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**ADVISORY SERVICES AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

South Africa (on behalf of States members of the African Group): draft resolution

2003/... Technical cooperation and advisory services in Liberia

The Commission on Human Rights,

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, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other applicable human rights instruments, and the duty to fulfil the obligations that they have undertaken under the various instruments in this field,

Mindful that Liberia has an obligation to implement all the international and regional instruments to which it is a party,

Welcoming the positive attitude of the Government of Liberia and its readiness to cooperate with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights with a view to consolidating the culture of human rights, tolerance and reconciliation, inter alia through human rights education,

1. *Decides* to appoint an independent expert for an initial period of three years to facilitate cooperation between the Government of Liberia and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the area of the promotion and protection of human rights by providing technical assistance and advisory services;
2. *Invites* the independent expert to visit Liberia to assess the situation of human rights in the country and to submit in this regard an initial report to the Commission at its sixtieth session;
3. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the independent expert with adequate resources in order to carry out his/her mandate;
4. *Decides* to consider this question at its sixtieth session under the same item.

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