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on Friday, 3 November 2006, at 3 p.m.

Chairperson: Mr. KARIYAWASAM

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER
ARTICLE 73 OF THE CONVENTION (agenda item 3) (continued)

Concluding observations on the initial report of Mexico

1. At the invitation of the Chairperson, Ms. CUBÍAS MEDINA read out the salient points of the concluding observations that the Committee had at its previous meeting adopted on the initial report of Mexico.*
2. Mr. BRILLANTES noted that the construction of a fence along the border between Mexico and the United States of America had both positive and negative aspects in respect of migration and the situation of migrant workers. He asked whether it would be appropriate for the Committee to mention such aspects, or if it should remain silent about them.
3. Mr. TAGHIZADE, supported by Mr. ALBA, said the Committee should refrain from raising issues in countries that were not parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, as such discussions were beyond the Committee's purview.
4. The CHAIRPERSON pointed out that such matters were addressed by the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants.

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5. Mr. ALBA noted that a meeting was planned for 2007 with a view to establishing a global forum on migration and development as a follow-up to the High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development held by the General Assembly in September 2006. He asked whether the Committee should take the initiative to participate in that event, perhaps by sending an observer. It was worth noting that the forum was being held in Brussels, which was also where the International NGO Platform on the Migrant Workers' Convention was based.
6. The CHAIRPERSON pointed out that, unlike the High-Level Dialogue, the event in question was not being held under the auspices of the United Nations. Therefore, the Committee could only take part in the event if it was invited to do so by the organizers, which meant the Belgian Government. It would no doubt be useful to ensure some form of participation so as to advocate a rights-based approach to migration issues. He suggested that the secretariat should ask the organizers whether the Committee would be invited to participate. Hopefully, a reply would be forthcoming before the Committee's April 2007 session.
7. It was so decided.

* Subsequently to be issued as document CMW/C/MEX/CO/1.

8. Mr. TAGHIZADE said that it would be useful to ask the secretariat to associate other bodies such as the International Labour Organization and the International Organization for Migration with the Committee's work, especially in relation to the various factors encouraging or discouraging States from acceding to the Convention.

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9. The CHAIRPERSON said that the fifth session had been particularly productive. The Committee had held a constructive dialogue with the delegation of Mexico on its initial report and had adopted the relevant concluding observations. It had also agreed on a topic for a day of general discussion to be held in November 2007, addressed the question of treaty body reform and discussed ways of promoting the Convention. After the customary exchange of courtesies, he declared the fifth session closed.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.