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Malaysia*: draft resolution

Enlargement of the Commission on Human Rights and the further
promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 845 (XXXII) of
3 August 1961, 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966 and 1979/36 of 10 May 1979,

Appreciating the contribution made by the Commission on Human Rights to the
cause of human rights and recognizing the need to reinforce it,

Reaffirming that the Commission on Human Rights shall be guided by the
standards in the field of human rights laid down in the various international
instruments in that field,

Emphasizing the importance of further improving the effective functioning of
the Commission on Human Rights and the participation therein by Member States at a
high level,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of
the Group of 77.

Taking note of the relevant section of the final documents of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries adopted at Belgrade on 7 September 1989, 1/ which states that in order to strengthen the role and efficiency of the United Nations and to reinforce United Nations mechanisms so as to allow for efficient co-ordination of the Organization's activities, there is an urgent need, inter alia, for an overall review of the current distribution of membership in the various United Nations bodies and commissions, with a view to achieving a more equitable geographical distribution,

1. Decides to recommend that the Economic and Social Council take the necessary steps, at its first regular session of 1990, to expand the membership of the Commission on Human Rights, on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution, for the further promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. Calls upon the Economic and Social Council to conclude deliberations on this question with urgency;

3. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to examine ways and means of making its work more effective and to submit its recommendations thereon to the Economic and Social Council.

1/ See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.