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**United Nations**

**Report  
of the Human Rights Committee**

**Addendum 1 (Volume I)**

**General Assembly**

**Decision 1 [73]**

The Human Rights Committee,

Recalling that its activities under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights have increased as a result of the growing number of States parties to the Optional Protocol,

Reiterating its concern, expressed in annual reports to the General Assembly,<sup>1</sup> that the backlog in consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol, while progressively being reduced, continues to exist,

Drawing attention to article 36 of the Covenant, pursuant to which the Committee shall be guaranteed the necessary resources for the effective performance of all of its functions, including the consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol,

Recalling its decision, adopted at its 1955th meeting, on 27 July 2001, to request an additional week of meetings to be held after its seventy-fifth session in July 2002,<sup>2</sup>

Recommends to the General Assembly the following draft decision for adoption:

“The General Assembly, taking note of decision 1 (73) of 24 October 2001 of the Human Rights Committee, decides to endorse the request of the Committee to hold an additional week of meetings following its seventy-fifth session, scheduled to be held from 8 to 26 July 2002 in Geneva.”

1972nd meeting  
24 October 2001

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<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/53/40), vol. I, paras. 430-432; ibid., Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/55/40), vol. I, paras. 539-544.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/56/40), vol. I, para. 47.

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