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XII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE THIRD DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

1. The Commission considered agenda item 12 at its 8th to 10th meetings, on 22 March to 25 March 1996, at its 34th meeting, on 11 April 1996, and at its 51st meeting, on 19 April 1996. 1/
2. For a complete list of documents issued for the fifty-second session of the Commission under item 12, see annex IV to the present report.
3. In the general debate on agenda item 12, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Algeria (10th), Angola (10th), Brazil (8th), China (8th), Cuba (9th), India (10th), Italy (10th), Nepal (9th), Pakistan (10th), Republic of Korea (10th), Russian Federation (10th), the United States of America (10th).
4. The Commission also heard statements by the observers for: Cyprus (10th), Czech Republic (10th), Israel (10th), Senegal (10th), Turkey (10th).
5. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development (9th), Centre Europe-Tiers Monde (10th), International Association against Torture (10th), International Association of Educators for World Peace (10th), International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (10th), Movement against Racism and for Friendship Among Peoples (10th), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (8th), World Peace Council (8th).
6. A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Brazil (11th).

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

7. At its 34th meeting, on 11 April 1996, the representative of Senegal introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.14, sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, India, Israel, Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, the Sudan, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Cameroon, France, Honduras, Ecuador, Pakistan, Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Turkey and Venezuela subsequently joined the sponsors.
8. The representative of Senegal orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) Replace operative paragraph 4, which read, "Encourages States parties to review periodically any reservations made in respect of the provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and in particular article 4, with a view to withdrawing them," by a new paragraph;

(b) Replace, in operative paragraph 17, the word "Welcomes" by "Takes note of."

9. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the administrative and programme budget implications 2/ of the draft resolution. In this connection, statements were made by Cuba, the Netherlands and Senegal.

10. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/8.

11. At the 51st meeting, on 19 April 1996, a statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United States of America. Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism

12. At the 51st meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Turkey introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.22/Rev.1, sponsored by Albania, Benin, Chile, China, Mexico, Pakistan and Turkey. Angola, Azerbaijan, Canada, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

13. The draft amendments to draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.22/Rev.1, submitted by the delegation of Cuba, contained in document E/CN.4/1996/L.24, was withdrawn. The draft amendments read as follows:

"1. Replace operative paragraph 9 by the following:

Decides to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to examine incidents of contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as governmental measures to overcome them, and to report on these matters to the Commission on a yearly basis, beginning at its fifty-third session.

"2. Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 9 reading as follows:

Requests the Special Rapporteur to devote due attention, in the discharge of his mandate, to any form of discrimination, inter alia, against Blacks, Arabs and Muslims, anti-Semitism and negrophobia.

"3. Replace operative paragraph 19 by the following:

Recommends the following draft decision to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

"The Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/... of ... 1996, approves the Commission's decision to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to examine incidents of contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as governmental measures to overcome them, and to report on these matters to the Commission on a yearly basis, beginning at its fifty-third session, and the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance and resources in carrying out his mandate."

14. The draft amendment to draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.22/Rev.1 submitted by the delegation of India, contained in document E/CN.4/1996/L.35/Rev.1, was withdrawn. The draft amendment read as follows:

"1. Add the following new operative paragraph immediately before operative paragraph 10:

Decides to make all contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance a major focus of the fifty-third session of the Commission.

"2. Add the following new subparagraph to the draft decision contained in operative paragraph 19:

19. Recommends the following draft decision to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

"The Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/... of .. April 1996, approves the Commission's decision to make all contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance a major focus of its fifty-third session."."

15. The representative of Turkey orally revised the draft resolution, as follows:

(a) Insert, in the fifth preambular paragraph, after the words "World Conference on Human Rights" the phrase ", held in Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993,";

(b) Insert, in the same paragraph, after the words "Programme of Action" the document symbol "(A/CONF.157/23)";

(c) Replace, in the ninth preambular paragraph, the word "considered" by the word "examined";

(d) Replace, in operative paragraph 6, the word "the" by the word "any".

16. The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in connection with the draft resolution.

17. The representative of Egypt made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

18. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the administrative and programme budget implications 2/ of the draft resolution.

19. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the draft resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/21.

20. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States of America.

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