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XII. INTEGRATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE:

(a) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

1. The Commission considered agenda item 12 at its 29th to 31st meetings, on 13 April, at its 33rd and 34th meetings, on 14 and 15 April, and at its 55th meeting, on 26 April 1999. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 12, see annex VI to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.

3. At the 29th meeting, on 13 April 1999, the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women, Ms. Patricia Flor, made a statement.

4. At the same meeting, a statement was made by Ms. Angela E. King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

5. At the 30th meeting, on 13 April 1999, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, introduced her report (E/CN.4/1999/68 and Add.1-4). At the 34th meeting, on 15 April 1999, the Special Rapporteur made her concluding remarks.

6. Also at the 30th meeting, a statement was made by Ms. Hanna B. Schöpp-Schilling, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

7. In the general debate on agenda item 12, statements were made by members of the Commission, observers and non-governmental organizations. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex III.

Traffic in women and girls

8. At the 55th meeting, on 26 April 1999, the representative of the Philippines introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1999/L.45, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bhutan, Botswana, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Italy, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine and Uruguay. Ecuador, Finland, France, India,

Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Senegal and Turkey subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1999/40.

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

10. At the 55th meeting, on 26 April 1999, the representative of Chile introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1999/L.51, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mexico, Mozambique, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia. Azerbaijan, Belgium, France, Iceland, Israel, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Turkey and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsors.

11. Operative paragraphs 10 and 14 were revised by the representative of Chile.

12. 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 1999/41.

Elimination of violence against women

13. At the 55th meeting, on 26 April 1999, the representatives of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1999/L.56, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mozambique, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of

Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela. Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Georgia, Israel, Kenya, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Moldova, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Rwanda, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Slovakia, the United States of America and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

14. Operative paragraph 11 was orally revised by the representative of Canada.

15. 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 1999/42.

Systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflict, including internal armed conflict

16. At the 55th meeting, on 26 April 1999, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced draft decision E/CN.4/1999/L.58, sponsored by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Albania, Canada, France, Israel, Mauritius, the Netherlands. Norway and the Republic of Korea subsequently joined the sponsors.

17. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications 3/ of the draft resolution.

18. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text of the decision as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 1999/105.

19. In view of the adoption of decision 1999/105, the Commission took no action on draft decision 4 recommended by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for adoption by the Commission (see E/CN.4/1999/4 - E/CN.4/Sub.2/1998/45, chap. I).

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