

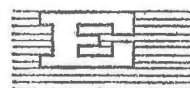
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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS  
IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL  
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

The United Nations Voluntary Fund for  
victims of torture

Denmark, Finland, \*/ , Norway \*/ and Sweden \*/: draft resolution

The Commission on Human Rights

Recalling its resolution 13 (XXXIV),

1. Invites the Economic and Social Council to recommend the General Assembly to redesignate the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile into a voluntary fund of the United Nations for victims of torture by adopting the following draft resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights  
resolution ... (XXXVII),

Recommends that the General Assembly should adopt the following  
draft resolutions:

"The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/174 by which it established a United Nations  
trust fund for Chile as a voluntary fund to receive contributions and  
distribute humanitarian, legal and financial aid to persons whose human  
rights have been violated by detention or imprisonment in Chile,

Recalling also its resolution 35/190 by which it requested the  
Commission on Human Rights to study the possibility of extending  
the mandate of the fund,

\*/ In conformity with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of  
the Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/.... and Commission on Human Rights resolution .... (XXXVII),

Noting that all Governments have an obligation to respect and promote human rights in accordance with the responsibilities they have undertaken under various international instruments,

Noting with deep concern that acts of torture take place in various countries,

Considering the plight of victims of torture wherever it takes place,

Recognizing the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit;

1. Decides

(a) To extend the mandate of the Fund established by its resolution 33/174 in order to enable it to receive voluntary contributions for distribution through established channels of humanitarian assistance as humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of torture, and to relatives of such victims with priority being given to aid to victims of violations by States in which the human rights situation has been the subject of resolutions or decisions by either the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council or the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) That such a United Nations trust fund for victims of torture shall be administered in accordance with the financial regulations of the United Nations by the Secretary-General with the advice of a board of trustees composed of a chairman and four members with wide experience in the field of human rights, acting in their personal capacity, to be appointed by the Secretary-General with due regard to equitable geographical distribution and in consultation with their Governments;

(c) To redesignate the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile into a United Nations voluntary fund for victims of torture;

(d) To adopt the arrangements for the management of the fund set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

(e) To authorize the board of trustees to promote and solicit contributions and pledges;

(f) To request the Secretary-General to give the board of trustees all the assistance it may require;

2. Appeals to all Governments to respond favorably to requests for contributions to the fund."

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session in 1982 specific proposals for the arrangements for the management of the fund in accordance with the principles set forth in paragraph 1 (a) of the draft resolution recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.