

**1997/49. Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/24 of 11 April 1997,<sup>144</sup>*

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission in order to continue the elaboration of the draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;<sup>213</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend to the working group all necessary facilities for its meetings and to transmit the report of the working group<sup>214</sup> to Governments, the specialized agencies, the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

*38th plenary meeting  
22 July 1997*

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<sup>213</sup> General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex.

<sup>214</sup> E/CN.4/1997/33 and Add.1.