

1997/258. Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/47 of 11 April 1997:³⁹

(a) Approved the Commission's request to the independent expert to report to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session on the human rights situation in Somalia, in particular on the basis of a detailed assessment of the means necessary to establish a programme of advisory services and technical cooperation, through, *inter alia*, the contribution of agencies and programmes of the United Nations in the field, as well as of the non-governmental sector;

(b) Also approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide the independent expert with all necessary assistance in carrying out her mandate and adequate resources, from within existing overall Office of United Nations resources, to fund the activities of the independent expert and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights for the implementation of advisory services and technical cooperation.

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