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PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

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draft resolution

1993/... Protection of minorities

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

Aware that the protection of different ethnic and religious groups is at
the core of the mandate of the Sub-Commission,

Deeply disturbed by the occurrence of ethnic and religious violence in
many parts of the world,

Convinced that neither minorities nor majorities are entitled to assert
their identity in ways which deny the possibility for others to do the same,
or which lead to discrimination in the national society as a whole,

Convinced also of the need to search for peaceful and constructive
solutions to situations involving minorities in accordance with international
law, including the respect for the territorial integrity and political
independence of States,

Taking note of the Adoption by the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/135 of 18 December 1992, of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, and convinced that its implementation is the best guidance for such endeavours,

Observing that all groups should cooperate peacefully in the search for constructive accommodation of their respective concerns and should abstain from any use of violence,

Taking into account Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/24 of 5 March 1993,

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Asbjørn Eide, for his final report on ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/34 and Add.1-4);
2. Expresses its gratitude to those States which have supplied the Special Rapporteur with information on their national experiences in this field;
3. Recommends that the study be published in all the official languages of the United Nations and given the widest possible circulation;
4. Endorses in general terms the recommendations contained in the report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/34/Add.4);
5. Urges the relevant treaty bodies to take note of recommendations 48 to 55 and recommendation 65;
6. Also urges the specialized agencies, notably the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and other United Nations bodies, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to take account of recommendations 48 to 63 of the report;
7. Invites States to take note of and to act upon the recommendations contained in recommendations 4 to 22 of the report;
8. Underlines that members of minorities should recognize and abide by their responsibility to society, as noted in recommendation 20;
9. Invites States to take into account, in their bilateral and regional cooperation, recommendations 25 to 35 of the report;

10. Recommends that non-governmental organizations study and act upon recommendations 66 to 67 of the report;

11. Invites international religious organizations to take into account, in their work, recommendation 69 of the report;

12. Recommends to the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To study the proposal contained in recommendation 44 of the report aimed at the establishment of a working group on minority issues open to representatives of both Governments and minorities, and the mandate to be given to such a group;

(b) To study and to give advice to the Centre for Human Rights concerning recommendations 46 and 47 of the report, in particular on ways in which the programme of technical assistance and advisory services can help in the prevention of group conflicts;

13. Decides to consider at its next session, the follow-up to be given to the report, including the feasibility and usefulness of the preparation of a more comprehensive programme for the prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities;

14. Entrusts Mr. Asbjørn Eide with the task of preparing, without financial implications, a working paper containing suggestions for such a programme.
