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ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS  
SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Honduras,  
Lesotho, Netherlands, Spain and Suriname: draft  
resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/48, by which it decided, with respect to the over-all analysis of the United Nations alternative approaches to human rights undertaken by the Commission on Human Rights, to consider at its thirty-fifth regular session the question of the creation of a post of High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Recalling also its resolution 33/105, by which it requested the Commission on Human Rights, to consider the proposal for a High Commissioner for Human Rights as part of its work on the over-all analysis of the United Nations alternative approaches and ways and means with respect to human rights,

Bearing in mind resolution 28 (XXXVI) of the Commission on Human Rights, in which the Commission decided to continue at its thirty-seventh session its work on the over-all analysis of further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing the long standing interest in the establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as a means of improving the effectiveness of United Nations machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Believing that a decision on the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would be facilitated if a more careful examination of the possible terms of reference of that post was carried out,

1. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to give comprehensive consideration at its thirty-seventh session to the possible terms of reference of a High Commissioner for Human Rights and to submit its views to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth regular session;

2. Decides to consider at its thirty-sixth regular session the possible terms of reference of the proposed High Commissioner of Human Rights, taking into account the work already done on the subject, including the views expressed by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-seventh session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-seventh session and to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth regular session a document containing a tabulation of the possible terms of reference for the proposed High Commissioner for Human Rights which have been suggested to date to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

4. Decides to consider the question of the creation of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session under an item tentitiled "Question of the establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights."