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CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, INCLUDING THE  
ELABORATION OF A DRAFT OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO  
THE CONVENTION

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairperson of the Open-  
ended Working Group on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional  
Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms  
of Discrimination against Women, on the basis of informal  
consultations

Renewal of the mandate of the Open-ended Working Group  
on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the  
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of  
Discrimination against Women

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/29 of 24 July 1995  
and Commission resolution 40/8 of 22 March 1996,

Noting the progress achieved by the in-session Open-ended Working Group on  
the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the  
Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

1. Takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General containing a  
comparative summary of existing communications and inquiry procedures and  
practices under international human rights instruments and under the Charter of  
the United Nations<sup>1</sup> and additional views of Governments, intergovernmental

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<sup>1</sup> E/CN.6/1997/4.

organizations and non-governmental organizations on an optional protocol to the Convention,<sup>2</sup> which were before the Working Group;

2. Commends the representative of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on her contribution to the work of the Working Group;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-second session a report containing an annotated comparison of the draft optional protocol and the proposed amendments thereto<sup>3</sup> with the provisions of existing international human rights instruments;

4. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council adopt the draft decision entitled "Renewal of the mandate of the Open-ended Working Group on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women", contained in the annex to the present resolution.

#### Annex

RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE  
ELABORATION OF A DRAFT OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON  
THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To renew the mandate of the in-session Open-ended Working Group on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, so that it may continue its work, pursuant to Council resolution 1995/29 of 24 July 1995, during the forty-second and forty-third sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women;

(b) To authorize the Working Group to meet in parallel with the Commission at its forty-second and forty-third sessions;

(c) To invite a representative of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to attend these meetings as a resource person.

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<sup>2</sup> E/CN.6/1997/5.

<sup>3</sup> See the report of Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-first session.