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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION  
BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF

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1993/... Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of  
discrimination based on religion or belief

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of  
Minorities,

Conscious of the need to enhance and encourage understanding, tolerance  
and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion and belief,

Recalling the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance  
and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, proclaimed by the  
General Assembly in its resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981,

Taking into account the successive reports of the Special Rapporteur of  
the Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Angelo Vidal d'Almeida Ribeiro  
(E/CN.4/1989/44, E/CN.4/1990/46 and E/CN.4/1991/56), the report of its own

Special Rapporteur, Ms. Elizabeth Odio Benito (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1987/26) and the working paper prepared by Mr. Theo van Boven (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1989/32), a former member of the Sub-Commission,

Considering that, in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the World Conference on Human Rights called upon all Governments to take all appropriate measures to counter intolerance and violence based on religion or belief and to put into practice the provisions of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

Recalling its resolution 1989/23 of 31 August 1989, wherein it reaffirmed its willingness and interest to make a further contribution to activities which might be considered by the Commission on Human Rights as a further means of strengthening international efforts to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief,

Also recalling resolution 1993/25 of 25 March 1993 of the Commission on Human Rights in which the Commission expressed its belief that further efforts were required to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief and to eliminate all forms of hatred, intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief,

Noting with concern the renewed outbreak of serious incidents of intolerance, discrimination and violence, especially against women and intellectuals, caused in particular by religious extremism,

Being convinced that religious extremism represents a genuine threat to the security of nations, stability of institutions and peace among peoples,

Emphasizing the important role of education in ensuring tolerance with respect to other people and promoting and protecting freedom of religion and belief,

1. Reaffirms that freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief is a human right derived from the inherent dignity of the human person and guaranteed to all without discrimination;

2. Welcomes the intention of the Human Rights Committee to make available soon a general comment on article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, dealing with freedom of thought, conscience and religion;

3. Recognizes the importance of building understanding and respect between persons of diverse religions or beliefs and the particular need for

communication and education within and among movements, groups, associations and other constituencies based on religion or belief;

4. Reaffirms its willingness to make a further contribution to activities which may be considered by the Commission on Human Rights as a further means of strengthening international efforts to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief;

5. Renews its recommendation to the Commission on Human Rights that it should give due consideration to the organization, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations University, interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and academic and research institutions, of a global consultation on the positions and approaches of different religions and beliefs to human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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