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**The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest
attainable standard of mental and physical health**

Note by the secretariat

1. In its resolution 2003/28, the Commission on Human Rights highlighted the importance of enhancing the international community's response to violence by strengthening prevention efforts at the national level and through international cooperation. The Commission recommended that the Economic and Social Council adopt a resolution recommending that the General Assembly declare 2007 the United Nations Year for Violence Prevention, and requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to solicit proposals from Governments, non-governmental organizations and United Nations bodies, programmes and specialized agencies, in particular the World Health Organization, for possible measures to be taken and activities to be carried out during such a year and to submit a compilation thereof to the Commission at its sixtieth session.
2. In its resolution 2003/45, the Council took note of the Commission resolution, recommended that the General Assembly declare 2007 the United Nations Year for Violence Prevention and requested the Commission on Human Rights to submit to the Council a draft programme of action for the Year. At the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, no action has been taken towards declaring a United Nations Year for Violence Prevention.

3. On 15 August 2003, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights sent a communication soliciting proposals from Governments, non-governmental organizations and United Nations bodies, programmes and specialized agencies on possible measures to be taken and activities to be carried out during such a year. Replies were received from the Governments of Costa Rica, Greece, Honduras, Mexico and Paraguay, providing information on ongoing initiatives relating to violence prevention and HIV/AIDS, as well as to national policies and strategies for the promotion and protection of the right to health. Information was received from the International Labour Organization with details on its ongoing activities towards the prevention of violence in the workplace. Contributions were received from the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations, the International Council of Nurses and the Religious Consultation on Population, Reproductive Health and Ethics. The full texts of these contributions are available for consultation with the secretariat.
