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VI. QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

1. The Commission considered agenda item 6 concurrently with items 5, 13 and 14 (see chaps. V, XIII and XIV) at its 11th to 18th meetings, from 25 to 29 March 1996, and at its 35th meeting, on 11 April 1996. 1/
2. For the documents issued for the fifty-second session of the Commission under item 6, see annex IV to the present report.
3. At the 10th meeting, on 25 March 1996, Mr. Mohamed Ennaceur, Chairman-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development, introduced the reports of the Working Group on its fourth and fifth sessions (E/CN.4/1996/10 and E/CN.4/1996/24).
4. In the general debate on agenda item 6, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Algeria (16th), Angola (18th), Australia (17th), Bangladesh (14th), Benin (11th), Bhutan (16th), Brazil (16th), Canada (16th), Chile (14th), China (12th), Colombia (11th), Cuba (16th), Egypt (11th), Ethiopia (12th), Gabon (11th), India (16th), Indonesia (16th), Italy (on behalf of the European Union) (16th), Malaysia (16th), Mauritania (14th), Mexico (14th), Nepal (17th), Netherlands (16th), Nicaragua (17th), Pakistan (18th), Peru (14th), Republic of Korea (17th), Russian Federation (16th), Sri Lanka (13th), Ukraine (17th), Venezuela (14th).
5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Afghanistan (16th), Costa Rica (16th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (14th), Iraq (16th), Kenya (18th), Morocco (12th), Nigeria (18th), Poland (12th), Portugal (16th), Senegal (16th), South Africa (14th), Sudan (12th), United Republic of Tanzania (16th).
6. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development (12th), All Pakistan Women's Association (18th), American Association of Jurists (11th), Asian Cultural Forum on Development (12th), African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (17th), Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (11th), Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America (11th), Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (11th), International Association Against Torture (13th), International Association of Educators for World Peace (18th), International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (17th), International Federation of Rural Adult Catholic Movements (17th), International Humanist and Ethical Union (11th), International Indian Treaty

Council (14th), International Institute for Peace (11th), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (13th), Movement against Racism and for Friendship Among Peoples (12th), Pax Christi International (11th), United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation (12th), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (17th), World Confederation on Religion and Peace (17th), World Federation of Democratic Youth (13th), World Muslim Congress (17th), World Organization against Torture (17th), World Peace Council (13th), World Society of Victimology (13th).

7. A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Bolivia (17th).

8. At the 35th meeting, on 11 April 1996, the representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.23/Rev.1, sponsored by Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia (on behalf of States Members of the United Nations Members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Uruguay. Australia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Greece, Luxembourg, Mexico, Nepal, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the administrative and programme budget implications 2/ of the draft resolutions.

10. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. The representatives of the Netherlands and the United States of America made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

11. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/15.

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