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QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS SUBJECTED
TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT

Australia and Canada: Revised draft resolution

The Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 33/173 which requested the Commission to consider the question of disappeared persons with a view to making appropriate recommendations,

Sharing the deep concern of the General Assembly over the reports from various parts of the world relating to enforced or involuntary disappearances of persons as a result of excesses on the part of law enforcement or security authorities or similar organizations, and also over reports of difficulties in obtaining reliable information from competent authorities as to the circumstances of such persons,

1. Calls upon Governments to heed the call of the General Assembly:

(a) In the event of reports of enforced or involuntary disappearances, to devote appropriate resources to searching for such persons and to undertake speedy and impartial investigations;

(b) To ensure that law enforcement and security authorities or organizations are fully accountable, especially in law, in the discharge of their duties, such accountability to include legal responsibility for unjustifiable excesses which might lead to enforced or involuntary disappearances and to other violations of human rights;

(c) To ensure that the human rights of all persons, including those subjected to any form of detention and imprisonment, are fully respected;

(d) To co-operate with other Governments, relevant United Nations organs, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and humanitarian bodies in common effort to search for, locate or account for such persons in the event of reports of enforced or involuntary disappearances;