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FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE PROGRAMME AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION; ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Colombia, Costa Rica, Germany, Federal Republic of, Fiji, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway*, Peru*, Senegal, Uruguay:
draft resolution.

QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POST OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Commission on Human Rights,

Conscious of the responsibility of the United Nations to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinctions, as established by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international instruments,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 36/135 of 14 December 1981, and 37/200 of 18 December 1982 by which the Commission is requested at its thirty-ninth session to continue its efforts to improve the capacity of the United Nations system to take urgent action in cases of serious violations of human rights and bearing in mind the study submitted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on possible terms of reference for the draft mandate of a High Commissioner for Human Rights,

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

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Recalling its resolution 1982/22 of 10 March 1982, by which it requested the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to formulate a first study on possible terms of reference for the mandate of a High Commissioner for Human Rights, and also its resolution 1982/40 of 11 March 1982,

Recognizing that violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world are of concern to the United Nations,

Believing that the seriousness of violations of human rights often calls for a more timely and effective response by the United Nations,

1. Takes note with appreciation of resolution 1982/27 of the Sub-Commission, in which the Sub-Commission submitted its proposals on this matter;
2. Considers these proposals a valuable basis for further consideration of this important question;
3. Invites the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to present to the Commission at its fortieth session any further comments and recommendations that it deems appropriate;
4. Decides to consider in depth the question of the establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at its fortieth session with a view to reaching a decision on this matter.