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1. The Commission considered agenda item 9 and sub-items (a)-(d) at its 7th meeting, on 19 March, and concurrently with item 17 (see chap. XVII) at its 32nd to 34th meetings, on 6 April, at its 35th meeting on 8 April, at its 39th to 41st meetings, on 9 April, at its 44th meeting, on 14 April and 59th meeting, on 22 April, at its ... meeting, on 24 April 1998. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 9 and sub-items (a)-(d), see annex IV to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.

3. At its 33rd meeting, the Commission held a special debate on gender issues and human rights. The special debate was introduced by a panel of three speakers, Ms. Patricia Flor, Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women, Mrs. Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences. Ms. Patricia Flor opened the discussion, and Mrs. Mary Robinson and Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy subsequently made statements.

4. In the special debate on gender issues and human rights, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Canada (33rd), Denmark (33rd), Germany (33rd), India (33rd), Japan (33rd), Republic of Korea (33rd), Tunisia (33rd), Uganda (33rd), United States of America (33rd), Venezuela (33rd).

5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Afghanistan (33rd), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (33rd), New Zealand (33rd), Norway (33rd), Sweden (33rd).

6. A statement was also made by the observer from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (33rd).

7. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: Centre for Women's Global Leadership (33rd), European Union for Public Relations (33rd), Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women (33rd), International Human Rights Law Group (joint statement with Amnesty International)(33rd), International Institute for Peace (33rd), International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (33rd), North-South XXI (33rd), World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (33rd).

8. In an interactive dialogue, the panel of speakers made remarks and responded to statements made.

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

9. At the 7th meeting, on 19 March 1998, the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Ms. Salma Khan, made a statement.

10. At the 32nd meeting, on 6 April 1998, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, introduced her report (E/CN.4/1998/54 and Add.1).

11. In the general debate on agenda item 9 (a), statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Bangladesh (35th), Brazil (34th), Canada (34th), China (35th), Cuba (35th), Denmark (35th), El Salvador (35th), Germany (35th), India (34th), Indonesia (39th), Japan (34th), Mexico (35th), Pakistan (35th), Peru (34th), Poland (35th), Republic of Korea (34th), Russian Federation (35th), South Africa (35th and 39th), Tunisia (35th), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia)(35th), Ukraine (35th), United States of America (35th).

12. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Afghanistan (40th), Algeria (39th), Azerbaijan (39th), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (40th), Cameroon (40th), Georgia (39th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (40th), Israel (40th), Lithuania (40th), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (39th),

Malta (39th), the Netherlands (40th), New Zealand (39th), Norway (40th), Romania (40th), Turkey (40th). The observer for Switzerland also made a statement (40th).

13. Statements were also made by the observers for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (40th), the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (40th), the World Food Programme (39th), the World Health Organization (39th).

14. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (40th), Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (41st), Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (44th), Asian Cultural Forum on Development (41st), Asian Women's Human Rights Council (41st), Canadian Council of Churches (41st), Catholic Institute for International Relations (41st), European Union of Public Relations (41st), Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (41st), Human Rights Watch (41st), Indian Movement "Tupaj Amaru" (41st), International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (41st), International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (41st), International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (41st), International Human Rights Law Group (41st), International League for Human Rights (40th), International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education (44th), International Progress Organization (41st), International Women's Tribune Centre (44th), Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defence of Women's Rights (44th), Movement Against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples (44th), Parliamentarians for Global Action (41st), Pax Christi International (40th), Transnational Radical Party (41st), Women's International Democratic Federation (41st), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (41st), World Alliance of Reformed Churches (joint statement with the World Council of Churches)(41st), World Federation for Mental Health (44th), World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (on behalf of Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, Defence for Children International, International Council on Social Welfare, International Federation of Social Workers, International Federation of University Women, National Council of German Women's Organizations, Pax Christi International, Socialist International Women, Soroptimist International, Women's World Summit Foundation, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, World Federation of United Nations Associations, World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations,

World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA), Zonta International (40th), World Organization against Torture (40th), World Society of Victimology (41st).

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

15. In the general debate on agenda item 9 (b), statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Argentina (34th), China (35th), El Salvador (35th), Guatemala (39th), Japan (34th), Madagascar (35th), Pakistan (35th), South Africa (39th), Sri Lanka (34th).

16. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Australia (40th), Malta (39th), Romania (40th).

