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TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Australia, Austria, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany,
Federal Republic of, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Kenya,
Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Senegal, Spain,
Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and
United States of America: draft resolution

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ which states 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, 2/

Noting with satisfaction the entry into force on 26 June 1987 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 3/

- 1/ Resolution 217 A (III).
- 2/ Resolution 3452 (XXX), annex.
- 3/ Resolution 39/46.

Recalling its resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981 in which it noted with deep concern that acts of torture took 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 the provision of assistance in a humanitarian spirit to the victims and members of their families,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 4/

1. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Governments, organizations and individuals that 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 initial as well as further contributions to the Fund;
3. Invites Governments to make contributions to the Fund, if possible on a regular basis, in order to enable the Fund to provide continuous support to projects that depend on recurrent grants;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to include, on an annual basis, the Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;
5. Expresses its appreciation to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for the work it has carried out;
6. Also expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the support given to the Board of Trustees of the Fund;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to make use of all existing possibilities including the preparation, production and dissemination of information materials, to assist the Board of Trustees of the Fund in its efforts to make the Fund and its humanitarian work better known and in its appeal for contributions.