

1997/259. Situation of human rights in Cambodia

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/49 of 11 April 1997,³⁹ approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General:

(a) Through the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia, in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights, to assist the Government of Cambodia in ensuring the protection of the human rights of all people in Cambodia and to ensure adequate resources, from within existing resources, for the enhanced functioning of the operational presence in Cambodia of the Centre for Human Rights;

(b) To provide all necessary resources, from within the regular budget of the United Nations, to enable the Special Representative to continue to fulfil his tasks expeditiously;

(c) Through the Special Representative, in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights, to examine any request by the Government of Cambodia for assistance in responding to past serious violations of Cambodian and international law as a means of bringing about national reconciliation, strengthening democracy and addressing the issue of individual accountability;

(d) To consider favourably, within existing United Nations resources, any request from the Government of Cambodia for assistance in the holding of elections in Cambodia.

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