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**PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS: STATUS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Angola*, Argentina, Armenia*, Belarus*, Brazil, Bulgaria*, Burundi*,
Côte d'Ivoire*, Croatia*, Cyprus*, Guatemala, Israel*, Kenya, Mexico,
Rwanda*: draft resolution**

**2001/... Convention on the Prevention and Punishment
of the Crime of Genocide**

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, as well as other relevant international instruments on human rights,

Recalling the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 96 (I) of 11 December 1946, which declares genocide to be crime under international law, contrary to the spirit and aims of the United Nations,

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

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 53/43 of 2 December 1998 on the fiftieth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

Recalling further its resolutions 1998/10 of 4 April 1998 on the fiftieth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and 1999/67 of 28 April 1999, on the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

Noting that the General Assembly, in adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948, recognized the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Stressing the significance of the adoption on 17 July 1998 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court,

Taking into consideration the Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity of 26 November 1968,

Mindful of the suffering caused by genocide to mankind and that the danger of the repetition of genocide has not completely disappeared,

Convinced that the Commission will continue its contribution to and efforts in preventing situations in which the crime of genocide could be committed,

1. *Reaffirms* the significance of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide as an effective international instrument for the punishment of the crime of genocide;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to all States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

3. *Invites* States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide to do so and to enact the necessary legislation to give effect to the provisions of the Convention;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Secretariat and relevant organs and agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to disseminate widely the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, with a view to ensuring its universality and full and comprehensive implementation;

Calls upon all Member States to continue to give serious consideration to the matter;

Decides to examine the matter at its fifty-ninth session.
