

1997/274. Situation of human rights in Rwanda

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/66 of 16 April 1997:³⁹

(a) Approved the Commission's request to the Chairman of the Commission to appoint a special representative with the mandate to make recommendations on how to improve the human rights situation in Rwanda, to facilitate the creation and effective functioning of an independent national human rights commission in Rwanda and also to make recommendations concerning situations in which technical assistance to the Government of Rwanda in the field of human rights might be appropriate, as well as the Commission's request to the special representative to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session and to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session in accordance with his mandate;

(b) Also approved the Commission's request to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights:

- (i) To continue to report regularly on the activities and findings of the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda, and to make those reports widely and promptly available to both the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly;
- (ii) To submit a report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-fourth session and to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the implementation of Commission resolution 1997/66, under the agenda item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories".

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