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XX. RIGHTS OF PERSONS BELONGING TO NATIONAL OR ETHNIC,
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1. The Commission considered agenda item 20 at its 22nd and 23rd meetings, on 16 February and at its 57th meeting, on 5 March 1993. 2/
2. The Commission had before it the following documents:
 - Note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1993/85);
 - Note verbale dated 12 February 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights (E/CN.4/1993/93);
 - Written statement submitted by the Andean Commission of Jurists, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category II) (E/CN.4/1993/NGO/13);
 - Written statement submitted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category I) (E/CN.4/1993/NGO/21);
 - Written statement submitted by Pax Christi International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category II) (E/CN.4/1993/NGO/37).
3. In the general debate on item 20, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia (23rd), Austria (23rd), China (23rd), Costa Rica (22nd), Czech Republic (23rd), United States of America (22nd), Finland (on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) (23rd), Malaysia (23rd), Nigeria (23rd), Pakistan (23rd), Poland (23rd), Romania (23rd), Russian Federation (23rd).
4. At its 23rd meeting, the Commission also heard statements by the observers for: Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Myanmar, Viet Nam.
5. The observer for Switzerland also made a statement (23rd).
6. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: Anglican Consultative Council (22nd), Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (23rd), Commission for the Defence of Human Rights in Central America (23rd), International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (22nd), International Educational Development, Inc. (23rd), International Fellowship of Reconciliation (22nd), International Immigrants Foundation, Inc. (23rd), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (22nd), International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (22nd), Minority Rights

Group (23rd), Pax Romana (22nd), Service, Peace and Justice in Latin America (23rd), World Movement of Mothers (22nd), World Muslim Congress (22nd), World Organization against Torture (22nd).

7. Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Cuba (23rd), India (23rd), Pakistan (23rd) and Sudan (23rd).

8. At the 57th meeting, on 5 March 1993, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.36, sponsored by Argentina, Armenia*, Australia, Austria, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Finland, Greece*, Hungary*, Italy*, Liechtenstein*, Norway*, Poland, the Russian Federation, Switzerland*, Sweden*, and Uruguay. Canada, Nicaragua*, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia* and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

10. A statement in explanation of his delegation's position was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

11. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/24.
