supplement No. 3 (E/1997/23)*, chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>41</sup> General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>42</sup> E/CN.4/1997/105, annex.