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TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING  
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Greece, India, Netherlands and Sweden: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling the declaration on the protection of all persons from being subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment which was adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 3452 (XXX) on 9 December 1975,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/62 of 8 December 1977, in which the Assembly requested the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the light of the principles embodied in the declaration, General Assembly resolution 32/63 of 8 December 1977 in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to draw up and circulate among Member States a questionnaire soliciting information concerning steps they had taken, including legislative and administrative measures, to put into practice the principles of the declaration, and General Assembly resolution 32/64 of 8 December 1977 by which Member States were called upon to reinforce their support of the declaration by making unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the significant progress made in the drafting of a convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment during the thirty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights, as reflected in the progress report of the Commission;

2. Welcomes Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/35 of 10 May 1979 by which the Council authorized an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of one week prior to the thirty-sixth session of the Commission to complete the work on the draft convention";

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3. Requests the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-fifth session, to continue to give high priority to the question of completing a draft convention on torture.

4. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, called for under General Assembly resolution 33/178, on replies to the questionnaires;

5. Calls on Member States which have not yet done so to reply to the questionnaire, as called for under General Assembly resolutions 32/63 and 33/178;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session further information provided in response to the questionnaire, and to submit all the information available which he has received to the Commission on Human Rights, to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and to the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

7. Takes note also of the report of the Secretary-General on unilateral declarations, called for under General Assembly resolutions 32/64 and 33/178;

8. Invites Member States, which have not yet done so, to deposit the unilateral declarations with the Secretary-General, as called for under General Assembly resolutions 32/64 and 33/178;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly, in annual reports, of unilateral declarations already deposited and of such further unilateral declarations which may be deposited by Member States;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" for the purpose of reviewing the progress achieved under this item.

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