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REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION
AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

Algeria*, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic,
Denmark*, Finland, Germany, Greece*, Iran (Islamic Republic of),
Nigeria, Norway*, Russian Federation, Senegal*, Sweden*, Turkey*,
United States of America and United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland: draft resolution

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The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 1992/48 of 3 March 1992, Economic and Social Council decision 1992/276 of 30 July 1992 and General Assembly resolutions 47/3 of 14 October 1992 and 47/88 of 16 December 1992,

Mindful of the need for persons with disabilities to achieve full and equal enjoyment of human rights and participation in all fields of society,

Recalling the plenary sessions of the General Assembly, held on 12 and 13 October 1992, to mark the conclusion of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Mindful of the need for a long-term strategy to implement the World Programme of Action to the year 2000 and beyond, resulting from the meeting of experts held at Vancouver, Canada, in April 1992,

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

Mindful also of the responsibility of Governments in removing or facilitating the removal of barriers and obstacles to the full integration in society of persons with disabilities,

Welcoming the initiative of the Government of Canada in convening the International Conference of Ministers Responsible for the Status of Persons with Disabilities, held at Montreal, Canada, on 8 and 9 October 1992,

1. Supports the efforts of Governments in developing national policies to reach specific objectives, taking into account the recommendations of the General Assembly contained in its resolution 47/88 of 16 December 1992 entitled "Towards the full integration of persons with disabilities in society: a continuing world programme of action";

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat for its efforts to coordinate and supervise the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

3. Appeals to Member States to highlight the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons on 3 December every year with a view to the achievement of the full and equal enjoyment of human rights and participation in society by persons with disabilities;

4. Welcomes the establishment of a Ministers' Working Group and the decision taken as the result of its initial meeting, held in Paris on 19 January 1993, to create an international mechanism for ministers to promote cooperation and international exchange with respect to the status of persons with disabilities;

5. Also welcomes the adoption by the Commission on Social Development at its thirty-third session of the standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons;

6. Encourages States to implement the standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons as an essential element in the full integration into society of persons with disabilities;

7. Reiterates the invitation to the human rights treaty bodies, notably the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Human Rights Committee, to monitor the compliance of States with their commitments under the relevant human rights instruments in order to ensure the full enjoyment of those rights by disabled persons.
