



**OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS**



**Study concerning the right to restitution, compensation  
and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of  
human rights and fundamental freedoms**

**Sub-Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/29**

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling its resolution 1989/13 of 31 August 1989, in which it decided to entrust Mr. Theo van Boven with the task of undertaking a study concerning the right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms with a view to exploring the possibility of developing basic principles and guidelines in this respect,

Having examined the study prepared by the Special Rapporteur contained in his final report (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/8),

Noting with particular interest the conclusions and recommendations, and the proposed basic principles and guidelines contained in sections VIII and IX of the final report,

1. Expresses its appreciation and profound thanks to the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Theo van Boven, for the important work he has accomplished;
2. Shares the opinion of the Special Rapporteur that the question of restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms has received insufficient attention and should be addressed more consistently and more thoroughly in all its aspects both in the United Nations and other international organizations, and at the national level;
3. Decides to transmit the study of the Special Rapporteur to the Commission on Human Rights with a view to its publication and dissemination;
4. Invites the Commission on Human Rights to pay particular attention to the conclusions and recommendations contained in the study, taking into account the comments and observations made at the forty-fifth session of the Sub-Commission;
5. Decides to examine further the proposed basic principles and guidelines included in the study at its forty-sixth session and for that purpose to establish, if necessary, a sessional working group at that session with a view to adopting a body of such principles and guidelines, and requests the Secretary-General to lend the sessional working group all necessary assistance;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments and competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to submit their comments on the proposed basic principles and guidelines included in the study.

33rd meeting  
25 August 1993

[Adopted without a vote.]