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QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECTED TO ANY  
FORM OF DEPORTATION OR IMPRISONMENT, IN PARTICULAR:

(a) TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING  
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Denmark,\* Finland, Norway,\* Sweden\*: Draft resolution

The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 35 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981 and 1982, 44  
of 11 March 1982 concerning the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981, by which the  
Assembly decided to establish 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,

Reiterating the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a  
purely humanitarian spirit, or to activities on behalf of such victims,

Noting with deep satisfaction the establishment of the Fund and the appointment  
of the Board of Trustees,

1. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to those Governments which have  
already contributed 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.

2. Calls upon all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments the Commission's appeal for contributions to the Fund;
4. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the Commission informed every year of the operations of the Fund.