

1996/22. Question of a 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 1996/37 of 19 April 1996,³⁹

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the fifty-third session of the Commission in order to continue the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;⁷⁴

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend to the working group all the necessary facilities for its meetings and to transmit the report of the working group⁷⁵ to Governments, the specialized agencies, the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned.

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⁷⁴ General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex.

⁷⁵ E/CN.4/1996/28.