

5. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Trust Fund for Electoral Observation and the establishment by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme of a separate fund, the Trust Fund for Technical Assistance to Electoral Processes, and calls upon Member States to consider contributing to the Funds;

6. *Stresses the importance* of coordination by the focal point within the United Nations system, commends the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat for the advisory services and technical assistance it provides and the Department of Economic and Social Development of the Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme for the technical assistance they are providing to requesting Member States, and requests the focal point to continue to collaborate closely with the Centre for Human Rights as well as with the Department of Economic and Social Development and the United Nations Development Programme and inform them of requests presented in the area of electoral assistance;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Electoral Assistance Unit with adequate human and financial resources, under the regular budget of the Organization and within existing resources, to allow it to carry out its regular mandate;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to reinforce the Centre for Human Rights through the redeployment of resources and personnel in order to enable it to answer, in close coordination with the Electoral Assistance Unit, the increasing number of requests from Member States for advisory services in the area of electoral assistance;

9. *Recommends* that the proposed guidelines on electoral assistance be considered as provisional, and requests the Secretary-General to evaluate the guidelines in the light of experience over the next two years;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of resolution 46/137 and the present resolution, in particular on the status of requests from Member States for electoral assistance and verification, and on the validity of the guidelines in the light of experience;

11. *Decides* that the question of enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections shall be biennialized as of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

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#### 47/139. Situation of human rights in Cuba

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations and elaborated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>2</sup> and the International Covenants on Human Rights<sup>16</sup> and other applicable human rights instruments,

*Reaffirming* that all Member States have an obligation to fulfil the commitments they have freely undertaken under the various international instruments,

*Taking particular note* of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/61 of 3 March 1992,<sup>37</sup> in which the Com-

mission recognized with deep appreciation the efforts of the then Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Cuba,

*Noting* the appointment of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on Cuba,

*Noting as well* concern about ongoing reports of serious violations of human rights in Cuba, as outlined in the interim report on the situation of human rights in Cuba<sup>194</sup> presented to the General Assembly by the Special Rapporteur,

*Recalling* the failure of the Government of Cuba to cooperate with the Commission on Human Rights with regard to its resolution 1991/68 of 6 March 1991<sup>36</sup> by refusing to permit the Special Representative to visit Cuba, and noting its response, as cited in appendix I to the interim report of the Special Rapporteur, in which it expresses its decision not to "implement so much as a single comma of resolution 1992/61",

1. *Commends* the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights for his interim report on the situation of human rights in Cuba;<sup>194</sup>

2. *Expresses its full support* for the work of the Special Rapporteur;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of Cuba to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur by permitting him full and free access so that he may establish contact with the Government and the citizens of Cuba in order to fulfil the mandate entrusted to him;

4. *Regrets profoundly* the numerous uncontested reports of violations of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms that are described in the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General<sup>195</sup> and in the interim report of the Special Rapporteur;

5. *Calls upon* the Government of Cuba to adopt measures proposed by the Special Rapporteur to cease the persecution and punishment of citizens for reasons related to freedom of expression and peaceful association, to permit legalization of independent groups, to respect guarantees of due process, to permit access to the prisons by national independent groups and international humanitarian agencies, to review sentences for crimes of a political nature and to cease retaliatory measures towards those seeking permission to leave the country;

6. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question at its forty-eighth session.

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#### 47/140. Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador

*The General Assembly,*

*Guided* by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>2</sup> the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights<sup>144</sup> and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>144</sup>

*Convinced* that the Peace Agreement reached on 16 January 1992 at Chapultepec, Mexico,<sup>196</sup> between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional reflects the country's profound aspiration for peace and justice, and that scrupulous com-