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DRAFTING OF A DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS,
GROUPS AND ORGANS OF SOCIETY TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT UNIVERSALLY
RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Australia, Austria, Cameroon*, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic,
Denmark*, Finland, Germany, Iceland*, Norway*, Poland,
Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Sweden*, Turkey*,
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and
United States of America: draft resolution

1993/... Question of a draft declaration on the right and
responsibility of individuals, groups and organs
of society to promote and protect universally
recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its decision 1984/116 of 16 March 1984, by which it established
an open-ended working group to draft a declaration on the right and
responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and
protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling also its subsequent resolutions, in particular
resolution 1992/82 of 6 March 1992, in which it authorized further meetings of
the working group and noted the progress it had achieved,

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

Conscious of the importance of taking into account the opinions of all States and of interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, before finalizing the draft declaration,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made by the open-ended working group during its meetings prior to and during the forty-ninth session of the Commission,

1. Takes note of the report of the working group (E/CN.4/1993/64);
2. Urges the working group to make every effort to complete its task and submit the draft declaration to the Commission at its fiftieth session;
3. Decides to continue at its fiftieth session its work on the elaboration of the draft declaration;
4. Also decides to make available appropriate meeting time for the working group prior to and during the fiftieth session of the Commission;
5. Recommends the following draft resolution to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/... of ... March 1993,

1. Authorizes an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the fiftieth session of the Commission in order to continue its work on the elaboration of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities to the working group for its meetings.
