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SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

**Mr. Decaux, Mr. Ogurtsov, Mr. Pinheiro, Mr. Sattar, Ms. Frey
and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution**

**2003/... 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 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 Fund and the necessary cooperation between them, and stressing the need for continued and strengthened cooperation,

Expressing its gratitude to Governments, organizations, trade unions and individuals, including young students, who have contributed to the Fund and encouraging them to continue doing so,

1. *Considers* that the participation at the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of six representatives of non-governmental organizations working in different countries in Africa, America, Asia and Europe, financed by the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, including victims of contemporary forms of slavery, is a valuable contribution to the work of the Working Group;

2. *Invites* the Board of Trustees of the Fund to continue 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;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that project grants were provided by the Fund to local non-governmental organizations which work on issues of contemporary forms of slavery and that four project leaders attended the session and reported on the implementation of their project;

4. *Welcomes* the participation of a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fund at the session of the Working Group and encourages the members of the Board to attend the next session of the Working Group;

5. *Expresses its support* for the work of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund and of the secretariat, 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, urges them and non-governmental organizations, other private or public entities and individuals to contribute to the Fund, and encourages them to do so, if possible by September 2003, in order to enable the Fund to fulfil its mandate effectively in the year 2004;

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