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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

Andorra*, Argentina*, Australia, Belgium*, Bulgaria, Canada,
Finland*, Hungary, Ireland*, Netherlands, Norway*, Poland*,
Romania*, Sweden* and Tunisia: draft resolution

1996/... 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 1995/84 of 8 March 1995, in which it authorized further meetings
of the working group,

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

* 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,

1. Takes note of the report of the working group (E/CN.4/1996/97);
2. Urges the working group to make every effort to complete its task and submit the draft declaration to the Commission;
3. Decides to continue at its fifty-third 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-third 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 1996/... of
... April 1996,

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-third 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.
