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Draft report of the Commission

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VII. THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND  
ITS APPLICATION TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR  
ALIEN DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION

1. The Commission considered agenda item 7 concurrently with item 4 (see chap. IV) at its 4th to 8th meetings, from 20 to 22 March 1996, and at its 34th meeting, on 11 April 1996. 1/
2. For the documents issued for the fifty-second session of the Commission under item 7, see annex IV to the present report.
3. At the 8th meeting, on 22 March 1996, the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries, Mr. Enrique Bernales Ballesteros, introduced his report (E/CN.4/1996/27).
4. In the general debate on agenda item 7, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Algeria (5th), Australia (7th), Canada (6th), China (6th), Cuba (6th), India (6th), Indonesia (7th), Mauritania (7th), Republic of Korea (6th), Russian Federation (6th), Ukraine (7th).
5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Afghanistan (8th), Albania (8th), Iraq (6th), Norway (5th), Pakistan (7th), Portugal (6th), South Africa (6th).
6. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (8th), American Association of Jurists (5th), Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (7th), France-Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (5th), Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (7th), Indian Council of Education (8th), International Educational Development, Inc. (8th), International Indian Treaty Council (4th), International Institute for Peace (8th), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (8th), International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (7th), Liberation (8th), Muslim World League (8th), Society for Threatened Peoples (8th), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (4th), World Islamic Call Society (5th), World Jewish Congress (6th), World Muslim Congress (5th), World Peace Council (8th), World Society of Victimology (7th).
7. Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of China (5th), Cuba (5th), India (8th), Indonesia (7th) and the United States of America (5th) and by the observers for Iraq (5th), Morocco (7th, 8th), Pakistan (8th), Portugal (7th) and Turkey (7th).
8. At its 34th meeting, on 11 April 1996, the Commission took up the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 7.

Situation in occupied Palestine

9. The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.7, sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, China, Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritania, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Morocco subsequently joined the sponsors.

10. The representative of the United States of America requested a vote. At the request of the representative of Egypt, a roll-call vote was taken on the draft resolution which was adopted by 28 votes to 1, with 23 abstentions, as follows:

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

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Angola, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Benin, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

11. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/5.

Question of Western Sahara

12. The Chairman introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.8, submitted by the Chairman.

13. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representative of Algeria and the observer for Morocco.

14. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/6.

Middle East peace process

15. The representative of the United States of America introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.9, sponsored by Albania, Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Nicaragua,

Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela. Algeria, Austria, Benin, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Finland, Greece, Iceland, India, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Tunisia subsequently joined the sponsors.

16. The resolution was adopted without a vote. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of France.

17. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/7.

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