

1. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to those Governments which have already contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;
2. Calls upon all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments the Commission's appeal for contributions to the Fund;
4. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the Commission informed every year of the operations of the Fund.

1983/20. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular: question of enforced or involuntary disappearances 52/

The Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 33/173 of 20 December 1978, which requested the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question of disappeared persons with a view to making appropriate recommendations, and all other United Nations resolutions concerning missing or disappeared persons,

Recalling its resolution 20 (XXXVI) of 29 February 1980, whereby it decided to establish for a period of one year a working group consisting of five of its members, to serve as experts in their individual capacities, to examine questions relevant to enforced or involuntary disappearances of persons,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/180 of 17 December 1982, wherein the Assembly welcomed the decision taken by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1982/24 of 10 March 1982 to extend the mandate of the Working Group for one year,

Recalling resolution 1982/5 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

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52/ Adopted at the 32nd meeting, on 22 February 1983, without a vote. See chap. VIII.

Considering the need to observe United Nations standards and practices regarding the receipt of communications, their transmittal to the Governments concerned and their evaluation,

Taking note of the report of the Working Group, 53/

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances for the work done;
2. Decides to extend for one year the Working Group's mandate, as laid down in Commission on Human Rights resolution 20 (XXXVI), and to retain the present membership of the Working Group for the same period of time;
3. Requests the Working Group to submit to the Commission, at its fortieth session, a report on its work, together with its conclusions and recommendations, and to bear in mind the obligation to discharge its mandate with discretion, so as, inter alia, to protect persons providing information, or to limit the dissemination of information provided by Governments;
4. Renews its request to the Secretary-General to appeal to all Governments to co-operate with the Working Group in a spirit of complete confidence;
5. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Working Group with all necessary assistance, in particular the staff and resources it requires to perform its functions in an effective and expeditious manner and, if necessary, to make the appropriate arrangements to ensure the continuity of the Secretariat's work;
6. Reminds the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of its resolution 1982/24, whereby it requested the Sub-Commission to continue studying the most effective means for eliminating enforced or involuntary disappearances of persons, with a view to making general recommendations to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session, and requests the Sub-Commission to submit such recommendations to the Commission at its fortieth session;
7. Decides to consider this question at its fortieth session under the subitem of the agenda entitled "Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances".

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