

**1997/279. Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights**

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/76 of 18 April 1997,³⁹ endorsed the Commission's decision to reiterate its request to the Secretary-General to provide the human rights programme with all the necessary human, financial and material resources in future regular budgets of the United Nations, and in particular to take this into account in the budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

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