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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

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of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

1995/... 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 1994/96 of 10 March 1994, in which it authorized further meetings  
of the working group and noted the progress it had achieved,

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

Recalling further that the World Conference on Human Rights recommended speedy completion and adoption of the draft declaration,

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,

1. Takes note of the report of the working group (E/CN.4/1995/93);
2. Urges the working group to make every effort to complete its task and submit the draft declaration to the Commission at its fifty-second session;
3. Decides to continue at its fifty-second session its work on the elaboration of the draft declaration;
4. Also decides to make available an appropriate meeting time for the working group prior to and during the fifty-second 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 1995/.. of ...  
1995,

1. Authorizes an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of one week prior to the fifty-second session of the Commission in order to continue 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, within existing United Nations resources to the working group for its meetings.

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