17. Statements were also made by: Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (32nd), Canadian Human Rights Commission (32nd), Comité supérieur des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales (Tunisia) (34th), Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme (France) (34th), Commission nationale des droits de l'homme (Togo) (34th), Commission on Human Rights Philippines (32nd), Consultative Council for Human Rights of the Kingdom of Morocco (32nd), Danish Centre for Human Rights (32nd), Human Rights Commission in New Zealand (32nd), National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (Cameroon)(32nd), National Commission on Human Rights of Mexico (32nd), National Commission of Human Rights of Venezuela (34th), National Human Rights Commission of India (32nd), National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia (34th), National Security Council on Human Rights Issues of Georgia (34th), Observatoire national des droits de l'homme (Algeria) (34th), South African Human Rights Commission (32nd), Uganda Human Rights Commission (34th).

18. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: Andean Commission of Jurists (40th), Asian Cultural Forum on Development (41st), Federation of Associations for the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights (44th), Human Rights Internet (41st), Service Peace and Justice in Latin America (44th).

(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

19. In the general debate on agenda item 9 (c), statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: China (35th), Cuba (35th), Poland (35th), Russian Federation (35th), South Africa (39th), Ukraine (35th).

20. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Georgia (39th), Malta (39th).

21. A statement was also made by the observer for the World Food Programme (39th).

(d) Human rights, mass exoduses and displaced persons

22. At the 34th meeting, on 6 April 1998, the representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons, Mr. Francis M. Deng, introduced his report (E/CN.4/1998/53 and Add.1-2).

23. In the general debate on agenda item 9 (d), statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Austria (35th), Brazil (34th), Malaysia (35th), Mexico (35th), Russian Federation (35th), Ukraine (35th), United States of America (34th).

24. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Armenia (40th), Azerbaijan (39th), Cyprus (40th), Georgia (39th), Hungary (39th), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries) (40th). The observer for Switzerland also made a statement (40th).

25. A statement was also made by the observers for the International Committee of the Red Cross (40th), International Organization for Migration (40th), United Nations Children's Fund (40th), World Food Programme (39th).

26. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: American Association of Jurists (40th), Amnesty International (40th), Canadian Council of Churches (41st), Caritas Internationalis (joint statement with Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers))(41st), Catholic Institute for International Relations (41st), Franciscans International (40th), European Union of Public Relations (41st), Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (41st), International Educational Development, Inc. (41st), International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and other Minorities (41st), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (41st), International Institute for Peace (41st), International Peace Bureau (41st), International Progress Organization (41st), Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees (41st), Lutheran World Federation (joint statement with World Christian Life Community)(41st), Transnational Radical Party (41st), World Federation of Trade Unions (41st).

27. Statements in exercise of the right of reply or its equivalent were made by the observers for Azerbaijan (41st), Cyprus (41st), Greece (41st) and Turkey (41st).

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

28. At the 58th meeting, on 22 April 1998, the observer for Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and China introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.41. Israel subsequently joined the sponsors.

29. Statements in explanation of the vote before the vote were made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the European Union and by Germany.

30. It was decided to postpone the consideration of the draft resolution.

31. At its 59th meeting, on 22 April 1998, the Commission resumed consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.41.

32. The representative of Colombia (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned States and China) orally revised the second preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 1 and 4 of the draft resolution.

33. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Germany and the United States of America.

34. The representative of Germany requested a vote. The representative of Cuba requested a roll-call vote to be taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised.

35. The Commission decided to postpone consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.41.

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

36. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.42, sponsored by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Philippines. Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, China, Cyprus, India, Japan, Jordan, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand subsequently joined the sponsors.

37. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/44.

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

38. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the observer for Costa Rica introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.52, sponsored by Afghanistan,

Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uruguay and Venezuela. Angola, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, Democratic Republic of the Congo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, India, Malaysia, Mali, the Netherlands, Norway, the Sudan, Thailand and Togo subsequently joined the sponsors.

39. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/45.

Composition of the staff of the Centre for Human Rights

40. At its 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.63, sponsored by Algeria, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Yemen. Angola, Ecuador, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan and Uganda subsequently joined the sponsors.

41. The representative of Cuba orally revised operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution.

42. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by Mr. Maryan Baquerot, Director of the Division of Administration of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

43. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Cuba.

44. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), and the United States of America.

