



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS



1995/29. Minimum humanitarian standards

The Commission on Human Rights,

Gravely concerned at the large number of situations where internal violence causes extensive suffering and breaches of the principles of humanity and undermines the protection of human rights,

Gravely concerned also at the conduct of groups and individuals who resort to violence, thereby contributing to the suffering of innocent people in such situations,

Emphasizing in this regard the need to identify and implement measures to prevent violations and abuses of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular the right to life and integrity of the individual,

Taking note of resolution 1994/26 of 26 August 1994 of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in which the Subcommission decided to transmit the text of the Declaration of Minimum Humanitarian Standards (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/55) to the Commission on Human Rights with a view to its further elaboration and eventual adoption,

1. Recognizes the need to address principles applicable to situations of internal and related violence, disturbance, tension and public emergency in a manner consistent with international law and the Charter of the United Nations;
2. Also recognizes in this regard the vital importance of the existence in each country of appropriate national legislation for dealing with such situations in a manner consistent with the rule of law;
3. Invites all States to consider reviewing their national legislation relevant to situations of public emergency with a view to ensuring that it meets the requirements of the rule of law and that it does not involve discrimination on the ground of race, colour, sex, language, religion or social origin;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the Declaration of Minimum Humanitarian Standards (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/55) to Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their comments and to submit a report on this matter to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-second session.

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