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AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

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XVIII. PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

1. The Sub-Commission considered agenda item 17 at its 9th, 10th, 13th and 15th meetings, on 7, 9 and 10 August 1995.

2. The Sub-Commission had before it the following documents in connection with its consideration of the item:

Possible ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities: report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to Sub-Commission resolution 1994/4 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/33 and Add.1 and 2);

Enclaved groups: working paper prepared by Mr. Asbjørn Eide pursuant to Sub-Commission decision 1994/113 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/34);

Note verbale dated 9 June 1995 from the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/40);

Written statement submitted by Human Rights Watch, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category II) (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/NGO/13);

Written statement submitted by the International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, a non-governmental organization on the Roster (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/NGO/14);

Written statement submitted by the International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, a non-governmental organization on the Roster (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/NGO/15);

3. At its 11th meeting, on 8 August 1995, Mr. Eide introduced his working paper (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/34).

4. In the general debate on the item, statements 1/ were made by the following members of the Sub-Commission: Mr. Boutkevitch (11th), Mr. Chernichenko (13th), Ms. Daes (11th), Mr. Eide (9th, 11th, 13th), Mr. El-Hajjé (13th), Mr. Fan (14th), Mr. Hakim (13th), Mr. Hatano (10th), Mr. Khan (13th) and Ms. Palley (11th, 15th).

5. Statements were made by the observers for Azerbaijan (15th), India (15th), Pakistan (15th), the Russian Federation (15th), Turkey (15th) and Ukraine (15th).

6. The Sub-Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education

for Development (13th), African Health and Human Rights Promoters Commission (14th), France-Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterand (13th), Habitat International Coalition (14th), International Committee for European Security and Cooperation (10th), International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and Other Minorities (13th), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (10th), International League for Human Rights (10th), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (14th), International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education (10th), Liberation (10th), Minority Rights Group (10th) and Pax Christi (14th).

7. A joint statement was made by the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and the Korean Human Rights Association in Japan (13th).

8. Statements equivalent to a right of reply were made by the observers for: Albania (15th), China (13th), Cyprus (14th, 15th), Ethiopia (13th), Greece (15th), India (15th), Iraq (10th), Israel (16th), Japan (11th), Latvia (15th), Pakistan (13th and 15th) and Turkey (15th).
