

1997/278. Human rights and mass exoduses

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/75 of 18 April 1997,³⁹ approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to give high priority and to allocate the necessary resources to the consolidation and strengthening of the system for undertaking early-warning activities for the purpose of ensuring, *inter alia*, that effective action is taken to identify all human rights abuses that contribute to mass outflows of persons, and to invite comments on the subject.

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