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FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF
THE PROGRAMME AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION

Armenia*, Austria, Belgium*, Bolivia*, Croatia*, Honduras*,
Hungary, Israel*, Latvia*, Romania, Russian Federation
and Ukraine*: draft resolution

1995/... Regional arrangements for the promotion
and protection of human rights

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/127 of 16 December 1977 and all subsequent resolutions of the Assembly concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, including resolution 49/189 of 23 December 1994,

Recalling its resolution 1993/51 of 9 March 1993, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fifty-first session a report on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights and to include therein the result of action taken in pursuance of the resolution,

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

Recalling its resolutions concerning advisory services in the field of human rights, including its most recent resolution on that subject, 1994/69 of 9 March 1994,

Reaffirming that regional arrangements play a fundamental role in promoting and protecting human rights and should reinforce universal human rights standards, as contained in international human rights instruments, and their protection,

Bearing in mind the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23) adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights,

Recalling that the World Conference on Human Rights reiterated the need to consider the possibility of establishing regional and subregional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights where they do not already exist,

Recalling also that it recommended that more resources should be made available for the strengthening or the establishment of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights under the programmes of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights,

Noting the progress achieved so far in the promotion and protection of human rights at the regional level under the auspices of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the regional intergovernmental organizations,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (E/CN.4/1995/51),

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN/4/1995/51);
2. Welcomes the efforts of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen cooperation with all regional organizations and to initiate a dialogue with States and non-governmental organizations in order to develop or establish regional arrangements in the field of human rights, in particular the setting up of a regional or subregional human rights arrangement in Asia;
3. Also welcomes the participation of the High Commissioner in the tripartite meeting of the Council of Europe, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and Geneva-based United Nations programmes, held on 1 September 1994;

4. Further welcomes the continuing cooperation and assistance of the Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations Secretariat in further strengthening the existing regional arrangements and regional machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights;

5. Welcomes in that respect the close cooperation given by the Centre for Human Rights in the organization of regional and subregional training courses and workshops in the field of human rights, aimed at creating greater understanding for the promotion and protection of human rights issues in the regions and at improving procedures;

6. Endorses the efforts of the Centre for Human Rights to enhance cooperation between the United Nations and regional and national institutions, particularly with regard to advisory services and technical assistance, public information and education in the field of human rights;

7. Stresses the importance of the programme of advisory services and technical assistance in the field of human rights of the Centre, and renews its appeal to all Governments to consider making use of the possibilities offered by the United Nations, under this programme, of organizing information and/or training courses at the national level for government personnel, including government officials engaged in the administration of justice, on the application of international human rights standards and the experience of relevant international bodies;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, as foreseen in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, to continue to strengthen exchanges between the United Nations and regional intergovernmental organizations dealing with human rights;

9. Invites States in areas where regional arrangements in the field of human rights do not yet exist to consider concluding agreements with a view to the establishment within their respective regions of suitable regional machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights;

10. Invites the treaty bodies of the major international human rights instruments to explore ways to increase the exchange of information and cooperation with regional human rights mechanisms;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, at its fifty-third session, a report on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, to formulate concrete proposals and recommendations on the ways and means to strengthen the cooperation between

the United Nations and regional arrangements in the field of human rights and to include the results of action taken in pursuance of the present resolution;

12. Decides to consider the question further at its fifty-third session under the agenda item entitled "Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission".