45. The representative of the United States of America requested a vote. At the request of the representative of Cuba, a roll-call vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted by 36 votes to 16, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: Austria, Belarus, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Poland, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Republic of Korea

46. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/46.

Human rights and terrorism

47. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the observer for Turkey introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.64, sponsored by Algeria, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Pakistan, Peru, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Turkey. Bangladesh, Georgia and India subsequently joined the sponsors.

48. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Argentina, Chile and Mexico.

49. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States of America.

50. At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a vote by show of hands was taken on the draft resolution, which was adopted by 33 votes to 0, with 20 abstentions.

51. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/47.

Human rights and arbitrary deprivation of nationality

52. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.65, sponsored by Mexico, Portugal and the Russian Federation. Belarus, Colombia and Nicaragua subsequently joined the sponsors.

53. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/48.

Human rights and mass exoduses

54. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.67, sponsored by Australia, Canada, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Nepal, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Austria, Ecuador, El Salvador, Greece, Italy, Japan, Norway, Tunisia and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

55. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/49.

Internally displaced persons

56. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.68, sponsored by Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and Uganda. Angola, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Ecuador, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Russian Federation, South Africa, the United States of America, Uruguay and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

57. 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 estimated administrative and programme budget implications 3/ of the draft resolution.

58. The representative of Austria orally revised operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 11 and deleted operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution.

59. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Mexico and the Sudan.

60. 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 1998/50.

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

61. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.69, sponsored by Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia and the United States of America. Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Lithuania, the Philippines, Poland, Slovenia, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

62. 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 estimated administrative and programme budget implications 3/ of the draft resolution.

63. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/51.

The elimination of violence against women

64. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.70, sponsored by Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Tunisia. Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Georgia, Greece, Haiti, Iceland, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, South Africa, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela subsequently joined the sponsors.

65. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Cuba and Germany.

66. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/52.

Impunity

67. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.72, sponsored by Canada, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Guatemala, Haiti, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Norway and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia subsequently joined the sponsors.

68. The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution by introducing a new preambular paragraph after preambular paragraph 1, and by making changes to preambular paragraphs 4, 5, 7 and operative paragraph 1.

69. 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 1998/53.

Human rights and thematic procedures

70. At the 58th meeting, on 22 April 1998, the representative of the Czech Republic introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.73, sponsored by Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Uruguay. Argentina, Australia, Belgium, France, Greece, Ireland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Portugal, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

71. The representative of the Czech Republic orally revised the draft resolution by introducing a new preambular paragraph after preambular paragraph 1, and by making changes to operative paragraphs 2 (b), 5 (b) and 11.

72. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Cuba.

73. 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 1998/74.

Towards a culture of peace

74. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative of El Salvador introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.74, sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Israel, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, the Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Uruguay and Venezuela. Angola, Georgia, Malta, Nepal and Tunisia subsequently joined the sponsors.

75. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/54.

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

76. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the observer for Australia introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.75, sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, the United States of America and Venezuela. Angola, Costa Rica, Georgia, Israel, Norway, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Togo subsequently joined the sponsors.

77. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/55.

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

78. At the 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the representative for Poland introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.77/Rev.1, sponsored by Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Nepal, the Netherlands, Norway, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, the former

Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, France, Germany, India, Lithuania, Mozambique, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, South Africa, the Sudan and Ukraine subsequently joined the sponsors.

79. The representative for Poland orally revised the draft resolution by introducing a new preambular paragraph after preambular paragraph 5.

80. A statement in connection with the draft resolution, as orally revised, was made by the representative of Cuba. The representative of Cuba also withdrew draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.26.

81. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Malaysia and the Sudan.

82. 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 1998/56.

Freedom of Movement and population transfer

83. At its 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the Commission considered draft decision 7 recommended by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for adoption by the Commission (see E/CN.4/1998/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/50, chap. I).

84. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 1998/106.

Human rights and terrorism

85. At its 52nd meeting, on 17 April 1998, the Commission considered draft decision 9 recommended by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for adoption by the Commission (see E/CN.4/1998/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/50, chap. I).

86. 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 estimated administrative and programme budget implications 3/ of the draft decision.

87. A statement in connection with the draft decision was made by the representative of India.

88. The representative of the United States of America requested a vote. At the request of the representative of India, a roll-call vote was taken on the draft decision which was adopted by 37 votes to 0, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Argentina, Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

89. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 1998/107.

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