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1. The Commission considered agenda item 24 at its 56th, 59th, 60th, 61st meetings, on 5 and 8 March, and at its 67th meeting, on 10 March 1993. 2/
2. The Commission had before it the following documents:
 - Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1993/65);
 - Note by the Secretariat on the draft programme of action for the elimination of the exploitation of child labour (E/CN.4/1993/66);
 - Report on the sale of children submitted by Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur appointed in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1992/76 (E/CN.4/1993/67 and Add.1);
 - Letter dated 29 January 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights (E/CN.4/1993/86);
 - Note verbale dated 17 February 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Centre for Human Rights (E/CN.4/1993/95);
 - Note verbale dated 19 February 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Centre for Human Rights (E/CN.4/1993/99);
 - Letter dated 3 March 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights (E/CN.4/1993/109);
 - Written statement submitted by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category II) (E/CN.4/1993/NGO/1).
3. At the 56th meeting, on 5 March 1993, Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur on the sale of children introduced his report (E/CN.4/1993/67 and Add.1) to the Commission.

4. In the general debate on item 24, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Argentina (60th), Australia (59th), Austria (60th), Bangladesh (60th), China (59th), Colombia (60th), Cuba (61st), India (61st), Indonesia (60th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (60th), Kenya (60th), Malaysia (59th), Poland (60th), Sudan (60th), Syrian Arab Republic (60th), Tunisia (60th), United States of America (59th), Venezuela (61st).

5. The Commission also heard statements by the observers for: Denmark (on behalf of the member States of the European Community) (59th), Iraq (61st), Italy (61st), Philippines (61st), Spain (61st), Sweden (on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden)(61st), Yugoslavia (64th).

6. At the 61st meeting, on 8 March 1993, a statement was made by the observer for Switzerland.

7. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for the United Nations Children's Fund.

8. At the same meeting, the Commission heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development, American Association of Jurists, Centre Europe-Tiers Monde, Commission for the Defence of Human Rights in Central America, France-Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand, Friends World Committee for Consultation, International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Association of Educators for World Peace, International Educational Development Inc., International Federation of Pedestrians (61st), International Federation Terre des Hommes (61st), International Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Save the Children Alliance, Pax Christi International, World Federation of Democratic Youth, World Organization against Torture.

9. At the same meeting, joint statements were made by the World Federation of Methodist Women on behalf of: Anti-Slavery International for the Protection of Human Rights, International Council of Jewish Women, International Council of Women, International Council on Social Welfare, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations and Zonta International; and by the Baha'i International Community on behalf of: Anti-Slavery International for the Protection of Human Rights, Disabled Peoples' International, Human Rights Advocates, International Association of Penal Law, International Council of Jewish Women, International Council of Women, International Educational Development, Inc.,

International Movement for Fraternal Union among Races and Peoples, Planetary Citizens and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

10. At the 67th meeting, on 10 March 1993, the Commission took up draft resolutions and decisions submitted under item 24.

11. The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.88, sponsored by Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium*, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Denmark*, Estonia*, Ethiopia*, Finland, France, the Gambia, Germany, Greece*, Honduras*, Hungary*, Iceland*, Ireland*, Italy*, Latvia*, Luxembourg*, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua*, Norway*, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal*, Slovakia*, Spain*, Swaziland*, Sweden*, Switzerland*, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela and Zimbabwe*. Bulgaria, Cuba, Cyprus, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar*, the Republic of Korea and Sudan subsequently joined the sponsors.

12. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

13. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/78.

14. At the same meeting, the representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.95, sponsored by Argentina, Barbados, Cameroon*, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, El Salvador*, Guatemala*, Honduras*, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mexico, Nicaragua*, Nigeria, Peru, Portugal, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela. Cuba, France and the Republic of Korea subsequently joined the sponsors.

15. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

16. A statement in explanation of his delegation's position was made by the representative of Germany.

17. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/79.

18. At the same meeting, the representative of Venezuela introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.96, sponsored by Argentina, Cameroon*, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Portugal, Uruguay and Venezuela. Peru subsequently joined the sponsors.

19. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

20. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/80.

21. In view of the adoption of resolution 1992/80 (see paras. 18-20), the Commission took no action on draft decision 4, recommended by the Sub-commission for adoption by the Commission (see E/CN.4/1993/2 chap. I, sect. B).

22. At the same meeting, the representative of Denmark introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.102, sponsored by Australia, Austria, Brazil, Belgium*, Canada, Cyprus, Colombia, Denmark*, Finland, France, Germany, Greece*, Ireland*, Italy*, Liechtenstein*, Luxembourg*, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Spain*, Sweden*, Switzerland* and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Argentina, Kenya, Madagascar*, Mexico and Zimbabwe* subsequently joined the sponsors.

23. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

24. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/81.

25. At the same meeting, Portugal introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.109, sponsored by Angola, Argentina, Barbados, Belgium*, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon*, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark*, Finland, France, Greece*, Honduras*, Iceland*, Ireland*, Italy*, Liechtenstein*, the Netherlands, Norway*, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Senegal*, Spain*, Sweden*, Switzerland* and Venezuela. Turkey*, the Republic of Korea and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland subsequently joined the sponsors.

26. The representative of Portugal orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) At the end of the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "which may also often constitute an exploitation of child labour" were added;

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the words "including these" after "Special Rapporteur", were deleted;

(c) In operative paragraph 11, after the words "ensuring the", the word "effective" was inserted;

(d) In operative paragraph 22, the words "in the full discharge of his mandate and" was inserted between the word "Rapporteur" and the words "in order".

27. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

28. The representatives of Australia and Cuba made statements after the vote in explanation of their delegation's positions.

29. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/82.

30. At the same meeting the representative of France introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1993/L.110, sponsored by Austria, Colombia, France, Germany, Nigeria, Portugal and the Russian Federation. Kuwait*, Madagascar*, Senegal*,

Spain*, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zimbabwe* subsequently joined the sponsors.

31. The representative of France orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the eighth preambular paragraph, the word "traumatizing" between the word "particularly" and the word "weapons" was replaced by the word "injurious";

(b) In the ninth preambular paragraph and in operative paragraph 1, the word "often" was inserted between the word "are" and the word "among";

(c) At the end of operative paragraph 2, the phrase "including the recommendation made to the General Assembly to undertake a study in the light of article 45 (c) of the convention" was added.

32. The draft resolution as orally revised was adopted without a vote.

33. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1993/83.

34. At the same meeting, the Commission considered draft decision 1 recommended by the Sub-Commission for adoption by the Commission. (see E/CN.4/1993/2, chap. I, sect. B).

35. The draft decision was adopted without a vote.

36. Statements in explanation of their delegation's positions were made by the representatives of India and the Syrian Arab Republic.

37. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 1993/110.
