

1997/273. Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/65 of 16 April 1997,³⁹ endorsed the Commission's decision to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and to request the Special Rapporteur to report on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session and to consider submitting a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur, and also approved the Commission's request to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure a human rights presence in the context of the United Nations activities in Afghanistan in order to provide professional advice to all the Afghan parties, as well as to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field.

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