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> ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

Australia, Bangladesh, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Morocco, Sri Lanka and Syrian Arab Republic: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/123 and 33/46, as well as resolutions 23 (XXXIV) and 24 (XXXV) of the Commission on Human Rights on National Institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Mindful of the guidelines on the structure and functioning of national and local institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights adopted by the United Nations seminar on National and Local Institutions for the Promotion and Frotection of Human Rights and endorsed by the General Assembly,

Mindful also of the seminar on recourse procedures available to victims of racial discrimination held at Geneva from 9-20 July 1979,

- 1. Urges all Member States where national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights do not yet exist, to take appropriate steps for the establishment of such institutions, bearing in mind the guidelines referred to above;
- 2. Decides to include on the agenda of its thirty-sixth session a subitem entitled "National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights";
- 3. Recommends to Member States that they should associate representatives of their national institutions with the contents of the debate on the above-mentioned subitem;

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4. Requests the Secretary-General, in submitting to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly the report requested in paragraph 6 of resolution 24 (XXXV) of the Commission on Human Rights, to draw also upon other relevant sources such as the reports and documents of the United Nations seminars on national and local institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights and on recourse procedures available to victims of racial discrimination and, in presenting his report to the General Assembly, to describe the various existing types of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights reflected in the documentation received by him and in the above-mentioned sources.