

1997/267. Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo³⁹

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/58 of 15 April 1997.³⁹

- (a) Endorsed the Commission's decision:
 - (i) To request the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, and a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances to carry out a joint mission to investigate allegations of massacres and other issues affecting human rights that arise from the situation prevailing in the eastern region of the country since September 1996 and to report to the General Assembly by 30 June 1997 and to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session;
 - (ii) To request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to facilitate the activities of the joint mission, in particular with respect to its funding, in order to accelerate its work, and to provide appropriate technical expertise to enable the mission to fulfil its mandate;
- (b) Also endorsed the Commission's decision:
 - (i) To extend for a further year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to request the Special Rapporteur to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session and a report to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session, and, in drawing up his reports, including in the collection of information and recommendations, that he continue to apply a gender perspective to a greater extent;
 - (ii) To request the Secretary-General to continue to give the Special Rapporteur all necessary assistance to enable him to discharge his mandate fully.

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