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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

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada\*, Denmark\*, France, Germany,  
Federal Republic of, Ireland, Luxembourg\*, Netherlands\*, Norway,  
and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:  
draft resolution

Human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,  
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on  
Human Rights,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and  
protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and to fulfil the obligations  
they have undertaken under the various international instruments in this field,

Recalling its resolutions 1982/27 of 11 March 1982 and 1983/34 of  
8 March 1983,

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\* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of  
the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Bearing in mind its resolution 1984/54 of 14 March 1984, in which the Commission expressed deep concern at the continuing serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Islamic Republic of Iran and requested the appointment of a special representative on the human rights situation in that country,

Recalling in particular its resolution 1985/39 of 13 March 1985, by which it decided to extend the mandate of the Special Representative for one year and requested him to present an interim report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the situation of minority groups such as the Baha'is, and a final report to the Commission at its forty-second session,

Mindful of resolution 1985/17 of 29 August 1985 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in which the Sub-Commission expressed its alarm at the continuing reports of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/141 of 13 December 1985, by which the Assembly decided to continue its examination of the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran and requested the Commission on Human Rights to consider further steps for securing effective respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in that country,

Regretting that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has still not extended its full co-operation to the Commission on Human Rights and its Special Representative, in particular by not allowing the Special Representative to visit the country,

Taking into account the specific and detailed allegations of grave and extensive human rights violations to which the Special Representative refers in his report 1/ and to which the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has not responded,

Endorsing the conclusion of the Special Representative that continued monitoring of the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran is called for,

Noting that Mr. Andrés Aguilar has informed the Commission that he is not in a position to continue serving as its Special Representative on the human rights situation in Iran; 2/

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1/ A/40/874.

2/ E/CN.4/1986/25.

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Special Representative and the general observations contained therein,
2. Expresses its deep concern over the specific and detailed allegations of grave human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran to which the Special Representative refers in his report, and, in particular, those related to the right to life, the right to freedom from torture or degrading treatment or punishment, the right to liberty and security of person and to freedom from arbitrary arrest or detention, the right to a fair trial, the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion and to freedom of expression, and the right of religious minorities to profess and practise their own religion;
3. Endorses the conclusion of the Special Representative that, on the basis of information available to him, specific and detailed allegations concerning grave human rights violations cannot be dismissed, and urgently appeals to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to respond satisfactorily to these allegations;
4. Urges the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as a State party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to respect and ensure to all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction the rights recognized in that Covenant;
5. Decides to extend the mandate of the Special Representative, as contained in Commission resolution 1984/54, for a year;
6. Requests the Chairman of the Commission to appoint an individual of recognized international standing to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Andrés Aguilar;
7. Requests the newly appointed Special Representative to present an interim report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the situation of minority groups such as the Baha'is, and a final report to the Commission at its forty-third session;
8. Urges the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to extend its full co-operation to the Special Representative of the Commission, and in particular to permit him to visit that country;
9. Requests the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Representative of the Commission;
10. Decides to continue its consideration of the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Islamic Republic of Iran as a matter of priority at its forty-third session.