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QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT, IN PARTICULAR: TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Denmark, Finland*, Norway*, and Sweden*: draft resolution
The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind its resolution 35 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981 by which the Assembly decided to establish a United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

Noting that all Governments have an obligation to respect and promote human rights in accordance with the responsibilities they have undertaken under various international instruments.

Further noting with deep concern that acts of torture take place in various countries,

Recognizing the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit,

- Calls on all Governments in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments the Commission's appeal for contributions to the Fund.

^{*/} In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.