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ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A POST OF UNITED
NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Costa Rica: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Considering that one of the purposes of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 1 of the Charter, is to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms, as solemnly set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling that, under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations, Member States have pledged themselves to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the United Nations for the achievement of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Bearing in mind that the entry into force of a number of international instruments in the field of human rights has resulted in the establishment of a variety of bodies and procedures for the implementation thereof,

Convinced of the urgent need for the United Nations to adopt more effective concrete measures in order to carry out its obligations with respect to human rights,

Having regard to the report of the Working Group on the proposal for the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, which appears in document E/CN.4/AC.21/L.1 of 30 December 1966, and to the recommendation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1237 (XLII) of 6 June 1967,

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1. Decides in principle to establish, under the authority of the Secretary-General, a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights possessing the degree of personal independence, the prestige and the integrity required for the prudent and impartial performance of his functions, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-fourth session, concrete proposals concerning the organization of the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights, taking into account the results of the study entrusted to the Commission on Human Rights by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/130.
