QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECT TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION 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,


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;

2/ In accordance with rule 60, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

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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.