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XVIII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF

1. The Commission considered agenda item 18 concurrently with items 11 and 16 (see chaps. XI and XVI) at its 18th to 22nd meetings, from 29 March to 2 April 1996, and at its 51st meeting, on 19 April 1996 1/
2. For the documents issued for the fifty-second session of the Commission under item 18, see annex IV to the present report.
3. At the 19th meeting, on 29 March 1996, Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance, introduced his report (E/CN.4/1996/95 and Add. 1 and 2). At the 22nd meeting, on 2 April 1996, the Special Rapporteur made his concluding remarks.
4. In the general debate on agenda item 18, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Algeria (19th), China (18th, 19th), India (20th), Pakistan (21st), Republic of Korea (20th), Russian Federation (20th), Sri Lanka (20th), United States of America (20th).
5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Estonia (21st), Holy See (19th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (21st), Ireland (21st), Latvia (21st), Morocco (21st), Sudan (19th), Viet Nam (21st).
6. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development (22nd), African Commission on Health and Human Rights Promoters (18th), Asian Buddhists Conference for Peace (18th), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (18th), Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations (21st), International Association for Religious Freedom (18th), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (19th), International Association of Educators for World Peace (18th), International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (18th), International Falcon Movement (21st), International Indian Treaty Council (22nd), International Institute for Peace (19th), Liberation (19th), Muslim World League (22nd), Pax Christi International (19th), Society for Threatened Peoples (21st), Transnational Radical Party (21st), United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation (18th), World Muslim Congress (22nd), World Peace Council (18th), World Union for Progressive Judaism (21st).
7. Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of China (19th) and Egypt (21st) and by the observers for Estonia (21st), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (19th) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (21st).

8. At its 51st meeting, on 19 April 1996, the representative of Ireland introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.28/Rev.1, sponsored by Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Venezuela. Argentina, Belarus, Cameroon, the Dominican Republic, Estonia, India, New Zealand, the Philippines, Romania, Senegal and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. The representative of Ireland orally revised the draft resolution by replacing old operative paragraph 8, which read as follows "Calls upon States to ensure that their legislation, including legislation relating to religious minorities and to tolerance and non-discrimination, does not have the effect of fostering intolerance in society", was replaced by a new paragraph.

10. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/23.
