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<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. AZMI	(Egypt)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. INGLES	Philippines
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. WHITLAM	Australia
	Mr. NISOT	Belgium
	Mr. ORTEGA	Chile
	Mr. CHENG PAONAN	China
	Mr. JUVIGNY	France
	Mr. ROUSSOS	Greece
	Mr. RAJAN	India
	Mr. PIRACHA	Pakistan
	Mr. BIRECKI)	Poland
	Mr. FORYS .)	
	Mr. ASIROGLU	Turkey
	Mr. SAPOZHENIKOV	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
	Mr. MOROZOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Mr. HOARE	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Mrs. LORD	United States of America.
	Mr. RODRIGUEZ FABREGAT	Uruguay

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Mr. MANNING	International Labour Organisation
Mr. ARNALDO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

Category B:

Mr. JOFTES	Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations
Mrs. REGISTER	International Council of Women
Miss RANDALL	International Federation of Business and Professional Women
Miss ROBB	International Federation of University Women

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Rights of Man

Mrs. WALSER

Women's International League for
Peace and Freedom

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REPORT OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (E/CN.4/L.366/Add.5 and 6, 378) (continued)

Document E/CN.4/L.366/Add.5

Mr. INGLES (Philippines), Rapporteur, said that certain changes had been made in paragraphs 15, 17, 18, 23, 32 and 40.

Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) proposed that the third sentence in paragraph 2 should be amended to read: "The question of reservations to the draft covenant on economic, social and cultural rights was not considered by the Commission"; that was more in accordance with the facts.

His delegation's views should have been stated more fully, or not at all, in paragraphs 29 and 33. As they had been stated elsewhere in the report, he proposed the deletion of the phrase "which was based on the doctrine of inalienable sovereignty" in paragraph 29 and of paragraph 33 as a whole.

Mr. ORTEGA (Chile) said that one of the reasons for the submission of the draft article referred to in paragraph 12 had been omitted from paragraph 13, namely, that it would be inadmissible for the United Nations itself, after declaring that the fundamental rights were inherent in every human person, to permit any of them to be denied to any group of persons. He would hand the Rapporteur a text embodying that idea.

Mr. NISOT (Belgium) said that the words "without transitional stages" should be added at the end of the second sentence in paragraph 35 and the following sentence should be deleted.

In paragraph 40, the third sentence should be completed by the words "and that in any case the Soviet Union proposal also bore on article 72"; he would prefer that to the additional paragraph suggested by the Rapporteur.

All the amendments were accepted.

Document E/CN.4/L.366/Add.5 was adopted.

E/CN.4/L.366/Add.6

Mr. INGLES (Philippines), Rapporteur, pointed out that in paragraph 1 of the chapter on communications, the words "in one country" and "in another country" in the fifth sentence should be deleted, since the representative of the Secretary-General, on whose statement the paragraph was based, had not actually given that information.

Mr. HOARE (United Kingdom) said that that was precisely the kind of information which, if available - as it apparently was - should be included in the report, since it would provide a valuable indication of which communications were concerned with scattered individual cases and which were the result of organized action. Such information, moreover, had been included in past reports.

Mr. JUVIGNY (France) replied that information which had not been presented to the Commission at the meeting described in the part of the report under consideration could not properly be recorded in the report.

Mr. INGLES (Philippines), Rapporteur, Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Mr. NISOT (Belgium) shared that view.

Mr. HOARE (United Kingdom) would not press the point. He could only regret that the information, which he believed to be correct, relevant and interesting, had been withheld from the Commission.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ FABREGAT (Uruguay) felt that the total of communications received by the Commission since its inception should have been given in the report. He understood that it represented a staggering figure. The present passage gave the number of communications received during periods which seemed to be arbitrarily chosen. Furthermore, the present system of handling communications was entirely unsatisfactory; his Government reserved its right to raise the subject in the General Assembly. He would be unable to support the part of the report contained in document E/CN.4/L.366/Add.6.

Document E/CN.4/L.366/Add.6 was adopted.

Arrangements of the provisions of the draft covenants (E/CN.4/L.378)

The Rapporteur's suggestions concerning the arrangement of the provisions of the draft covenants were adopted.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.