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TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT  
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Iran (Islamic Republic of): draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 entitled "Declaration on the protection of all persons from being subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment", the preambular part of which states that in accordance with the principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Reaffirming the importance of the Declaration on the protection of all persons from being subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Bearing in mind article 2 of the above-mentioned Declaration stating that any act of torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment is an offence to human dignity and shall be condemned,

Recalling also article 3 and 7 of the same Declaration conveying that (a) no State may permit or tolerate torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and that (b) each State shall ensure that acts of torture or acts, which constitute participation or complicity in, are offences under its criminal law,

Recognizing that new techniques and machinery for torture are even more detrimental to the fate of the individual and of the society as a whole,

1. Condemns all acts of torture;

2. Finds the export of all means of torture, as well as their development, production or storage a deplorable act, which is contrary to the cause of achieving human dignity and must come to an end;

3. Requests all States to prohibit the export and/or import of means of torture, enforce a ban on their development and production and destroy all such materials under their control.

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