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AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

Australia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway*, Poland,
Sweden* and Switzerland*: draft resolution

1995/... Minimum humanitarian standards

The Commission on Human Rights,

Gravely concerned at the large number of situations where internal violence causes extensive suffering and breaches of the principles of humanity and undermines the protection of human rights,

Gravely concerned also at the conduct of groups and individuals who resort to violence, thereby contributing to the suffering of innocent people in such situations,

Concerned at the potential risks which situations of internal strife may pose for regional and international peace, security and justice,

Considering that situations of internal violence, disturbance, tension and public emergency continue to cause serious instability and great suffering in many parts of the world,

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

Emphasizing in this regard the need to identify and implement measures to prevent violations and abuses of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular the right to life and integrity of the individual,

Taking note of the Declaration of Minimum Humanitarian Standards, adopted by a group of experts at a meeting in Turku (Åbo), Finland, in December 1990 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/55),

1. Recognizes the need to address principles applicable to situations of internal violence, disturbance, tension and public emergency;
2. Also recognizes in this regard the vital importance of the existence in each country of precise and effective national legislation for dealing with such situations in a manner consistent with the rule of law;
3. Invites all States to review their national legislation relevant to situations of public emergency with a view to ensuring that it meets the requirements of the rule of law and that it does not involve discrimination solely on the ground of race, colour, sex, language, religion or social origin;
4. Takes note of resolution 1994/26 of 26 August 1994 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in which the Sub-Commission decided to transmit the text of the Declaration of Minimum Humanitarian Standards to the Commission on Human Rights with a view to its further elaboration and eventual adoption;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the Declaration to Governments, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their comments and to submit a report on this matter to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-second session.
