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## THE PROBLEM OF GREEK MOTHERS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE NOT BEEN REPATRIATED

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<u>The Commission on the Status of Women</u>

1. <u>Having heard</u> the statement presented by the Representative of Greece concerning the plight of the Greek mothers who were deprived of their children more than two years ago;

2. <u>Considering</u> that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights unanimously adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1948, specifically refers to the family as "the natural and fundamental group unit of society which is entitled to protection by society and the state";

3. <u>Taking into account</u> the General Assembly resolution 193 (III) of 27 November 1948 and 288 (IV) of 18 November 1949 and more particularly the announcement of the League of Red Cross Societies on 13 May 1950 that despite continuous efforts "no Greek child has so far been returned to Greece" and that "even elementary indication indispensible for solution of the problem have not been furnished by the Governments concerned;"

4. <u>Appreciates</u> the endeavours of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the International Red Cross organizations for the repatriation of these children;

5. <u>Expresses</u> the hope that result of the continuing activities of the Secretary-General on this matter in co-operation with the International Red Cross organizations will be the prompt repatriation of the children, so as to put an end to the agony of the Greek mothers and;

6. _Expresses_ its confidence that the Secretary-General will submit to the General Assembly the urgent necessity of finding new ways for the solution of this very important question, in case that the countries detaining the children have not returned them.

7. _Requests_ the Economic and Social Council to transmit this resolution to the General Assembly.

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