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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS  
IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL  
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Gabon (on behalf of the Group of African States)\*:  
draft resolution 1996/... Situation of Human  
Rights in Equatorial Guinea

The Commission on Human Rights,  
Recalling its resolution 1995/71 of 8 March 1995,  
Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,  
in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International  
Covenants on Human Rights,

Reaffirming that all States have the obligation to promote and protect  
human rights and fundamental freedoms and to fulfil the obligations they have  
undertaken under the various international instruments in this field,

Bearing in mind that, since the adoption by the Economic and Social  
Council of its decision 1993/277 of 28 July 1993 and the appointment of  
Mr. Alejandro Artucio as Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights,  
the Government of Equatorial Guinea has received the advisory services of the  
Special Rapporteur and the Centre for Human Rights, while progress has been  
observed in the human rights situation,

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\* Including States represented by observers, in accordance with rule 69,  
paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the  
Economic and Social Council.

Taking note with satisfaction of the fact that the Government of Equatorial Guinea is a party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols thereto, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Mindful that it is essential that all the political tendencies and political parties should play an active part in political and social life in order to ensure the continuity of the democratization process in Equatorial Guinea and that such participation in the political and social life of Equatorial Guinea was evident during the first multi-party legislative elections in 1993, the first multi-party municipal elections in 1995 and the first multi-candidate presidential election in February 1996,

Taking note with satisfaction of the fact that, in August 1995, the Government of Equatorial Guinea took steps to grant pardon and amnesty to a number of prisoners, as requested by the Special Rapporteur on his visit to Equatorial Guinea on 3 May 1995,

Taking note of the report of the Special Rapporteur (E/CN.4/1996/67 and Add.1), in which it is pointed out that, even though progress has been made in the human rights situation in Equatorial Guinea, violations of human rights continue to take place,

Aware that it is essential to ensure full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Equatorial Guinea,

1. Expresses its thanks to the Special Rapporteur for his report;
2. Calls upon the Government of Equatorial Guinea to take all necessary measures to promote the harmonious coexistence of all the ethnic groups making up the society of Equatorial Guinea;
3. Welcomes the fact that the transition to democracy in Equatorial Guinea has led to the holding of the first multi-party legislative elections in 1993, the first multi-party municipal elections in 1995 and the first multi-candidate presidential election in February 1996;
4. Encourages the Government of Equatorial Guinea to continue the dialogue with all the political forces with a view to ensuring continuity and consensus on the democratization of the country;

5. Also encourages the Government of Equatorial Guinea to facilitate the return of exiles and refugees and to adopt measures permitting the full participation of all citizens in the country's political, social and cultural life;
6. Calls upon the Government of Equatorial Guinea to continue improving the conditions of prisoners and detainees;
7. Encourages the Government of Equatorial Guinea to accede to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
8. Invites the Government of Equatorial Guinea to ensure that perpetrators of human rights violations are brought to justice, in order to put a stop to impunity and arbitrary arrest and detention;
9. Also encourages the Government of Equatorial Guinea to continue taking the measures necessary to improve the legal and social situation of women in that country;
10. Urges the Government of Equatorial Guinea to draw up and implement the National Plan for the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004;
11. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Government of Equatorial Guinea with the technical assistance and advisory services necessary to implement the recommendations contained in the Special Rapporteur's report;
12. Decides to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for one year;
13. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the assistance necessary for the discharge of his mandate;
14. Requests the Special Rapporteur to report to the Commission at its fifty-third session;
15. Decides to consider the question at its fifty-third session under the agenda item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories".