

### **1997/289. Study on Indigenous land rights**

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 1997/114 of 11 April 1997<sup>53</sup> and resolution 1996/38 of 29 August 1996 of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,<sup>40</sup> endorsed the Commission's decision to approve the appointment of Ms. Erica-Irene A. Dacs as Special Rapporteur to prepare, from within existing resources, a working paper on indigenous people and their relationship to land with a view to suggesting practical measures to address ongoing problems in that regard, and approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with the assistance necessary to enable her to complete her work.

<sup>53</sup> Ibid., 1997, *Supplement No. 3* (E/1997/23), chap. II, sect. B.