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 group 75 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.