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SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

**Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Decaux, Mr. Dos Santos, Mr. Guissé, Ms. Motoc, Ms. O'Connor,
Mr. Pinheiro, Mr. Sattar and Mr. Yokota: draft resolution**

2004/... 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 its resolution 2003/27 of 14 August 2003,

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 strongly encouraging them to continue doing so, especially in light of the thirtieth anniversary of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery,

1. *Considers* that the participation at the twenty-ninth session of the Working Group of eight representatives of non-governmental organizations working in different countries in Africa, America and Asia 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 on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;

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

4. *Invites* the Board of Trustees to continue to contribute to projects implemented at the grass-roots level and that directly assist victims of contemporary forms of slavery.

5. *Recalls* the appeal made by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/122 of 17 December 1991 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 2004, in order to enable the Fund to fulfil its mandate effectively in the year 2005.
