

1997/263. Situation of human rights in Nigeria

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/53 of 15 April 1997,³⁹ endorsed the Commission's decision to invite the Chairman of the Commission to appoint, after consultations with the Bureau, a special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Nigeria, with a mandate to establish direct contacts with the authorities and the people of Nigeria, approved the Commission's request to the special rapporteur to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session and to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session, on the basis of any information that might be gathered, and to keep a gender perspective in mind when seeking and analysing information, and endorsed the Commission's decision to request the Secretary-General, in the discharge of his good offices mandate and in cooperation with the Commonwealth, to continue further discussions with the Government of Nigeria and to report on progress in the implementation of Commission resolution 1997/53 and possibilities for the international community to lend practical assistance to Nigeria in achieving the restoration of democratic rule and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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