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RIGHT OF PETITION

Guatemala, India and Philippines: Draft resolution

The Commission on Human Rights

Noting that the Economic and Social Council has, by its resolution 191 (VIII), transmitted to the Commission for appropriate action part B of resolution 217 (III) of the General Assembly concerning the problem of the right of petition;

Considering the importance and urgency of the question of the right of individuals, groups and organizations to petition;

Considering that the procedure for handling such petitions has to be defined;

Considering that different members of the Commission believe that such procedure should be gradually developed; and

Considering that a further study on this question is desirable in its continued effort to establish a practical procedure for handling petitions,

Resolves to request the Economic and Social Council to ask the Secretary-General

(a) to prepare a study on this question, including the receivability and the preliminary examination of petitions, taking into consideration the comments of Governments on pertinent proposals put forward in the fifth session of the Commission; and

(b) to examine the communications concerning human rights received by the United Nations with a view to submitting to the Commission on Human Rights for consideration at its next session such communications as may be receivable under the procedure suggested in the study referred to in paragraph (a).