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### DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE DECLARATION OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSONS

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at  
its 266th plenary meeting on 3 December 1949

(adopted on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/1170))

The General Assembly,

Considering resolution 249(IX) of 9 August 1949 approved by the  
Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council was not able to  
examine the draft Convention on the declaration of death of missing persons  
prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee established to prepare the draft,

Considering that the General Assembly should undertake a detailed  
study of conventions prepared by small groups only if one of its Main  
Committees disposes of the necessary time; that, when the contrary is  
the case, it can call a conference of plenipotentiaries for the purposes  
of studying and drafting the convention,

Recognizing the importance and urgency of the question,

Recognizing also the legal difficulties arising, in particular  
because of differences of legislation in the matter,

1. Decides that an international conference of Government representatives  
be convened not later than 1 April 1950 with a view to concluding a  
multilateral convention on the subject;

2. Instructs the Secretary-General:

(a) To issue invitations to the Governments of Member States to  
such a conference, asking all Governments interested to inform him  
as soon as possible of their acceptance;

(b) To take all other measures necessary for the convening of the  
conference;

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3. Refers also the draft Convention on the declaration of death of missing persons to Member States to enable them to examine it and consider the possibility of adopting, if necessary legislative measures on the legal status of persons missing as a result of events of war or other disturbances of peace during the post-war years until the present time;
  4. Requests the Member States to transmit their comments to the Secretary-General so that he may report on them to the General Assembly at its next regular session.
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