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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
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**QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL  
FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD**

**Andorra\*, Austria, Belgium\*, Czech Republic\*, Denmark\*, Estonia\*,  
Finland\*, France, Germany, Greece\*, Hungary, Iceland\*, Ireland,  
Italy, Latvia\*, Lithuania\*, Luxembourg\*, Malta\*, Netherlands,  
Norway\*, Poland\*, Portugal\*, Romania\*, Slovakia\*, Slovenia\*,  
Spain\*, Sweden, Switzerland\*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland: draft resolution**

**2004/... Situation of human rights in the Republic of Chechnya  
of the Russian Federation**

*The Commission on Human Rights,*

*Bearing in mind* that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the duty to fulfil the obligations they have undertaken under various human rights and humanitarian instruments,

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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.

*Mindful* that the Russian Federation is a party to the International Covenants on Human Rights, to other international human rights instruments and to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of victims of armed conflict and the Additional Protocols thereto of 8 June 1977,

*Acknowledging* the right of the Government of the Russian Federation to defend, in accordance with international law and international human rights standards, its territorial integrity, to fight against terrorism and crime and to protect its population, including the population of Chechnya, from terrorist attacks,

*Deeply concerned* about the human rights situation, the humanitarian situation and the security situation in Chechnya,

*Stressing* the need for a political solution, based on broad participation by the population, and a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Republic of Chechnya which fully respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Russian Federation,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Government of the Russian Federation to ensure normal conditions of life for the civilian population, as well as the recent trials and subsequent convictions of military personnel who were serving in the Republic of Chechnya for crimes against civilians;

2. *Strongly condemns:*

(a) All terrorist attacks in Chechnya and elsewhere in the Russian Federation, many of which have led to loss of life and immense human suffering;

(b) The ongoing serious violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law in Chechnya, including forced disappearances, extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, torture, ill-treatment, arbitrary detentions and abductions;

3. *Expresses its concern* at reports of difficulties experienced by the local population in obtaining proper investigations by local law enforcement structures and the public or military prosecutor, and prosecutions, where warranted, of human rights abuses by the security forces, and that the return of internally displaced persons is not taking place on a strictly voluntary basis;

4. *Urges* the Government of the Russian Federation:

(a) To cooperate with human rights mechanisms, including the special procedures of the United Nations;

(b) To facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid by ensuring free and unimpeded access for humanitarian aid organizations to Chechnya, improve security conditions for humanitarian workers in accordance with United Nations security standards and permit the opening of a sub-office of the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office in Ingushetia to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the North Caucasus, including Chechnya;

(c) To cooperate fully with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe, including by facilitating publication of the reports on Chechnya prepared by the Committee on the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of the Council;

(d) To take urgently all necessary measures to stop and prevent violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, including the full and prompt prosecution of all perpetrators;

(e) While implementing the rule of law in Chechnya, to take all necessary measures to ensure free, unimpeded and secure access to Chechnya for international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the media;

5. *Requests* the relevant special procedures of the Commission to undertake missions to Chechnya without delay and to report to the Commission thereon at its sixty-first session.

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