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### HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Italy,  
Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Samoa, Singapore, Sweden and  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:  
draft resolution

#### Implications of scientific and technological developments for human rights

##### The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/53 of 14 December 1978, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to urge the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to undertake, as a matter of priority, a study of the question of the protection of those detained on the grounds of mental ill-health, with a view to formulating guidelines,

Mindful of the Principles of Medical Ethics relevant to the role of health personnel, particularly physicians, in the protection of prisoners and detainees against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, 1/

Recalling also its resolution 41/114 of 4 December 1986, in which it again urged the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission to expedite their consideration of this question, so that the Commission could submit its views and recommendations, including a draft body of guidelines, principles and guarantees, to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming Commission on Human Rights resolution 1986/12 of 10 March 1986,

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1/ Resolution 37/194, annex.

Taking note of Sub-Commission resolution 1987/22 of 3 September 1987,

Expressing deep concern at the repeated evidence of the misuse of psychiatry to detain persons on non-medical grounds, as reflected in the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission, 2/

Reaffirming its conviction that detention of persons in mental institutions on account of their political views or on other non-medical grounds is a violation of their human rights,

Noting that, because the Working Group of the Sub-Commission has made only limited progress so far, the Sub-Commission is still far from concluding its consideration of the draft body of guidelines, principles and guarantees,

1. Again urges the Commission on Human Rights and, through it, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to expedite their consideration of the draft body of guidelines, principles and guarantees, so that the Commission can submit its views and recommendations, including a draft body of guidelines, principles and guarantees, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

2. Invites the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session to consider the question of the emphasis to be attached to the Working Group, in the light of the Sub-Commission's discussion at its thirty-ninth session.

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