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SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Italy: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small,

Recalling especially that one of the most important purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Mindful of the important contribution which the Division of Human Rights of the United Nations Secretariat has made to United Nations activities for the promotion and protection of human rights since the inception of the United Nations,

Believing however that the activities of the human rights sector of the United Nations Secretariat should be enhanced so as to better enable it to meet the needs of the Organization and the international community, particularly after the entry into force of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid and bearing in mind policy-making resolutions of the General Assembly such as 32/130,

Recalling the Secretary-General's report on organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat (A/C.5/32/17), the general direction of which was endorsed in General Assembly resolution 32/204 of 21 December 1977,

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1. Requests the Secretary-General to redesignate the Division of Human Rights as a Centre for Human Rights, the head of which should be an Assistant Secretary-General;

2. Further invites the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate financial and other resources are allocated to the Centre for Human Rights so as to enable it to discharge its functions, and specifically requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the importance of human rights in the goals of the United Nations and its place as one of the most important programmes should be reflected in the percentage of resources from the United Nations budget allocated to the human rights programme;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-sixth session and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.
