

UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC
AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL



Distr.
LIMITED

E/CN.4/1982/L.52
8 March 1982

Original: ENGLISH

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thirty-eighth session
Agenda item 10 (a)

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

Cuba, Denmark, France, Greece, India, Netherlands, Norway, */
Senegal and Sweden: */ draft resolution

The Commission on Human Rights,

Having in mind General Assembly resolution 36/60 of 25 November 1981 by which the Commission was requested to complete as a matter of the highest priority, at its thirty-eighth session, the drafting of a convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/37 of 8 May 1981 by which the Council authorized a meeting of an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights for a period of one week prior to the Commission's thirty-eighth session to complete the work on a draft convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling that such a draft convention was discussed in a working group prior to and during the thirty-eighth session of the Commission but that it was not found possible to complete the work during that session,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made by the open-ended working group on the draft convention during the thirty-eighth session,

Desiring to make arrangements to expedite the work on the draft convention with a view to its early adoption,

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

1. Recognizes that it is advisable to continue the work on the draft convention in a working group which should meet before the thirty-ninth session of the Commission;

2. Decides to accord the highest priority to the consideration of this question at its thirty-ninth session;

3. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council should adopt the following resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/60 of 25 November 1981 by which the Commission on Human Rights was requested to complete as a matter of the highest priority, at its thirty-eighth session, the drafting of a convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/37 of 8 May 1981 by which the Council authorized a meeting of an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights for a period of one week prior to the Commission's thirty-eighth session to complete the work on a draft convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Considering that it was not found possible to complete the work on the convention during the thirty-eighth session of the Commission,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution (XXXVIII), of 1982,

1. Authorizes a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights to complete the work on a draft convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session all relevant material relating to the draft convention."
