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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,
INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF
APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE
SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Eide and Mrs. Palley:
draft resolution

1993/... The situation in Myanmar

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

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention against Torture and
Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Body of
Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form or Detention or
Imprisonment,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/73 of 10 March 1993,

GE.93-14757 (E)

Recalling also its resolution 1992/22 of 27 August 1992 on the question of human rights and states of emergency in which it expressed its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Leandro Despouy, for his fifth annual report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/23),

Deeply concerned at continued reports of the routine torture and mistreatment of detainees and prisoners by members of the Myanmar police, intelligence and military forces,

Noting that, despite the release between April and December 1992 of many hundreds of prisoners, thousands of others remain under arbitrary detention, including the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Aung San Suu Kyi, and numerous other political leaders,

Deploing the ongoing persecution of Muslims, Christians and ethnic minorities and the numerous violations of human rights entailed by the practices of forced conscription and portorage,

Noting with regret that the Government of Myanmar has withheld its full cooperation concerning the on-site visit by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights and has refused to allow monitoring by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross,

1. Calls upon the Government of Myanmar to ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all citizens, including all minorities, notably through termination of the state of emergency, repeal of discriminatory citizenship laws and immediate and unqualified cessation of all practices of torture, arbitrary detention, forced conscription, forced portorage and forced relocation, and of violent attacks on civilians, including children and women, by members of the armed forces;

2. Also calls upon the Government of Myanmar to allow full implementation of the results of the election of 27 May 1990 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/144 of 18 December 1992;

3. Urges the Government of Myanmar to cooperate fully with the monitoring activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, and the International Committee of the Red Cross;

4. Reminds the Government of Myanmar of its obligations under common article 3 of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 regarding the protection of civilians in armed conflicts not of an international character;

5. Invites the Government of Myanmar to consider, as a matter of urgency, acceding to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party.
