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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, Greece, Norway*/ Senegal and Sweden*/

draft resolution

The Commission on Human Rights,

Having in mind General Assembly resolution 35/178 of 15 December 1980 by which the Commission was requested to complete as a matter of urgency, at its thirty-seventh session, the drafting of a convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and resolution 1980/32 of 2 May 1980 by which the Economic and Social Council authorized a meeting of an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights for a period of one week prior to its thirty-seventh 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 has been discussed in a working group prior to and during the thirty-seventh 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-seventh session,

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

1. Recognizes that it is advisable to continue the work on the draft convention in a working group which should meet before the thirty-eighth session of the Commission,
2. Decides to accord high priority to the consideration of this question at its thirty-eighth session;

*/ In conformity with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

**/ Re-issued for technical reasons.

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

"The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/178 of 15 December 1980 by which the Commission on Human Rights was requested to complete as a matter of urgency, at its thirty-seventh session, the drafting of a convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and resolution 1980/32 of 2 May 1980 by which the Economic and Social Council authorized a meeting of an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights for a period of one week prior to its thirty-seventh 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-seventh session of the Commission,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution ... (XXXVII),

1. Authorizes a meeting of an open-ended working group for a period of one week prior to the thirty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights to complete the work on a draft convention against torture;

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