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XVII. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 17 concurrently with items 7, 8 and 18 (see chaps. VII, VIII and XVIII) at its 13th to 19th meetings, on 7 to 10 February, and at its 42nd meeting, on 24 February 1995.
2. In relation to agenda item 17, the Commission had before it the following documents:
  - Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1995/79 and Corr.1);
  - Report of the Secretary-General on succession of States in respect of international human rights treaties (E/CN.4/1995/80);
  - Letter dated 31 January 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i., of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Commission on Human Rights (E/CN.4/1995/121);
  - Letter dated 1 February 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights (E/CN.4/1995/122);
  - Written statement submitted by Human Rights Watch, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category II) (E/CN.4/1995/NGO/13).
3. In the general debate on agenda item 17, statements were made by the following members of the Commission: Algeria (14th), Australia (14th), Austria (14th), Benin (17th), Brazil (16th), El Salvador (17th), Hungary (16th), Philippines (17th), Poland (14th), Russian Federation (17th), United States of America (16th).
4. The Commission also heard statements by the observers for: Armenia (17th), Bosnia and Herzegovina (13th), Croatia (13th), Slovenia (13th).
5. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: International Association of Educators for World Peace (14th), International League for Human Rights (13th), Union of Arab Jurists (18th).
6. At its 42nd meeting, on 24 February 1995, the Commission took up consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 17.
7. At the same meeting, the representative of Norway introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1995/L.19, sponsored by Argentina\*, Armenia\*, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Chile, Cyprus\*, Denmark\*, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Madagascar\*, the Netherlands, New Zealand\*, Nicaragua, Norway\*, Peru, Poland, Portugal\*, the Russian Federation, Spain\* and Sweden\*.

Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica\*, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti\*, Iceland\*, Ireland\*, Latvia\*, Mauritius, the Republic of Korea and Slovakia\* subsequently joined the sponsors.

8. At the same meeting, the representative of Algeria proposed the following amendments to the draft resolution:

(a) In the second preambular paragraph, replace the word "constituent" by the words "figurent parmi".

(b) In operative paragraph 9, insert the word "divers" between the word "les" and the word "autres"; replace the words "respecter ces" by the words "définir des" and the words "qu'ils" by the words "ceux qui".

(c) In operative paragraph 12, replace the word "dûment" by the words "comme il convient".

(d) In operative paragraph 15, replace the words "d'aider les" by the words "de répondre aux demandes d'aide des".

9. Statements in connection with the draft resolution and the amendment proposed made by the representative of Algeria were made by the representatives of Canada, the Netherlands and the Sudan and the observer for Norway.

10. The Commission decided to postpone consideration of the draft resolution.

11. At the same meeting, the Commission resumed consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1995/L.19.

12. The representative of Norway orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the second preambular paragraph, the words "the first" were deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 9, the word "respect" was replaced by the word "accept";

(c) In operative paragraph 15, the words "with their agreement" were inserted after the words "to the Covenants".

13. The draft resolution, as amended and revised, was adopted without a vote.

14. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1995/22.

15. At the same meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1995/L.20, sponsored by Argentina\*, Armenia\*, Australia, Canada, the Czech Republic\*, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia\*, Poland, Portugal\*, the Russian Federation, Slovakia\*, Ukraine\*,

the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Belgium\*, El Salvador, Greece\*, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti\*, Mauritius, the Netherlands and South Africa\* subsequently joined the sponsors.

16. Draft resolution E/CN.4/1995/L.20 was adopted without a vote.

17. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1995/18.

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