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TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT

Draft code of medical ethics

Greece, Ireland, the Netherlands and Portugal:
draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from being subjected to Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, unanimously adopted in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

Noting that the report of the World Health Organization to the Fifth United Nations Congress for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Prisoners, suggested that a "health charter for prisoners" might be elaborated with the co-operation of WHO,

Recalling resolutions 3218 (XXIX), 3453 (XXX) and 31/85 inviting the World Health Organization to prepare a draft code of medical ethics relevant to the protection of persons, subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Having considered document A/34/273, in which the Secretary-General transmits to the members of the General Assembly the report of WHO on the development of codes of medical ethics (EB/63/35),

Noting with appreciation that the Executive Board of the WHO has endorsed the principles set forth in its Director-General's report on the development of codes of medical ethics, and has requested its Director-General to transmit this report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate the draft code of Medical Ethics to Member States, to the specialized agencies concerned and to interested

intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for comments and suggestions, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

2. Decides to consider again the question of the Draft Code of Medical Ethics at its thirty-fifth session, under the item "Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment".
