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Australia, Denmark, Finland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden:
draft resolution

Protection of human rights in Chile

The General Assembly,

Convinced of its responsibility to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Considering that the human rights situation in Chile has been the subject of discussions in the Commission on Human Rights at its thirtieth session, in the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session and in the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its twenty-seventh session,

Noting the serious concern expressed by those United Nations organs and by other bodies of the international community on reported gross violations in Chile and noting also the many appeals made to the Government of Chile to restore and safeguard basic human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Deeply concerned that, in spite of those appeals, serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile continue to be reported,

1. Underlines the importance of the recommendation made by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in its resolution 8 (XXVII) "that the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-first session study the reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment";

2. Urgently appeals to the Government of Chile to heed the widely expressed concern and to respect the basic rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.