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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Bolivia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic
of, Iceland, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden:
draft resolution

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which proclaims that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment adopted by the Assembly on 9 December 1975,

Recalling further its resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981 in which it noted with deep concern that acts of torture take place in various countries, recognized the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit and established the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

Convinced that the struggle to eliminate torture includes providing assistance in a humanitarian spirit to the victims and their family members,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/38/221),

1. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to those Governments and individuals which have already contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;

2. Calls upon all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Board of Trustees for the work carried out;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the support given to the Board of Trustees;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to utilize all existing possibilities of assisting the Board of Trustees, inter alia through the preparation, production and dissemination of information material, in the latter's efforts to make the Voluntary Fund and its humanitarian work better known and in appealing for contributions.
