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SITUATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE TERRITORY OF
THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Afghanistan*, Albania*, Bahrain*, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Indonesia, Iran
(Islamic Republic of), Jordan*, Kuwait*, Malaysia, Oman*, Pakistan, Qatar*,
Saudi Arabia*, Senegal*, Slovenia*, Somalia*, Sudan, Turkey*,
United Arab Emirates* and Yemen*: draft resolution

Abuse and rape of women and children in the territory
of the former Yugoslavia

The Commission on Human Rights,

In conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, international law and all the relevant human rights instruments, in particular the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and international humanitarian law, in particular the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and the Additional Protocols thereto of 1977 and General Assembly resolution 3074 (XXVIII) of 3 December 1973,

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

Appalled at the recurring and substantiated reports of widespread abuse and rape of women and children, in particular their systematic use by Serbian forces against Muslim women and children in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Convinced that these heinous practices constitute a deliberate weapon of war in fulfilling the Serbian policy of ethnic cleansing which, as stated in General Assembly resolution 47/121 of 17 December 1992, is a form of genocide,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly which, inter alia, condemned the savage and abhorrent practice of rape,

1. Condemns in the strongest possible terms the repugnant practices of abuse and rape of women and children in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, and especially their use by the Serbian forces as a weapon of war against Muslim women and children as an integral part of the policy of ethnic cleansing in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
2. Appeals to all Member States and United Nations bodies to provide the victims with all necessary assistance for their physical and mental rehabilitation;
3. Urges all States Members of the United Nations to take all necessary measures, as provided for in the Charter of the United Nations, aimed at putting an end to these despicable practices;
4. Demands that, in accordance with international law and bearing in mind the provisions of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, that the States Members of the United Nations individually and collectively bring to justice all those individuals involved directly or indirectly in these outrageous crimes;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the members of the Commission on Human Rights not later than 30 June 1993.

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