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At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/25 of 11 April 1997,<sup>39</sup> endorsed the Commission's decision to request the Secretary-General:

(a) To submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the situation of United Nations and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation who are imprisoned, missing or held in a country against their will, on new cases that have been successfully settled and on the implementation of the measures referred to in Commission resolution 1997/25;

(b) To commission a comprehensive and independent study, from within existing resources, to shed further light on the safety and security problems faced by United Nations and other personnel carrying out activities in the fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation, taking into account the evolution of the nature of United Nations missions around the world and the greater responsibilities of those personnel, giving due consideration to the views of the main United Nations agencies concerned and of relevant international organizations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental.

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