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THE REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

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1996/... Tenth anniversary of the adoption of the
Declaration on the Right to Development

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of
Minorities,

Bearing in mind the purposes and principles of the Charter of the
United Nations relating to the achievement of international cooperation in
solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or
humanitarian nature,

Recalling the Declaration on the Right to Development, adopted by the
General Assembly at its forty-first session, which states clearly that the
right to development is an inalienable human right by virtue of which every
human person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to,
and enjoy economic, social, cultural and political development and that while
all States should contribute, through international cooperation, to promote

the economic, social and cultural rights of all peoples, States have the primary responsibility for the creation of national and international conditions favourable to the realization of the right to development,

Deeply concerned that the number of people living in poverty worldwide has grown to an alarming one and a half billion, over 90 per cent of whom eke out a miserable life in the developing countries,

Welcoming the timely decision of the General Assembly to proclaim the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006),

Noting with great appreciation Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/15 of 11 April 1996 entitled "The right to development" and the work accomplished so far by the Working Group on the Right to Development,

Noting that the international cooperation conducive to development advocated in the Declaration on the Right to Development has not made much headway 10 years after the adoption of the Declaration,

Having considered at its forty-eighth session questions relating to the realization of the right to development under agenda item 8,

1. Reaffirms that progress towards the implementation of the right to development requires effective development policies at the national level, as well as equitable economic relations and a favourable economic environment at the international level;

2. Urges all States Members of the United Nations to strengthen international cooperation for promoting the realization of the right to development as emphasized by the General Assembly in the Declaration on the Right to Development and reaffirmed by the World Conference on Human Rights;

3. Decides to continue consideration of questions relating to the realization of the right to development as a sub-item under agenda item 8 entitled "The realization of economic, social and cultural rights", so as to enable the members of the Sub-Commission to contribute to the consideration by the Commission on Human Rights of the promotion of the realization of the right to development;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite all relevant United Nations bodies and agencies to step up their action aimed at promoting international cooperation for the realization of the right to development in

the context of the United Nations Decade for the Elimination of Poverty (1997-2006) and to provide him with the information thereon, and requests him to transmit annually to the Sub-Commission the information received;

5. Decides to review annually the progress in international cooperation towards the implementation of the right to development in the context of human rights and the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006).
