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AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

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XVI. CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

1. The Sub-Commission considered items 15 and 16 at its 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st and 27th meetings, on 9, 10, 11, 15 and 18 August 1995.
2. In connection with its consideration of the item, the Sub-Commission had before it the following documents:
 - Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its twentieth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/28 and Add.1);
 - Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Prevention of the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, submitted pursuant to Sub-Commission resolution 1994/5 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/29 and Add.1);
 - Working paper on the situation of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during wartime, including internal armed conflict, submitted by Ms. Linda Chavez in accordance with Sub-Commission decision 1994/109 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/38);
 - Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/39);
 - Written statement by the International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, a non-governmental organization on the Roster (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/NGO/14).
3. At the 15th meeting, on 10 August 1995, Mr. Maxim, the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, introduced the report of the Working Group (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/28 and Add.1).
4. Also at the 15th meeting, Ms. Chavez introduced the working paper on the situation of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during wartime, including internal armed conflict (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/38).
5. In the general debate on the item, statements 1/ were made by the following members of the Sub-Commission: Ms. Chavez (17th), Mr. Fan Guoxiang (17th), Ms. Forero Ucros (16th), Mr. Guissé (16th), Ms. Gwanmesia (16th, 17th), Mr. Hatano (15th), Mr. Lindgren Alves (16th, 17th), Ms. Mbonu (15th), Ms. Palley (15th, 17th), Ms. Warzazi (16th), Mr. Yimer (15th).
6. Statements were made by the observers for: Bangladesh (17th), Brazil (17th), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (17th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (17th), Iraq (17th), Japan (15th), Pakistan (17th), Republic of Korea (17th), Uruguay (17th).
7. The Sub-Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education

for Development (16th), African Health and Human Rights Promoters Commission (16th), Anti-Slavery International (17th), Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (17th), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (16th), International Association Against Torture (17th), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (16th), International Association of Educators for World Peace (17th), International Catholic Child Bureau (17th), International Commission of Jurists (16th), International Committee for European Security and Cooperation (16th), International Educators for World Peace (17th), International Fellowship of Reconciliation (17th), International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (13th), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (16th), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (17th), International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (16th), Liberation (16th), Pax Romana (16th), World Federation of Democratic Youth (17th).

8. A joint statement was made by the International Abolitionist Federation on behalf of the International Alliance of Women - Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities, the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Federation of University Women (16th).

9. Statements equivalent to a right of reply were made by the observers for: Brazil (17th), China (17th), India (17th), Netherlands (17th), Pakistan (17th).

10. At the 17th meeting, on 11 August 1995, the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery made his concluding remarks.

11. At the same meeting, Ms. Chavez made a statement.

Systematic rape and sexual slavery during periods of armed conflict

12. At the 27th meeting, on 18 August 1995, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/L.20, sponsored by Mr. Ali Khan, Ms. Attah, Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Eide, Mr. El-Hajjé, Ms. Ferriol Echevarría, Ms. Ferero Ucros, Mr. Guissé, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Hatano, Mr. Khalifa, Ms. Koufa, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer. Mr. Fan Guoxiang subsequently joined the sponsors.

13. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

14. For the text of the resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1995/14.

United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

15. At the 27th meeting, on 18 August 1995, the Sub-Commission considered the draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/L.25, sponsored by Ms. Chavez, Ms. Ferriol Echevarría, Mr. Hakim, Ms. Koufa, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer.

16. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

17. For the text of the resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1995/15.

Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

18. At the 27th meeting, on 18 August 1995, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/L.26, sponsored by Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Eide, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Fan Guoxiang, Ms. Forero Ucros, Mr. Gavrilesco, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Joinet, Ms. Koufa, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer.

19. Ms. Warzazi proposed to add, in operative paragraph 39, after the words "the Government of Japan", the words "to the Working Group and the Sub-Commission at its forty-seventh session".

20. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by Ms. Chavez, Mr. Hatano, Mr. Lindgren Alves and Ms. Palley.

21. The draft resolution, as revised, was adopted without a vote.

22. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1995/16.

Draft programme of action on the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others

23. At the 27th meeting, on 18 August 1995, the Sub-Commission considered draft decision E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/L.27, sponsored by Mr. Boutkevitch, Mr. Chernichenko, Mr. Eide, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Fan Guoxiang, Mr. Gavrilesco, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Khalifa, Ms. Koufa, Ms. Palley, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer. Mr. Guissé subsequently joined the sponsors.

24. A statement in connection with the draft decision was made by Mr. Lindgren Alves.

25. The draft decision was adopted without a vote.

26. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section B decision 1995/109.
