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**OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES**

**CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY**

**Mr. Gómez-Robledo Verduzco, Mr. Goonesekere, Ms. Motoc, Mr. Yokota:  
draft resolution**

**2001/... United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery**

*The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 46/122 of 17 December 1991, by which the Assembly established the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery,

*Recalling also* that the Trust Fund was established to assist representatives of non-governmental organizations to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery by providing them with financial assistance and to extend, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery,

*Recalling further* the close relationship between the mandate and the activities of the Working Group and those of the Board of Trustees of the Trust Fund, and the necessary cooperation between them,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to Governments, organizations, trade unions and individuals, including young students, who have contributed to the Fund and encourages them to continue doing so;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the participation at the twenty-sixth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of eight representatives of non-governmental organizations financed by the Fund, including victims of contemporary forms of slavery, and for their valuable contribution to the work of the Working Group;

3. *Invites* the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund to promote the participation at the annual sessions of the Working Group of individuals and organizations from as large a number of countries as possible, in accordance with the priorities established in the agenda of the Working Group;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that eighteen project grants were paid by the Fund to local non-governmental organizations which work on issues of contemporary forms of slavery;

5. *Expresses its support* for the work of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund, in particular their fund-raising activities;

6. *Recalls* the appeal made by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/122 to all Governments to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund, and urges them and non-governmental organizations, other private or public entities and individuals to contribute to the Fund and encourages them to do so in order to enable the Fund to fulfil its mandate effectively in the year 2002;

7. *Decides* to continue to examine the situation and the activities of the Trust Fund at its fifty-fourth session.

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