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1999/... Fundamental standards of humanity

The Commission on Human Rights,  
Gravely concerned at the large number of situations where internal  
violence causes extensive suffering and undermines the protection of human  
rights,

Conscious of the desirability of continuing to study the principles  
governing the behaviour of all persons, groups and public authorities,

Emphasizing, in this regard, the need to identify and implement measures  
to prevent violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, in  
particular violations of the right to life and integrity of the individual,

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\* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure  
of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Recalling its resolution 1998/29 of 17 April 1998,

1. Recognizes the desirability of seeking ways of ensuring the effective promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of all individuals in all situations in a manner consistent with international law;

2. Also recognizes in this regard the vital importance of the existence in each country of appropriate national legislation for dealing with such situations in a manner consistent with the rule of law;

3. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on fundamental standards of humanity (E/CN.4/1999/92) and invites Governments, United Nations bodies, the human rights treaty bodies, mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights and intergovernmental organizations, as well as regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and non-governmental organizations, to provide comments on this report and on the previous analytical report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1998/87 and Add.1);

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to study and consult on this issue and to submit a report, entitled "Fundamental standards of humanity", to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session, taking into account comments received and relevant new developments.

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