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IX. FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE PROGRAMME AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION:

- (a) ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS;
- (b) NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS;
- (c) COORDINATING ROLE OF THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND MACHINERY DEALING WITH THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS;
- (d) HUMAN RIGHTS, MASS EXODUSES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 9 and its sub-items (a), (b), (c) and (d) concurrently with item 17 (see chap. XVII) at its 31st to 35th meetings, from 10 to 11 April 1996, at its 39th to 41st meetings, on 15 April 1996, at its 52nd and 53rd meetings, on 19 April 1996, at its 58th meeting, on 23 April 1996, and at its 61st and 62nd meetings, on 24 April 1996. 1/

2. For the documents issued for the fifty-second session of the Commission under item 9 and sub-items (a), (b), (c), (d), see annex IV to the present report.

- (a) Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

3. At the 32nd meeting, on 10 April 1996, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, introduced her report (E/CN.4/1996/53 and Add.1 and 2).

4. In the general debate on agenda item 9 (a), statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia (36th), Belarus (36th), Brazil (36th), Canada (36th), China (33rd), El Salvador (36th), Ethiopia (36th), India (32nd), Italy (on behalf of the European Union) (31st), Japan (31st), Malaysia (31st), Nepal (33rd), Netherlands (31st), Pakistan (39th), Philippines (33rd), Republic of Korea (33rd), Russian Federation (36th), Ukraine (31st), United States of America (33rd), Venezuela (32nd).

5. The Commission also heard statements by the observers for: Armenia (40th), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (40th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (36th), Iraq (39th), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (33rd), New Zealand (39th), Senegal (40th), Sudan (40th), Syrian Arab Republic (40th), Turkey (40th).

6. Statements were also made by the observers for Switzerland (40th) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (40th).

7. The Commission heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development (40th), African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (40th), Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization (41st), All China Women's Federation (41st), All Pakistan Women's Association (41st), American Association of Jurists (35th), Asian Buddhists Conference for Peace (36th), Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America (36th), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (41st), Franciscans International (40th), Institute for Women, Law and Development (36th), International Association against Torture (41st), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (41st), International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (40th), International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (36th), International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (41st), International Council of Jewish Women (41st), International Educational Development, Inc. (34th), International Federation of Human Rights (40th), International Federation of University Women (40th), International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (40th), International Fellowship of Reconciliation (36th), International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (41st), International Human Rights Law Group (41st), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (41st), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (41st), International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (36th), International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education (40th), International Women's Health Coalition (40th), Liberation (41st), Movement against Racism and for Friendship Among Peoples (41st), Pax Romana (35th), Society for Threatened Peoples (41st), Transnational Radical Party (41st), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (40th), World Conference on Religion and Peace (41st), World Organization against Torture (36th).

(b) National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

8. In the general debate on agenda item 9 (b), statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Algeria (National Observatory on Human Rights) (33rd), Australia (36th), Australia (Federal Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission) (33rd), Belarus (36th), Cameroon (32nd), Canada (33rd), France (National Human Rights Commission) (32nd), India (National Human Rights Commission) (31st), India (32nd), Russian Federation (36th), Venezuela (32nd).

9. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Armenia (Centre for Democracy and Human Rights) (36th), Iraq (39th), Latvia (40th), New Zealand (Human Rights Commission) (36th), Slovakia (39th), Togo (33rd).

10. The Commission heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: All Pakistan Women's Association (41st), International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (41st), International Movement for Fraternal Union Among Races and Peoples (41st), Liberation (41st).

11. A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Ethiopia (41st).

(c) Coordinating role of the Centre for Human Rights within the United Nations bodies and machinery dealing with the promotion and protection of human rights

12. In the general debate on agenda item 9 (c), statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia (36th), Belarus (36th), India (32nd), Italy (on behalf of the European Union) (31st), Japan (31st), Russian Federation (36th), Ukraine (31st).

13. The Commission also heard statements by the observers for Malta (33rd) and Poland (39th).

14. The Commission heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: All Pakistan Women's Association (41st), International Movement for Fraternal Union Among Races and Peoples (41st), Transnational Radical Party (41st), World Peace Council (41st).

(d) Human rights, mass exoduses and displaced persons

15. At the 32nd meeting, on 10 April 1996, the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons, Mr. Francis M. Deng, introduced his report (E/CN.4/1996/52 and Add.1 and 2).

16. In the general debate on agenda item 9 (d), statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia (36th), Austria (39th), Belarus (36th), Hungary (32nd), Malaysia (31st), Mexico (39th), Peru (39th), Russian Federation (36th), Uganda (39th).

17. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Afghanistan (40th), Cyprus (39th), Sudan (40th), Sweden (39th). Statements were also made by the observers for Switzerland (40th), the International Committee of the Red Cross (33rd) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (40th).

