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alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment
of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 51/92 of 12 December 1996, the General Assembly requested the Special Rapporteur to submit at its fifty-third session an interim report on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and his/her recommendations for more effective action to combat that phenomenon.
2. In its resolution 1998/68 of 21 April 1998, the Commission on Human Rights decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for three additional years. On 31 May 1998, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye (Senegal) resigned in order to assume his new functions as Chief of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye had been appointed Special Rapporteur in 1992, following the resignation of Mr. Amos Wako (Kenya).
3. On 12 August 1998, after consulting with the Bureau, the Chairman of the Commission at its fifty-fourth session, Mr. Jacob Selebi, decided to appoint Ms. Asthma Jahangir (Pakistan), a lawyer with extensive human rights experience, as Special Rapporteur of the Commission on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. On 26 August 1998, Ms. Asthma Jahangir addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Commission informing him of her decision to accept the appointment as Special Rapporteur.
4. In view of the fact that the new Special Rapporteur has just been appointed, the General Assembly will not have before it, at its fifty-third session, an interim report on the situation of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions worldwide. The Special Rapporteur intends to report to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session as requested by the Commission in its resolution 1998/68.

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