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Guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal
data filesNote by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 3 of its resolution 44/132 of 5 December 1989, the General Assembly invited the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-sixth session a revised version of the draft guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files, taking into account, inter alia, comments and suggestions submitted by eight Governments (A/44/606 and Add.1).
2. The Commission on Human Rights, at its forty-sixth session, adopted resolution 1990/42 on the same subject, by which it transmitted the revised version of the draft guidelines to the Economic and Social Council.
3. The Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1990, adopted resolution 1990/38 on the same subject. In paragraph 1 of that resolution, the Council expressed its appreciation to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Louis Joinet, for the revised version of the guidelines. In paragraph 2, the Council decided to transmit the final report of the Special Rapporteur to the General Assembly for appropriate action. In paragraph 3, the Council requested the Secretary-General to draw the attention of all Governments to the revised draft guidelines. In paragraph 4, the Council recommended that the Assembly consider, as a matter of priority, the adoption and publication of the guidelines.
4. The revised version of the guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files are contained in document E/CN.4/1990/72.
