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Estonia*, Finland*, Germany, Iceland*, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Nicaragua*,
Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, South Africa*, Spain, Sweden*, Switzerland*
and Ukraine*: draft resolution

2000/... Fundamental standards of humanity

The Commission on Human Rights,

Gravely concerned at the large number of situations where internal violence causes
extensive suffering and undermines the protection of human rights,

Conscious of the desirability of continuing to study the principles governing the
behaviour of all persons, groups and public authorities,

Emphasizing, in this regard, the importance of promoting and respecting existing norms
of international human rights and humanitarian law,

Recalling its resolution 1999/65 of 28 April 1999, and taking note of the report of the
expert meeting on fundamental standards of humanity (E/CN.4/2000/145, annex) convened in
Stockholm from 22 to 24 February 2000 by the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland,
Norway and Sweden,

* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional
commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

1. Recognizes the desirability of seeking ways of ensuring the effective promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of all individuals in all situations in a manner consistent with international law;
2. Also Recognizes in this regard the vital importance of the existence in each country of appropriate national legislation for dealing with such situations in a manner consistent with the rule of law;
3. Further recognizes the desirability of a process of identifying and respecting fundamental standards of humanity applicable in all situations in a manner consistent with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations;
4. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on fundamental standards of humanity (E/CN.4/2000/94), and requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, to submit a further report to the Commission at its fifty-seventh session covering relevant developments in relation to the issues identified in these areas;
5. Invites States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to engage in discussions in relevant forums on the strengthening of protection of the individual in all situations, with a view to promoting the ongoing process with respect to fundamental standards of humanity.