18. The Commission heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (40th), Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization (41st), All Pakistan Women's Association (41st), Andean Commission of Jurists (40th), Arab Lawyers Union (40th), Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations (41st), Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (41st), Indian Council of Education (36th), International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (41st), International Institute for Peace (41st), International Islamic Federation of Student Organizations (41st), Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees (36th), Médecins Sans Frontières (33rd), Muslim World League (41st), Society for Threatened Peoples (41st), World Conference on Religion and Peace (41st), World Muslim Congress (41st), World Society of Victimology (40th).

The preparation of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

19. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Poland, introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.50, sponsored by Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Sweden and Ukraine. Austria, Bangladesh, Benin, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, France, Greece, India, Italy, Madagascar, Mexico, Pakistan, the Philippines, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Togo subsequently joined as sponsors.

20. Statements were made by the representatives of India, Mexico and Poland. India subsequently withdrew as sponsor.

21. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote (resolution 1996/42).

22. At the 62nd meeting, on 24 April 1996, the Commission, at the request of the representative of Poland, decided, in accordance with rule 55 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, to reconsider resolution 1996/42, as adopted by the Commission at its 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996.

23. The representative of Poland orally revised the resolution by replacing the fourth preambular paragraph, reading "Concerned that the international human rights standards are not fully and universally accepted and implemented, that human rights continue to be violated in all parts of the world and that people still suffer misery and are deprived of full enjoyment of their civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights, and convinced of the necessity of respecting minimum human rights standards in all situations and of strengthening United Nations efforts in this regard," with a new text.

24. India subsequently joined the sponsors.

25. The resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/42.

Human rights and HIV/AIDS

26. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Poland introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.53, sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Israel, Italy, Madagascar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden and Zimbabwe. Angola, Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, France, Malawi, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland subsequently joined the sponsors.

27. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the Netherlands.

28. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/43.

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

29. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Costa Rica introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.72, sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada,

Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen and Zaire. Denmark, Japan, Sri Lanka, Togo and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsors.

30. The representative of Mexico made a statement.

31. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/44.

The Olympic ideal

32. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Greece introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.49, sponsored by Albania, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Malaysia, Mauritania, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, the Russian Federation, South Africa and Ukraine. Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Benin, the Dominican Republic, Italy, Latvia, Madagascar, Malta, Nicaragua, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

33. The resolution was orally revised by the representative of Greece as follows:

(a) In the second preambular paragraph, after the words "Recalling also", the words "articles 3 and 15 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights which ensure the" were deleted and the words "the value of the" were introduced;

(b) In the same paragraph, the word "recognize" was replaced by the words "to the recognition of";

(c) In the fifth preambular paragraph, after the words "in particular", the words "paragraph 6" were added;

(d) In the same paragraph, after the words "December 1994", the words "in which the Assembly noted with satisfaction the mutually beneficial

cooperation between the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations system in particular the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund. The United Nations Environment Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, all of which are important for the promotion, protection and implementation of human rights," were deleted;

(e) In operative paragraph 2, before the word "contribute", the word "may" was added;

(f) In operative paragraph 4, before the words "Olympic Ideal", the word "International" was deleted;

(g) In operative paragraph 5, before the words "Olympic Games", the word "International" was deleted;

(h) In operative paragraph 6, after the word "Olympic", the word "Games" was replaced by the word "Movement".

34. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/45.

Human rights and thematic procedures

35. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of the Czech Republic introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.77, sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and the United States of America. The Dominican Republic, Luxembourg, Japan and Jordan subsequently joined the sponsors.

36. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/45.

Human rights and terrorism

37. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Turkey introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.79, sponsored by Azerbaijan, Colombia, Egypt, El Salvador, Honduras, Malaysia, Peru, the Republic of Korea and Turkey. Algeria, the Dominican Republic, India, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

38. The representative of Turkey pointed out the following technical corrections to be made to the printed version of E/CN.4/1996/L.79:

(a) In the second preambular paragraph, the word "Noting" should have read "Recalling";

(b) In the third preambular paragraph, after the words "Human Rights", the words "held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993" should have been included;

(c) In the eighth preambular paragraph, the words "the fact" should not have been added after the words "Taking into account".

39. Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, India and Mexico.

40. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. At the 61st meeting, on 24 April 1996, statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Chile, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Pakistan and the United States of America.

41. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/47.

Question of integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

42. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.82, sponsored by Andorra, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Latvia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, the Netherlands, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Switzerland, Tunisia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Benin, Costa Rica, Cyprus, France, the Gambia, India, Italy, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Malawi, Mali, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Peru, the Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsors.

43. The resolution was orally revised by the representative of Canada as follows:

(a) A new fifth preambular paragraph was added;

(b) At the end of the old fifth preambular paragraph the words "and recalling resolution 40/L.5 on mainstreaming the human rights of women, adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its fortieth session", were added;

(c) In operative paragraph 3, after the words "take a gender perspective", the words "into account in the implementation of" were added;

(d) Operative paragraph 8 was added.

44. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/48.

Elimination of violence against women

45. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.83, sponsored by Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Malawi, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Switzerland, Tunisia and Turkey. Belgium, Brazil, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, France, the Gambia, Greece, India, Italy, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, the United States of America and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsors.

46. The resolution was orally revised by the representative of Canada as follows:

(a) At the end of the fourth preambular paragraph the words "and to provide access to just and effective remedies and special assistance to victims" were added;

(b) In operative paragraph 6, the word "Welcomes" was replaced by "Takes note of";

(c) In operative paragraph 8, after "Governments", the words "of their obligation to ensure that" were replaced by "that their obligations under";

(d) In the same operative paragraph, the text after the words "eleventh session" was added;

(e) In operative paragraph 10, the words "in keeping with" were replaced by "taking into account" and the words "in this regard" were replaced by "in regard to an optional protocol".

47. A statement was made by the representative of Mexico.

48. 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 resolution.

49. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/49.

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

50. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Australia introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.62, sponsored by Australia, Austria, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Honduras, India, Latvia, Malawi, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Tunisia. Angola, the Czech Republic, El Salvador, France, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Sri Lanka, Togo and Venezuela subsequently joined the sponsors.

51. The resolution was orally revised by the representative of Australia as follows: in operative paragraph 19, after the words "to convene", the words ", within existing resources," were added.

52. A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

53. 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 resolution.

54. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. At the 61st meeting, on 24 April 1996, a statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Japan.

55. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/50.

Human rights and mass exoduses

56. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.73, sponsored by Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Madagascar, Poland, Sweden and Uruguay. Australia, Andorra, the Czech Republic, El Salvador, France, Finland, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Nepal, New Zealand and Norway subsequently joined the sponsors. Latvia subsequently withdrew as sponsor.

57. The resolution was orally revised by the representative of Canada as follows:

(a) In the eighth preambular paragraph, after the word "returnees", the words "in particular, in the framework of tripartite agreements between the State of origin, the State of asylum and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" were added;

(b) In the fourteenth preambular paragraph, the word "report" was replaced by "provide information" and a new text was added at the end of the paragraph after the words "implementation of the Convention";

(c) In operative paragraph 15, after the words "article 35" the word "thereof" replaces the following text: "of the Convention and the General Conclusion on International Protection adopted in 1995 by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

58. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/51.

Internally displaced persons

59. At the 53rd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.89, sponsored by Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Portugal and the Republic of Korea. Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Sweden and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

60. The resolution was orally revised by the representative of Austria as follows:

(a) In the sixth preambular paragraph, the words "identifying and reaffirming" were replaced by "identifying, reaffirming and consolidating";

(b) At the end of the same preambular paragraph, the words "and consolidating them in a single international document" were deleted;

(c) In operative paragraph 16, after the word "facilitate", the words "through regional approaches" were inserted;

(d) In operative paragraph 19, after the words "to provide the representative", the phrase "within existing resources" was added.

61. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/52.

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region

62. At its 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the Commission decided to postpone consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.45.

63. At its 58th meeting, on 23 April 1996, the Commission resumed consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.45, which was introduced by the representative of Nepal and sponsored by Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic and Thailand. China, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Papua New Guinea and South Africa subsequently joined the sponsors.

64. The representative of Nepal orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 7, which read as follows:

"Recognizes that diverse cultural, religious, historical and political particularities, as noted in the Bangkok Declaration and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, play a significant role in the development of regional arrangements, together with the universality of human rights;", was deleted;

(b) New operative paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 were inserted.

65. A statement in this regard was made by the representative of China.

66. The draft resolution was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/64.

Composition of the staff of the Centre for Human Rights

67. At its 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the Commission decided to postpone consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.69.

68. At the 58th meeting, on 23 April 1996, the Commission decided to resume consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.69, which was introduced by the representative of Cuba and sponsored by China, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Senegal, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela and Yemen. Algeria,

Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Guinea, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsors.

El Salvador subsequently withdrew as sponsor.

69. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Netherlands.

70. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Australia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

71. At the request of the representative of the Netherlands, a roll-call vote was taken on the draft resolution. The draft resolution was adopted by 33 votes to 16, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Venezuela, Zimbabwe.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Malawi, Republic of Korea.

72. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/65.

Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights

73. At its 52nd meeting, on 19 April 1996, the Commission decided to postpone consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.65.

74. At its 58th meeting, on 23 April 1996, the Commission decided to further postpone consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.65. At its 61st meeting, on 24 April 1996, the representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) introduced the draft resolution, sponsored by Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein,

Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Ukraine. Australia, Argentina, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Iceland, Lithuania, Peru, the United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela subsequently joined as sponsors.

75. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of China. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of India and Uganda.

76. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/82.
