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### DRAFT BODY OF PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONS UNDER ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT

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DENMARK

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1. The adoption of a body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment would represent a valuable consolidation of the fundamental safeguards against arbitrary and unjust detention and imprisonment, as well as the protection of the basic human rights of detainees and prisoners. Respect for these principles could significantly reduce incidents of torture, ill-treatment, "disappearances" and summary and arbitrary executions. The adoption of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment is a matter of urgency in the light of continuing reliable reports of detainees and prisoners being subjected to torture, ill-treatment, "disappearances" and summary and arbitrary executions.

2. The Government of Denmark reserves its rights to propose and support amendments to the draft body of principles, but asserts that attempts to weaken substantially the principles must be rejected.

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