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Agenda item 4

REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH THE
SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN CONCERNED

Draft resolution submitted by Mr. Deschênes,
Mr. George and Mr. Mubanga-Chipoya

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,
Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/33 of 27 May 1983 by which
the Council requested the Sub-Commission "to appoint one of its members as
Special Rapporteur with the mandate to revise, as a whole, and update the study on
the question of the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide, taking into
consideration the views expressed by the members of the Sub-Commission and the
Commission on Human Rights, as well as replies of Governments, specialized agencies
and other organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations and
non-governmental organizations to a questionnaire to be prepared by the
Special Rapporteur.",

Recalling also its decision 1983/2 of 18 August 1983 by which the Sub-Commission
decided to appoint Mr. Benjamin Whitaker to undertake this revised and updated study,

Having read the preliminary report _/ submitted by the Special Rapporteur to the
Sub-Commission at its thirty-seventh session,

Having now considered and debated the revised and updated Study _/ submitted by
the Special Rapporteur to the Sub-Commission at its thirty-eighth session,

1. Receives and takes note of the Study of the Special Rapporteur,
Mr. Benjamin Whitaker, entitled: Revised and updated report on the question of the
prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide;

_/ E/CN.4/Sub.2/1984/40.

_/ E/CN.4/Sub.2/1985/6.

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2. Expresses its thanks and congratulations to the Special Rapporteur for the quality of his proposals;

3. Recommends that the United Nations renew its efforts so as to make ratification by States Members of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide / universal as soon as possible.