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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

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 35 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981, 1982/43 of 11 March 1982 and 1983/19 of 22 February 1983 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 the 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,

Convinced that the struggle to eliminate torture includes providing assistance in a humanitarian spirit to the victims and their family members,

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

Noting the report^{1/} and the note^{2/} of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

1. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to those Governments, organizations and individuals that have already contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;
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. Expresses its appreciation to the Board of Trustees for the work carried out;
4. Renews its request to the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments the Commission's appeal for further contributions to the Fund;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to do all possible to assist the Board of Trustees, inter alia through the preparation, production and dissemination of information material, in its efforts to make the Voluntary Fund and its humanitarian work better known;
6. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the Commission informed every year of the operations of the Fund.

1/ A/38/221.

2/ E/CN.4/1984/19.