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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Thirty-ninth session
Agenda item 10(a)

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

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

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

The Commission on Human Rights,

Having in mind General Assembly resolution 37/195 of 18 December 1982, by which the Commission was requested to complete, as a matter of the highest priority, at its thirty-ninth session, the drafting of a convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/38 of 7 May 1982, 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-ninth 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-ninth 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-ninth 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 commissions 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 fortieth session of the Commission;
2. Decides to accord the highest priority to the consideration of this question at its fortieth session;
3. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council should adopt the following resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/193 of 18 December 1982, by which the Commission on Human Rights was requested to complete as a matter of the highest priority, at its thirty-ninth session, the drafting of a convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/38 of 7 May 1982 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-ninth 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-ninth session of the Commission,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution ...

1. Authorizes a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the fortieth 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 fortieth session all relevant material relating to the draft convention.