

Noting General Assembly resolution 39/114 of 14 December 1984, in which the General Assembly declared 8 and 9 May 1985 the days of the fortieth anniversary of victory over nazism and fascism in the Second World War and the struggle against them,

Recalling that the United Nations embodies the resolve of peoples to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and the dignity and worth of the human person,

1. Pays a tribute of respect to the people whose great efforts and sufferings led to the end of the Second World War and to the establishment of the United Nations 40 years ago;
2. Considers that the solemn celebration by all States of this anniversary should serve the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms and in particular the fundamental right to life, liberty and security of person.

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The Commission on Human Rights,

Having regard to article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, both of which provide that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture or Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

Seriously concerned about the alarming number of reported cases of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment taking place in various parts of the world,

Welcoming the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly by its resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984,

Determined to promote the full implementation of the prohibition under international and national law of the practice of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

1. Decides to appoint for one year a special rapporteur to examine questions relevant to torture;

97/ Adopted at the 55th meeting, on 13 March 1985, by a roll-call vote of 30 to none, with 12 abstentions. See chap. X.

2. Requests the Chairman of the Commission to appoint, after consultation with the other members of the Bureau, an individual of recognized international standing as special rapporteur;

3. Decides further that the special rapporteur, in carrying out his mandate, shall seek and receive credible and reliable information from Governments, as well as specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to appeal to all Governments to co-operate with and assist the special rapporteur in the performance of his tasks and to furnish all information requested;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the special rapporteur;

6. Invites the special rapporteur, in carrying out his mandate, to bear in mind the need to be able to respond effectively to credible and reliable information that comes before him and to carry out his work with discretion;

7. Requests the special rapporteur to submit a comprehensive report to the Commission at its forty-second session on his activities regarding the question of torture, including the occurrence and extent of its practice, together with his conclusions and recommendations;

8. Decides to consider this question again at its forty-second session under the appropriate subitem of the item entitled "Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment".

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Assistance to the Government of Bolivia 98/

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 1984/43 of 13 March 1984 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/32 of 24 May 1984, both concerning the request by the Government of Bolivia for assistance in seeking to strengthen human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country,

Recalling that in those resolutions the Secretary-General was requested to examine, under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, ways and means for rapid implementation of the projects suggested by the Special Envoy of the Commission on Human Rights in his report, considered by the Commission at its fortieth session,

98/ Adopted at the 55th meeting, on 13 March 1985, without a vote. See chap. XXII.