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

Costa Rica, Germany, Federal Republic of, and Italy:
draft resolution

The Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 36/135 of 14 December 1981,

Having considered the report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its thirty-fourth session, 1/

Sharing the view expressed by the Sub-Commission in its resolution 12 (XXIV) that the number and scale of violations of human rights in many parts of the world make it essential for the United Nations to develop effective ways and means of responding urgently to violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Also sharing the view expressed by the Sub-Commission that the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would be highly valuable in advancing the promotion and the protection of human rights in the world,

1. Endorses resolution 12 (XXIV) of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

2. Requests the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its thirty-fifth session to formulate terms of reference for the mandate of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and to submit its proposals to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session;

3. Decides to resume consideration of the question of the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session under the item "Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms: alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms" with a view to examining further steps to be taken in this regard.