



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



**Cooperation with representatives of United Nations
human rights bodies**

Human Rights Resolution 2005/9

The Commission on Human Rights,

Reiterating its concern at the continued reports of intimidation and reprisals against private individuals and groups who seek to cooperate with the United Nations and representatives of its human rights bodies,

Deeply concerned at the continued seriousness of such reported reprisals and that victims suffer violations of the most fundamental human rights, including the right to life, liberty and security of person, as well as the right to freedom from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment,

Also concerned at reports about incidents in which private individuals have been hampered in their efforts to avail themselves of procedures established under United Nations auspices for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling its resolution 2004/15 of 15 April 2004 and taking note with interest of the report of the Secretary-General on the question (E/CN.4/2005/31),

1. *Urges* Governments to refrain from all acts of intimidation or reprisal against:
 - (a) Those who seek to cooperate or have cooperated with representatives of United Nations human rights bodies, or who have provided testimony or information to them;
 - (b) Those who avail or have availed themselves of procedures established under United Nations auspices for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and all those who have provided legal assistance to them for this purpose;
 - (c) Those who submit or have submitted communications under procedures established by human rights instruments;
 - (d) Those who are relatives of victims of human rights violations;
2. *Condemns* all acts of intimidation or reprisal by Governments against private individuals and groups who seek to cooperate with the United Nations and representatives of human rights bodies;
3. *Calls upon* States to ensure adequate protection from intimidation, violence and persecution for individuals and members of groups who seek to cooperate with the United Nations and representatives of its human rights bodies, and reaffirms the duty of all

States to end impunity for such actions by bringing the perpetrators, including accomplices, to justice in accordance with international standards and providing an effective remedy for their victims;

4. *Requests* all representatives of United Nations human rights bodies, as well as treaty bodies monitoring the observance of human rights, to continue to take urgent steps, in conformity with their mandates, to help prevent the occurrence of such intimidation and reprisals and the hampering of access to United Nations human rights procedures in any way;

5. *Also requests* such representatives and treaty bodies to continue to include in their respective reports to the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights or the General Assembly a reference to allegations of intimidation or reprisal and of hampering of access to United Nations human rights procedures, as well as an account of action taken by them in this regard;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of such representatives and treaty bodies to the present resolution;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its sixty-second session a report containing a compilation and analysis of any available information, from all appropriate sources, on alleged reprisals against the persons referred to in paragraph 1 above;

8. *Decides* to consider the question again at its sixty-second session.

50th meeting
14 April 2005

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