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**QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION, IN ALL
COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES:
REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)**

**Mr. Alfredsson, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Dos Santos, Ms. Hampson,
Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Koufa, Ms. Motoc, Mr. Pinheiro,
Mr. Salama, Mr. Sattar, Ms. Wadibia-Anyanwu, Ms. Warzazi
and Mr. Yokota: draft decision**

2004/... Beheadings of civilians

At its ... meeting, on ... August 2004 the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights decided to adopt the following statement:

“The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights declares that, irrespective of the legitimacy of the cause, the status of the perpetrator or the nationality of the victim, beheadings of civilians the primary purpose or the foreseeable effect of which is to spread terror among the population are unlawful in all circumstances.”
