

1997/256. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asia and Pacific region

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/45 of 11 April 1997,³⁹ approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General:

(a) To facilitate the holding of the sixth workshop on regional human rights arrangements in the Asia and Pacific region at Tehran under the regular budget of the United Nations for the programme of advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights;

(b) To give adequate attention to the countries of the Asia and Pacific region by allocating more resources from existing United Nations funds to enable the countries of the region to benefit from all the activities under the programme of advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights;

(c) To maintain a continuing flow of human rights material to the library of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

(d) To support the regional technical cooperation programme for the Asia and Pacific region and to provide resources for its implementation;

(e) To establish, in accordance with the conclusions of the fifth workshop on regional human rights arrangements in the Asia and Pacific region, an open-ended team composed of representatives of interested Governments of the region and the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat, which could consult with national institutions and non-governmental organizations to ensure the effective preparation of the next workshop and to design a regional technical cooperation programme to facilitate the development of regional arrangements.

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