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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,
INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF
APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE
SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Eide,
Mr. Joinet, Mrs. Palley and Mr. Sachar: draft resolution

1993/... The situation of human rights in the
Islamic Republic of Iran

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of
Minorities,

Recalling its resolution 1992/15 of 27 August 1992 and other relevant
resolutions adopted by the General Assembly since 1986, by the Commission on
Human Rights since 1982 and by the Sub-Commission since 1981, calling for an
end to the violation of human rights by the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/62 of
4 March 1993, in which the Commission expressed its regret that, as the
Special Representative had concluded, the Islamic Republic of Iran had not
given adequate follow-up to many of the recommendations contained in his
previous reports,

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Deeply concerned at continuing human rights violations by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including arbitrary and summary executions, torture and other cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment, arbitrary arrests and imprisonment, forced disappearances, the absence of guarantees for the due process of law and the right to a fair trial and disregard for the freedom of religion and speech,

Gravely concerned at the systematic repression of the Baha'i community and at the plight of the Iranian Kurds,

Expressing its profound regret that for more than one year the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has refused to cooperate with the Special Representative and has prevented him from visiting the country,

Expressing its regret that despite agreements between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the International Committee of the Red Cross on its visits to Iranian prisons, the International Committee of the Red Cross delegation was expelled from the country in March 1992, less than one month after starting its mission, and that the Government still refuses to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to resume its visits,

Expressing its concern at an increase in the number of arrests following anti-Government demonstrations and at the violent suppression of popular protest in various cities, including Tehran,

Reaffirming that Governments are to be held responsible for assassination attempts and attacks by their agents against individuals in other countries and for deliberate incitement, sanctioning or condoning of such acts,

Recalling its previous resolutions condemning the assassination abroad of Iranian expatriates, and the apparent direct involvement of Iranian official services in these assassinations,

Appalled at the continued repression of women in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in which women have been publicly flogged and even arrested or imprisoned, and particularly noting reports concerning the large number of adolescents and persons below the age of 18,

Noting the reaffirmation of the universality and indivisibility of human rights standards by representatives of the international community at the World Conference on Human Rights,

1. Endorses the urgent call of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran urging it to comply with the current international norms in the field of human rights;
2. Strongly condemns the continuing flagrant human rights violations of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including:
 - (a) The use of excessive force and violence to suppress anti-government gatherings and demonstrations;
 - (b) The continuing execution of political prisoners and the assassination of opponents abroad;
 - (c) The stoning, torture and degrading treatment of citizens, especially women;
 - (d) The continued persecution of Baha'is and other religious minorities;
 - (e) The harassment of Iranian political refugees' relatives inside the Islamic Republic of Iran to coerce the refugees to return to the country or to cooperate on intelligence matters;
3. Rejects any cultural or religious justification of the breach of universal human rights standards;
4. Emphatically urges the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to stop its attacks on Iranian dissidents abroad;
5. Supports the continuation of the mandate of Mr. Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, Special Representative of the Commission of Human Rights, and of international monitoring of the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran;
6. Maintains that the deteriorating conduct of the Islamic Republic of Iran in terms of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the breach of international instruments, the repercussions of which spread beyond its national frontiers, jeopardizes peace and security in other regions;
7. Requests the Special Representative to consider and recommend in his report the strongest measures which could be adopted within the framework of the United Nations to eliminate human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Sub-Commission at its next session of the relevant reports and measures already implemented by United Nations bodies, or under way, to prevent human rights violations in the Islamic Republic of Iran;

9. Decides to consider further the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the situation of women and minority groups such as the Baha'is and the Kurds, at its forty-sixth session.
