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Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of
human rights

Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ireland,
Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Netherlands,
New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, Sierra Leone,
Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland, and United States of America: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/127 of 16 December 1977, 33/167 of
20 December 1978 and resolution 23 (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978 of the Commission on
Human Rights on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human
rights,

Mindful of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/34/359,

1. Notes with satisfaction that a United Nations Seminar on the Establishment
of Regional Commissions on Human Rights with special reference to Africa was held at
Monrovia, Liberia, from 10-21 September 1979, which adopted the "Monrovia Proposals
for the setting up of an African Commission on Human Rights", as well as other
conclusions and recommendations; and expresses the hope that the recommendations of
the Seminar will be given due consideration by the Governments and organizations
concerned;

2. Reiterates its appeal to States in areas where regional arrangements in
the field of human rights do not yet exist to consider agreements with a view to
the establishment within their respective regions of suitable regional arrangements
for the promotion and protection of human rights;

3. Requests once again that the Secretary-General, under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, explore the possibility, with the States in the regions concerned of holding a seminar as soon as possible for the purpose of discussing methods for the promotion and protection of human rights;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.
