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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-THIRD  
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Chairman's proposal: Restructuring of the Commission's agenda

1. The present document, circulated at the request of the Chairman of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights, sets out in tabular form the results of the Chairman's wide informal consultations with all regional groups on the possible restructuring of the Commission's future agendas, including the draft provisional agenda of the Commission's fifty-third session.
2. Annex I contains the titles of the proposed agenda items in the restructured agenda. For orientation, and to facilitate understanding of the Chairman's proposal, annex II sets out a comparison between the restructured agenda and the agenda of the fifty-first session, with an indication of how the resolutions adopted at the fifty-first session would correspond to the restructured agenda.
3. Should the Chairman's proposal, as set out in annex I, meet with the approval of the Commission, the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-third session, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) and issued in document E/CN.4/1996/L.1, would be adopted, accordingly, for inclusion in the report on the fifty-second session of the Commission to the Council.
4. A list of a number of other issues of possible reform, requiring further consultations, will be issued separately in document E/CN.4/1996/CRP.1.

Annex I

## PROPOSED RESTRUCTURED AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Agenda item No.	Title
1-3	Opening, election, adoption of agenda, organization of work
4	Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights
5	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
6	The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation
7	Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and all forms of discrimination
8	Economic, social and cultural rights
9	Civil and political rights, including questions of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="754 1335 770 1648">(a) Violence against women</li> <li data-bbox="775 1346 791 1648">(b) Torture and detention</li> <li data-bbox="796 1167 812 1648">(c) Disappearances and summary executions</li> <li data-bbox="817 1357 833 1648">(d) Freedom of expression</li> <li data-bbox="837 831 853 1648">(e) Independence of the judiciary, administration of justice, impunity</li> <li data-bbox="858 1357 874 1648">(f) Religious intolerance</li> <li data-bbox="879 1379 895 1648">(g) States of emergency</li> </ul>
10	The right to development
11	Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1021 1200 1037 1648">(a) Question of human rights in Cyprus</li> <li data-bbox="1042 1435 1058 1648">(b) 1503 procedure</li> </ul>
12	Specific groups and individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1126 1424 1142 1648">(a) Migrant workers</li> <li data-bbox="1147 1480 1163 1648">(b) Minorities</li> <li data-bbox="1168 1211 1184 1648">(c) Vulnerable groups and individuals</li> </ul>
13	Rights of the child

Agenda item No.	Title
14	Indigenous issues
15	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (a) Report and draft decisions (b) Election of members
16	Promotion and protection of human rights and effective functioning of human rights mechanisms (a) Treaty bodies, status of covenants (b) National institutions and regional arrangements (c) Human rights defenders (d) Adaptation and strengthening of the United Nations machinery for human rights (e) Information and education (f) Science and environment
17	Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights
18	Rationalization of the work of the Commission
19	Agenda, report

Annex II

INFORMATION FOR ORIENTATION RELATING TO THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURED  
AGENDA OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Item	Reclustered agenda		Resolution number	Agenda of the fifty-first session		Item
	Title	Sub-item		Sub-item	Title	
1-3	Organization of the work of the session			Opening, election of officers, adoption of the agenda, organization of the work of the session		1-3
4	Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights		1995/80: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 1995/93: Evaluation of the human rights programme of the United Nations system, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	Follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights		25
5	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied territories, including Palestine		1995/1: Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied territories, including Palestine 1995/2: Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan 1995/3: Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories	Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied territories, including Palestine		4
6	The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation		1995/4: Situation in occupied Palestine 1995/5: Use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination 1995/6: Middle East peace process 1995/7: Question of Western Sahara	The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation		9

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7	Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination		<p>1995/11: Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination</p> <p>1995/12: Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance</p> <p>1995/86: Question of integrating the human rights of women into the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations</p>	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	16	
8	Economic, social and cultural rights		<p>1995/13: Effects on the full enjoyment of human rights of the economic adjustment policies arising from foreign debt and, in particular, of the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development</p> <p>1995/14: Human rights and the environment</p> <p>1995/15: Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights</p> <p>1995/16: Human rights and extreme poverty</p> <p>1995/19: Promoting the realization of the right to adequate housing</p> <p>1995/45: Human rights and unilateral coercive measures</p>	<p>Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights including ...</p>	7	

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9	Civil and political rights, including questions of	1995/25: Traffic in women and girls 1995/85: The elimination of violence against women	(a) Violence against women		24	
			(b) Torture and detention			(a) Torture
		(c) Disappearances and summary executions	1995/34: Right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms 1995/35: Special process dealing with the problem of missing persons in the territory of the former Yugoslavia 1995/37: Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment 1995/39: Staff members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies in detention 1995/59: Question of arbitrary detention	(b) Status of the Convention against Torture		10
				(d) Freedom of expression		

