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## COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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Agenda item 11

FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE  
PROGRAMME AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION;  
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE  
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE  
ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

### Brazil: draft resolution

The Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of resolution 1983/36 of 6 September 1983 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities submitted in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1983/49 of 10 March 1983,

Conscious of its responsibility to consider in all its aspects the question of the establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, with a view to reaching a decision on this matter at the earliest possible time,

Recognizing once again that major decisions concerning the organization and operation of the United Nations system for the promotion and protection of human rights should be adopted on the basis of the widest possible agreement which takes account of different views expressed by Member States, in order to ensure their effectiveness,

Considering that the suggestions made in Sub-Commission resolution 1983/36 are a valuable contribution to the consideration of the question, but that the debate during the fortieth session of the Commission on Human Rights indicates that further study of these suggestions is necessary in order to ensure the widest possible agreement on the subject,

1. Decides to establish at its forty-first session an open-ended working group to continue consideration of the question of the establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
2. Requests the Working Group (a) to consider in depth the proposals made in Sub-Commission resolution 1935/36, taking into account other suggestions or proposals that have been made or may be made on the matter, (b) to give particular attention to the question of the functions and responsibilities to be entrusted to a High Commissioner, and (c) to report to the Commission at its forty-first session.

