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Unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel,
inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In paragraph 1 of resolution 32/64 of 8 December 1977, the General Assembly called upon all Member States to reinforce their support of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment by making unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, along the lines of a model unilateral declaration annexed to the said resolution, and depositing them with the Secretary-General.

2. In paragraph 2 of the same resolution, the General Assembly also urged all Member States to give maximum publicity to their unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. In paragraph 3, the Secretary-General was requested to inform the General Assembly, in annual reports, of such unilateral declarations as might be deposited by Member States.

3. In conformity with paragraph 3 of resolution 32/64, this report reproduces the unilateral declarations received, as of 1 October 1978, from the following States: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Iran, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway and Sweden.

II. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

BELGIUM

/Original: French/

/8 December 1977/

1. The Belgian Government solemnly declares its intention:

(a) To comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1975 (resolution 3452 (XXX) annex);

(b) To continue to implement, through legislation and other effective measures, the provisions of the said Declaration.

2. The Belgian Government takes this opportunity to point out that its legislation is in conformity with the provisions of the Declaration.

DENMARK

/Original: English/
/19 September 1978/

The Government of Denmark hereby declares its intention to comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 3452 (XXX), annex). This undertaking entails no change of present Danish law or practice, since the principles which are reflected in the Declaration have already been observed in Denmark over a long period of time.

FINLAND

/Original: English/
/19 September 1978/

The Government of Finland hereby declares its intention to comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 3452 (XXX), annex). This undertaking entails no change of present Finnish law or practice, since the principles which are reflected in the Declaration have already been observed in Finland over a long period of time.

ICELAND

/Original: English/
/19 September 1978/

1. The Government of Iceland hereby declares its intention to comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 3452 (XXX), annex).
2. This undertaking entails no change of present Icelandic law or practice, since the principles which are reflected in the Declaration have already been observed in Iceland over a long period of time.

IRAN

/Original: English/
/8 February 1976/

The Imperial Government of Iran hereby declares its intention:

(a) To comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 3452 (XXX), annex);

(b) To implement, through legislation and other effective measures, the provisions of the said Declaration.

ITALY

/Original: French/
/10 April 1976/

1. The Government of the Italian Republic solemnly declares its intention to comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1975 in resolution 3452 (XXX), annex, and to continue to implement by all appropriate means the principles set forth in the Declaration.

2. The Government of the Italian Republic takes this opportunity to point out that its legislation is in conformity with the provisions of the said Declaration.

LUXEMBOURG

/Original: French/
/9 January 1976/

1. The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg hereby solemnly declares its intention:

(a) To comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1975 in resolution 3452 (XXX);

(b) To continue to implement, through legislation and other effective measures, the provisions of the said Declaration.

2. The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg takes this opportunity to point out that its legislation is in conformity with the provisions of the Declaration.

NORWAY

/Original: English/
/15 September 1978/

The Government of Norway hereby declares its intention to comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 3452 (XXX), annex). This undertaking entails no change of present Norwegian law or practice, since the principles which are reflected in the Declaration have already been observed in Norway over a long period of time.

SWEDEN

/Original: English/
/19 September 1978/

The Government of Sweden hereby declares its intention to comply with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 3452 (XXX), annex). This undertaking entails no change of present Swedish law or practice, since the principles which are reflected in the Declaration have already been observed in Sweden over a long period of time.
