

agencies and related organizations to implement further the Standard Rules;

8. *Invites* the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, including relevant human rights treaty bodies within their respective mandates, and urges the regional commissions, intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, to work closely with the United Nations programme on persons with disabilities to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, including activities at the field level, by sharing knowledge, experiences, results and recommendations concerning persons with disabilities;

9. *Encourages* Governments and the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, to enhance cooperation with organizations of persons with disabilities and other organizations concerned with disability issues so as to implement the Standard Rules in an effective and coordinated manner;

10. *Encourages* States parties to include in their reports to the relevant treaty bodies specific information on persons with disabilities so as to ensure that the human rights of persons with disabilities are appropriately addressed, noting that General Comment No. 5 of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights could serve as a mainstreaming model on disability issues;

11. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur through 2005 to further the promotion and monitoring of the Standard Rules in accordance with the provisions set out in section IV of the Standard Rules, including the human rights dimensions of disability;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the proposals contained in the report of the Special Rapporteur,⁴³ especially on the suggested supplement to the Standard Rules, and to submit a substantive report to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-second session;

13. *Recommends* that the Ad Hoc Committee set up by the General Assembly by its resolution 56/168 consider proposals for a comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, taking into account the relationship of such a convention with the relevant human rights instruments and the Standard Rules, and, in so doing, carefully study the report and the proposals made by the Special Rapporteur at the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development and the study commissioned by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, as well as the views of the Member States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, on these proposals;

14. *Encourages* Governments, the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations, in particular organizations of

persons with disabilities, to take an active part in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with the standard practice of the General Assembly;

15. *Also encourages* Governments, as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability in order to support the activities of the Special Rapporteur as well as new and expanded initiatives to strengthen national capacities for equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities.

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24 July 2002*

2002/27. Draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/33 of 22 April 2002, in which the Commission adopted the text of the draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, relating to the creation of a mechanism for visits to places of detention in order to prevent torture,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Commission on Human Rights for the adoption of the draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

2. *Adopts* the draft optional protocol contained in the annex to Commission resolution 2002/33;

3. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it adopt and open for signature, ratification and accession as early as possible the optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

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2002/28. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“The General Assembly,

“Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000, in which the Council established the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, as well as Council decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001 concerning the election/appointment of the sixteen members of the Forum and other organizational matters,