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FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Cuba: draft resolution

1996/... Evaluation of the human rights programme of the
United Nations system, in accordance with the
Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

The Commission on Human Rights,

Considering that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993 and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 48/121 of 20 December 1993, recommends that, among other relevant bodies of the United Nations, the Commission on Human Rights consider ways and means for the full implementation, without delay, of the recommendations contained in the Declaration and Programme of Action and that, for this purpose, the Commission should annually review the progress towards this end,

Recalling its resolution 1994/95 of 9 March 1994, in which it decided to review annually the progress towards the full implementation of the recommendations contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

Considering that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action stressed the importance of strengthening the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and the need for it to play an important role in coordinating system-wide attention for human rights,

Recognizing the necessity for the continuing adaptation, strengthening, rationalization and streamlining of the United Nations human rights machinery in order to meet current and future needs in the promotion and protection of all human rights, and for improvement of the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations human rights organs, to be conducted in a transparent manner through consultations with Member States and competent intergovernmental bodies, within the framework of a balanced and sustainable development for all people,

Having in mind the prominent role played by the Commission on Human Rights as a policy-making body in the field of human rights within the United Nations system,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993 in which the General Assembly decided to create the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights as the United Nations official with principal responsibility for United Nations human rights activities,

Noting the respective functions of the Secretary-General and the pertinent bodies in the revision of the medium-term plan of the human rights programme of the United Nations system, especially the Committee on Programme Planning and Coordination, the Third and Fifth Committees of the General Assembly and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

Stressing the need for the examination of the structures of the Secretariat of the United Nations dealing with human rights, particularly the Centre for Human Rights, to ensure the full implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and all mandates established by decisions of competent bodies in the field of human rights,

Emphasizing the importance of maintaining a permanent dialogue between the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Member States on these issues,

1. Encourages the General Assembly to continue its current examination of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan of the human rights programme of the United Nations system with a view to its early adoption;

2. Stresses the need for the United Nations bodies responsible for the revision of the medium-term plan of the human rights programme of the United Nations system to ensure full reflection of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and of all mandates established by decisions of the competent bodies in the field of human rights;

3. Also stresses that the process of restructuring the Centre for Human Rights should ensure the full implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and of all mandates established by decisions of the competent bodies in the field of human rights;

4. Again requests the Secretary-General to convene, at least twice a year in Geneva, meetings with all interested States to provide information and exchange views on the activities conducted by the Centre for Human Rights and its process of restructuring;

5. Expresses its confidence that the Secretary-General will continue to keep Member States informed on the follow-up of the present resolution;

6. Decides to consider this matter at its fifty-third session.

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