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QUESTION OF SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE TRADE IN ALL THEIR PRACTICES AND MANIFESTATIONS, INCLUDING THE SLAVERY-LIKE PRACTICES OF APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM

Report of the Working Group on Slavery on its eighth session

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Corrigendum

Paragraph 14

Subparagraph (d) should read as follows:

Information received from specialized agencies - ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO -
(E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.2/1982/4, Add.1).

Paragraph 17

The paragraph should read as follows:

17. The representative of the Anti-Slavery Society referred to his Society's statement entitled "Bonded Labour in India" which suggested that there might be as many as 5,000,000 bonded labourers in India of whom 86.6 per cent originated from the scheduled castes and tribes. Land reform, the organization of peasant farmers, co-operative banks and education were offered as some suggestions towards the solution of the problem, no doubt with assistance from the appropriate United Nations specialized agencies.

Paragraph 21

The paragraph should read as follows:

21. The Anti-Slavery Society once again drew the attention of the Working Group to the serious condition of Haitian migrant workers in the Dominican Republic. During a recent visit (April-June 1982) the Society's representative had noted minor improvements in conditions since the last report in 1979, but the situation still gave cause for concern. Living conditions, pay and working hours were unsatisfactory even for those who worked legally. For those employed illegally the situation was even more serious.

Paragraph 22

The paragraph should read as follows:

22. The representative of the International Labour Organisation pointed out that debt bondage, as it existed in India, as well as the situation that Haitians confronted in the Dominican Republic, were problems which were under consideration by the International Labour Organisation supervisory bodies in relation to a number of International Labour Organisation conventions. Referring to document E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.2/1982/4 submitted by the International Labour Organisation to the Working Group, he recalled that India was already a party to the Supplementary Slavery Convention of 1956 and the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, and noted, with respect to the recommendation made by the Anti-Slavery Society regarding the need for the organization of rural workers, that India had also ratified the Rural Workers' Organizations Convention, 1975.

Paragraph 25

The paragraph should read as follows:

25. It was stated, in this connection, that in Brazil in 1976 an estimated 2,590,000 children were working, most of them in agriculture. Many categories, such as children working as domestic servants, were excluded from the figures. It was emphasized that the children were generally badly paid and worked long hours in conditions detrimental to their health and morals.

Paragraph 27

The first sentence should read as follows:

Non-governmental organizations expressed concern at the growing number of street children and felt that this was a matter which should engage the attention of the international community.

Paragraph 28

After the fifth sentence, insert the following sentence:

28. The representative of the International Labour Organisation recalled that, in the light of the information previously submitted to the Working Group concerning child labour in Thailand, the International Labour Organisation had undertaken consultations with the Thai authorities on possible ILO assistance in dealing with the problem.

The remainder of the paragraph beginning "Referring to the question of 'sex tourism', mention was made ..." becomes new paragraph 29.

Renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

Paragraph 38

The paragraph should read as follows:

38. The representative of the International Labour Office referred to the document submitted by the International Labour Office to the Working Group (E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.2/1982/4) which mentioned in particular the further declaration concerning the policy of apartheid in South Africa adopted by the International Labour Conference in 1981 and the decision to establish a standing committee on apartheid at the Conference. He transmitted to the Working Group the report of the Committee on Apartheid at the 1982 session of the International Labour Conference; the conclusions of the Committee had been adopted by the Conference.

Recommendation 4

The words "with the assistance of UNESCO" should read "with the assistance of the competent United Nations specialized agencies".