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Chapter VII

The right to development

1. The Commission considered agenda item 7 at its 10th to 13th meetings, on 27 and 28 March, and at its 46th meeting, on 13 April 2000.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 7, see annex VI to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairperson's statements, by agenda item, see annex V.
3. At the 10th meeting, on 27 March 2000, the independent expert on the right to development, Mr. Arjun Sengupta, made a statement.
4. In the general debate on agenda item 7, statements were made by members of the Commission, observers and non-governmental organizations. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex III to the present report.

The right to development

5. At the 46th meeting, on 13 April 2000, the representative of South Africa introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.14, sponsored by China, Mexico and South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries). Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.
6. Operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of South Africa.
7. 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 2000/5.
