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International convention against the reproductive cloning
of human beings

Draft resolution
Chairman’s text

United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/152 of 9 December 1998, by which it endorsed the
Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights,\(^1\)

Approves the United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning, annexed to the
present resolution.

Annex
United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human
Rights, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization on 11 November 1997,

Recalling also its resolution 53/152 of 9 December 1998, by which it endorsed
the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights,

Aware of the ethical concerns that certain applications of rapidly developing
life sciences may raise with regard to human dignity, human rights and the
fundamental freedoms of individuals,

Reaffirming that the application of life sciences should seek to offer relief from
suffering and improve the health of individuals and humankind as a whole,

\(^1\) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General
Emphasizing that the promotion of scientific and technical progress in life
sciences should be sought in a manner that safeguards respect for human rights and
the benefit of all,

Mindful of the serious medical, physical, psychological and social dangers that
human cloning may imply for the individuals involved, and also conscious of the
need to prevent the exploitation of women,

Convinced of the urgency of preventing the potential dangers of human
cloning to human dignity,

Solemnly declares the following:

(a) Member States are called upon to adopt all measures necessary to protect
adequately human life in the application of life sciences;

(b) Member States are called upon to prohibit all forms of human cloning
inasmuch as they are incompatible with human dignity and the protection of human
life;

(c) Member States are further called upon to adopt the measures necessary to
prohibit the application of genetic engineering techniques that may be contrary to
human dignity;

(d) Member States are called upon to take measures to prevent the
exploitation of women in the application of life sciences;

(e) Member States are also called upon to adopt and implement without
delay national legislation to bring into effect paragraphs (a) to (d);

(f) Member States are further called upon, in their financing of medical
research, including of life sciences, to take into account the pressing global issues
such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, which affect in particular the
developing countries.