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1. The Commission considered agenda item 17 concurrently with items 7, 8 and 18 (see chaps. VII, VIII and XVIII) at its 17th to 21st meetings, on 11, 12 and 15 February, at its 42nd meeting, on 26 February, and at its 57th and 58th meetings, on 5 March 1993. 2/
2. The Commission had before it the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1993/69).
3. In the general debate on item 17, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia (17th), Bulgaria (21st), Canada (21st), Chile (18th), Finland (19th), Poland (21st), Romania (21st), Russian Federation (21st), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (21st).
4. The Commission also heard a statement by the observer for Hungary (18th).
5. At its 42nd meeting, the Commission took up consideration of the draft resolutions submitted under item 17.
6. The observer for Norway introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.23, sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, Cameroon*, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark*, Finland, Hungary*, Italy*, the Netherlands, New Zealand*, Norway*, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia*, Spain*, Sweden*, Switzerland*, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay. Austria, Colombia, Germany, Madagascar*, Nicaragua* and the Republic of Korea subsequently joined the sponsors.
7. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.
8. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/15.
9. At the same meeting, the Commission postponed consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.25, sponsored by the Russian Federation. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The Commission on Human Rights,

"Affirming that the consistent and effective implementation of international human rights instruments is of major importance to the strengthening of peace, international cooperation and promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

"Bearing in mind the considerable changes within the international community, connected with the emergence of new States which are the successors of those States that have been responsible for the obligations under

international human rights treaties of the relevant territories before the date of succession,

"Emphasizing the special importance of the observance of universal standards of human rights for the maintenance of stability and the rule of law in any State,

"Noting that the non-participation of these States in international human rights treaties impedes their full-scale cooperation with the United Nations human rights bodies and their contribution to efforts by the international community for the universal enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

"1. Expresses its satisfaction that some of the aforementioned States have already become parties to international human rights treaties or have notified their succession to those treaties;

"2. Urges those States that have not yet done so to consider without delay the issue of their succession in respect of international human rights treaties, as well as to accede to or ratify those international human rights treaties to which the predecessor States have not been parties;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to render advisory services to these States Members of the United Nations with respect to their succession or accession to international human rights treaties and to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fiftieth session in regard to action taken under this agenda item;

"4. Decides to continue the consideration of this question at its fiftieth session under the agenda item entitled 'Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights'."

10. At its 58th meeting, on 5 March 1993, the representative of the Russian Federation introduced a revised draft resolution (E/CN.4/1993/L.25/Rev.1), sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Belgium*, Canada, the Czech Republic, France, Greece*, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Slovakia*, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Angola, Germany and Poland subsequently joined the sponsors.

11. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

12. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/23.
