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**PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Afghanistan\*, Albania\*, Australia\*, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina\*, Bulgaria\*, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus\*, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark\*, Finland\*, Georgia\*, Germany, Ghana\*, Guatemala, Honduras\*, Hungary\*, Iceland\*, Ireland\*, Israel\*, Japan, Latvia\*, Liechtenstein\*, Lithuania\*, Luxembourg\*, Madagascar\*, Mexico, Morocco\*, Nepal\*, New Zealand\*, Norway\*, Panama\*, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania\*, San Marino\*, Singapore\*, Slovakia\*, Slovenia\*, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland\*, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America\*: draft resolution**

**2002/... The role of good governance in the promotion of human rights**

*The Commission on Human Rights,*

*Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human rights as a common standard of achievement of all peoples and all nations applying to every individual and every organ of society, and also the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23), which affirmed that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated,*

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

*Recognizing* the importance of a conducive environment, at both the national and the international levels, for the full enjoyment of all human rights,

*Emphasizing* that the strengthening of good governance at the national level, including through the building of effective and accountable institutions for promoting growth and sustainable human development, is a continuous process for all Governments regardless of the level of development of the countries concerned,

*Noting* the growing recognition of the importance of good governance in the promotion of human rights, and in particular in the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, which brought together heads of State and Government, the Brussels Declaration and Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,

*Noting also* that good governance practices necessarily vary according to the particular circumstances and needs of different societies, and that the responsibility for determining and implementing such practices, based on transparency and accountability, and for creating and maintaining an enabling environment conducive to the enjoyment of all human rights at the national level rests with the State concerned,

*Affirming* the need for enhanced cooperation at the international level between States and through the United Nations system, to ensure that States needing external inputs in order to improve good governance activities have access, if and when required, to the necessary information and resources,

*Recognizing* the need for a closer examination of the role of good governance for the promotion of human rights and the relationship between good governance practices and the promotion and protection of all human rights in all countries,

1. *Recognizes* that transparent, responsible, accountable and participatory government, responsive to the needs and aspirations of the people, is the foundation on which good governance rests, and that such a foundation is a sine qua non for the promotion of human rights, including the right to development;

2. *Emphasizes*, in this context, the need to promote partnership approaches to international development cooperation and to ensure that prescriptive approaches to good governance do not impede such cooperation;

3. *Welcomes* the provision by States of practical examples of activities that have been effective in strengthening good governance practices for the promotion of human rights at the national level, including activities in the context of development cooperation between States, for inclusion in a compilation of indicative ideas and practices that could be consulted by interested States when required, in response to the invitation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights issued pursuant to paragraph 3 of Commission resolution 2000/64 of 26 April 2000, and requests the High Commissioner to reiterate this invitation to States and to United Nations and other relevant international bodies;

4. *Invites* the High Commissioner, where appropriate and relevant, to draw on the material provided in response to the invitations issued pursuant to paragraph 3 of the present resolution and paragraph 3 of resolution 2001/72 in analysis and technical assistance activities undertaken as part of the programme of her Office and to inform the Commission of the utility of the material in this respect;

5. *Requests* the High Commissioner, using extrabudgetary funding and working jointly with the United Nations Development Programme, to convene a seminar before the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the issue of practical approaches and activities that have been effective in strengthening good governance practices for the promotion of human rights at the national level, examining and building upon the material provided and experience obtained pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Commission resolution 2001/72, to invite States, national human rights institutions, relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations and other relevant international bodies and relevant national and international non-governmental organizations to attend the seminar and to report to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session on the outcomes of the seminar;

6. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the question of the role of good governance in the promotion of human rights at its fifty-ninth session under the same agenda item.

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