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## ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea  
Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Honduras, Italy,  
Jamaica, Lesotho, Netherlands, Norway, Panama and Sweden:  
draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/175 in which it decided to consider at its thirty-sixth session the question of the establishment of a post of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights under the item "Alternative approaches and ways and means for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms",

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-seventh session,

Noting with regret that the Commission on Human Rights has informed the General Assembly that it had not been able to reach a decision at its thirty-seventh session on the desirability of the establishment of a post of High Commissioner of Human Rights,

Convinced, however, that a decision must be made on this important question,

1. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider this question at its thirty-eighth session as a matter of the highest priority under the item entitled "Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the methods of work of the Commission; alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms";

2. Urges the Commission on Human Rights to submit through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session substantive recommendations in regard to this question;

3. Decides to resume consideration and to take action on the question of the establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, also taking into account the substantive recommendations to be submitted by the Commission on Human Rights under the item "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 reaching a decision on this question.

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