

1997/281. Rights of the child

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/78 of 18 April 1997,³⁹ endorsed the Commission's decision:

(a) With regard to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, to request the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities for the effective and expeditious performance of the functions of the Committee, while noting the Plan of Action of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

(b) With regard to the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, to request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance and to urge all relevant parts of the United Nations system to provide the Special Rapporteur with comprehensive reporting to make the full discharge of her mandate possible and to enable her 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;

(c) With regard to the question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, to request the working group on the question of a draft optional protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography to meet for a period of two weeks, or less if possible, prior to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, in order to finalize the draft optional protocol before the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

(d) With regard to the draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, to request the working group on a draft optional protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict to meet for a period of two weeks, or less if possible, prior to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, in order to finalize the draft optional protocol.

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