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HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISABILITY

Mr. Bossuyt, Mrs. Daes, Mr. Despouy, Mr. Eide
and Mr. Guissé: draft resolution

1993/... Question of the human rights of disabled persons

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of
Minorities,

Welcoming the publication of the report by Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special
Rapporteur on the question of the human rights of disabled persons
(United Nations publication, Sales No. E.92.XIV.4),

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/29 of 5 March 1993,
as well as General Assembly resolution 47/3 of 14 October 1992, in which the
Assembly proclaimed the International Day of Disabled Persons, and
General Assembly resolution 46/96 of 16 December 1991, in which it reiterated
the need to achieve the objectives set out in the Programme of Action of the
United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted at the
World Conference on Human Rights, which reaffirm that persons with
disabilities should be guaranteed equal opportunity through the elimination of
all barriers, be they physical, financial, social or psychological, which
exclude or restrict full participation in society,

Noting resolution 1991/19 of 28 August 1991, which emphasizes that the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, whereby everyone is entitled to all rights and freedoms, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, also apply to disabled persons.

1. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to take into consideration the recommendations by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Leandro Despouy, as proposed in his report Human Rights and Disabled Persons and particularly to work towards the appointment of an international ombudsman for the human rights of disabled persons;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on the coordination endeavours, including the results, undertaken by the various United Nations organs and bodies concerned with the protection of disabled persons, for the purpose of envisaging the establishment of an effective mechanism for coordination and cooperation between the various organs and bodies;

3. Decides to remain seized of this question and to deal with it each year as sub-item (c) of the agenda item entitled "Promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels".
