

1997/51. Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/70 of 16 April 1997,¹⁴⁴

1. *Authorizes* the open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of eight working days prior to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission in order to finalize its elaboration of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities, within existing United Nations resources, to the working group for its meetings.

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