

1998/241. The use of mercenaries as a means of violating

**human rights and impeding the exercise of the
right of peoples to self-determination**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 30 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998/6 of 27 March 1998:³⁷

(a) Endorsed the decision of the Commission to extend for three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination and to request the Special Rapporteur, in carrying out his mandate, to seek and receive credible and reliable information from Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

(b) Approved the request of the Commission to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as a matter of priority, to publicize the adverse effects of mercenary activities on the right of peoples to self-determination, and when requested and where necessary, to render advisory services to States affected by the activities of mercenaries.

³⁷ A/53/163-E/1998/79.

³⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 8 (E/1998/28)*.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 3 (E/1998/23)*, chap. II, sect. A.