

**1998/254. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 30 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998/38 of 17 April 1998:<sup>39</sup>

(a) Endorsed the decision of the Commission to extend for three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture;

(b) Approved the requests of the Commission to the Secretary-General to continue to include the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture on an annual basis among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, and to ensure, within the overall budgetary framework of the United Nations, the provision of an adequate and stable level of staffing, as well as the necessary technical facilities for the United Nations bodies and mechanisms dealing with torture, in order to ensure their effective performance.