6. Calls once again upon all States to provide the Secretary-General with their comments on this question; 

7. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to continue the consideration of this subject at its thirty-eighth session under the title “Measures to be taken against all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, in particular Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred, terror, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or which have such consequences”; 

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session in the light of the discussion that would take place in the Commission on Human Rights and on the basis of comments provided by States and international organizations.

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36/163. Question of involuntary or enforced disappearances

The General Assembly.


Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 10 (XXXVII) of 26 February 1981, in which it was decided to extend for one year the term of the mandate of the Working Group dealing with involuntary or enforced disappearances, and Economic and Social Council decision 1981/139 of 8 May 1981, by which the Council approved the Commission’s decision.

Convinced that the action taken, in consultation with the Governments concerned, to promote the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 33/173 and other United Nations resolutions relevant to the plight of missing or disappeared persons should be continued.

Expressing its emotion at the anguish and sorrow of the families of victims of involuntary or enforced disappearances.

1. Welcomes the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to extend for one year the term of the mandate of the Working Group as laid down in Commission resolution 10 (XXXVII); 

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Working Group for the work done and to those Governments that have cooperated with it; 

3. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to continue to study this question as a matter of priority and to take any step it may deem necessary to the pursuit of the task of the Working Group, when it considers the report to be submitted by the Group at its thirty-eighth session; 

4. Appeals to all Governments to provide the Working Group and the Commission on Human Rights with the full co-operation warranted by their strictly humanitarian objectives and their working methods based on discretion; 

5. Renews its request to the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Working Group with all necessary assistance.

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36/164. Missing persons in Cyprus

The General Assembly.

Recalling its previous resolutions on the question of the missing persons in Cyprus.

Reaffirming the basic human need of families to be informed, without further delay, about the fate of their missing relatives.

Having in mind that agreement was reached, on 19 May 1979, during the high-level meeting held at Nicosia under the auspices of the Secretary-General.

Welcoming the agreement establishing the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus, referred to in the report of the Secretary-General of 27 May 1981, including the oral agreement of 26 March 1981 concerning the attendance of representatives of the Committee of Relatives of Missing Persons at the meetings of the Committee,

Regretting the fact that owing to procedural difficulties no progress has been achieved towards the commencement of the Committee’s investigative work,

1. Urges that the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus proceed, without any further delay, with its investigative work for the tracing of and accounting for missing persons in Cyprus; 

2. Calls upon the parties concerned to assist, in a spirit of co-operation and goodwill, the Committee in carrying out its investigative task; 

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide his good offices for the unhindered functioning of the Committee.

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36/165. Question of the international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live

The General Assembly.

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolutions 1790 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1871 (LVII) of 17 May 1974 concerning the question of the international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live.


Noting also resolution 9 (XXXI) of 13 September 1978 of the Sub-Commission on Promotion of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 1980/29 of 2 May 1980, decided to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session the text of the draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live, prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Baroness E. Elles, and amended by the Sub-Commission, together with the comments on the text received from Member States in response to Council decision 1979/36 of 10 December 1979

193 See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265), chap. XX, sect. A. 
194 Ibid., Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5464), chap. XIX, sect. A. 
197 See E/CN.4/1296, chap. XVII, sect. A. 
198 E/CN.4/1336. 