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		(e) Independence of the judiciary, administration of justice, impunity	<p><u>1995/36</u>: Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers</p> <p><u>1995/41</u>: Human rights in the administration of justice, in particular of children and juveniles in detention</p> <p><u>1995/60</u>: Ways and means of overcoming obstacles to the establishment of a democratic society and requirements for the maintenance of democracy</p>	<p><u>1995/23</u>: Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief</p>	<p>Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief</p>	22														
		(f) Religious intolerance		<p><u>1995/42</u>: Question of human rights and states of emergency</p> <p><u>1995/43</u>: Human rights and terrorism</p>																
		(g) States of emergency		<p><u>1995/17</u>: The right to development</p>	<p>Question of the realization of the right to development</p>	8														
10	The right to development																			
11	Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world		<p><u>1995/65</u>: Human rights violations on the Papua New Guinea island of Bougainville</p> <p><u>1995/66</u>: Situation of human rights in Cuba</p> <p><u>1995/67</u>: Human rights situation in southern Lebanon and the western Bekaa</p> <p><u>1995/68</u>: Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran</p> <p><u>1995/69</u>: Situation of human rights in Zaire</p> <p><u>1995/70</u>: Situation of human rights in Haiti</p> <p><u>1995/71</u>: Situation of human rights in Equatorial Guinea</p> <p><u>1995/72</u>: Situation of human rights in Myanmar</p>	<p>Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:</p>	12															
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			<p><u>1995/74</u>: Situation of human rights in Afghanistan</p> <p><u>1995/75</u>: Cooperation with representatives of United Nations human rights bodies</p> <p><u>1995/76</u>: Situation of human rights in Iraq</p> <p><u>1995/77</u>: Situation of human rights in the Sudan</p> <p><u>1995/89</u>: Situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)</p> <p><u>1995/90</u>: Situation of human rights in Burundi</p> <p><u>1995/91</u>: Situation of human rights in Rwanda</p>				
				(a) Question of human rights in Cyprus	(a) Cyprus		
				(b) 1503 procedure	(b) Working Group on Situations		
				(a) Migrant workers			
				(b) Minorities			
12	Specific groups and individuals					Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers	13
						Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities	20



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		(c) Vulnerable groups and individuals	<p>1995/44: The protection of human rights in the context of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency (AIDS)</p> <p>1995/57: Internally displaced persons</p> <p>1995/83: Conscientious objection to military service</p>			
13	Rights of the child		<p>1995/78: Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication</p> <p>1995/79: Rights of the child</p>	<p>Rights of the child, including:</p> <p>(a) Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>(b) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children</p> <p>(c) Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour</p> <p>(d) Question of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as the basic measures needed for their prevention and eradication</p>		20
14	Indigenous issues		<p>1995/28: International Decade of the World's Indigenous People</p> <p>1995/30: A permanent forum for indigenous people in the United Nations system</p> <p>1995/31: Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities</p>	<p>(a) Indigenous issues</p>	<p>Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-sixth session:</p>	19

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15	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities	(a) Report and draft decisions	<p><u>1995/32</u>: Establishment of a working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994</p> <p><u>1995/26</u>: Work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities</p> <p>* <u>1995/27</u>: Contemporary forms of slavery</p> <p>* <u>1995/29</u>: Minimum humanitarian standards</p> <p>* <u>1995/58</u>: Human rights and disability</p> <p>* A large number of Sub-Commission draft decisions are superseded by resolutions of the Commission under suitable agenda items</p>	Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its forty-sixth session:	19	
16	Promotion and protection of human rights and functioning of human rights	(b) Election of members	<p><u>1995/18</u>: Succession of States in respect of international human rights treaties</p> <p><u>1995/22</u>: Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights</p> <p><u>1995/87</u>: Human rights and thematic procedures</p> <p><u>1995/92</u>: Effective functioning of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights</p>	Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights	17	
		(b) National institutions and regional arrangements	<p><u>1995/46</u>: Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights</p> <p><u>1995/48</u>: Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region</p> <p><u>1995/50</u>: National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights</p>	Effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments	18	
				(b) National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights	11	
				Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms ...		

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		(c) Human rights defenders	<p><u>1995/84</u>: Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms</p> <p><u>1995/61</u>: Composition of staff of the Centre for Human Rights</p> <p><u>1995/64</u>: Strengthening the Centre for Human Rights</p>	<p>Drafting of a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms</p>	23	
		(d) Adaptation and strengthening of the United Nations machinery for human rights	<p><u>1995/47</u>: Decade for Human Rights Education</p> <p><u>1995/49</u>: Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights</p>	<p>(c) Coordinating role of the Centre for Human Rights within the United Nations machinery</p>	11	
		(e) Information and education	<p><u>1995/81</u>: Adverse effect of the illicit movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights</p> <p><u>1995/82</u>: Human rights and bioethics</p>		14	
17	Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights		<p><u>1995/51</u>: Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights</p> <p><u>1995/52</u>: Situation of human rights in Togo</p> <p><u>1995/53</u>: Advisory services and the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights</p> <p><u>1995/54</u>: Assistance to States in strengthening the rule of law</p>	<p>Human rights and scientific and technological developments</p> <p>Advisory services in the field of human rights</p>	21	

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			1995/55: The situation of human rights in Cambodia 1995/56: Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights 1995/63: Advisory services to El Salvador in the field of human rights			
18	Rationalization of the work of the Commission					
19	Agenda, report			Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-second session of the Commission		27
				Report to the Economic and Social Council on the fifty-first session of the Commission		28

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