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1. The Commission considered agenda item 19 at its 57th meeting, on 22 April 1996, and at its 60th meeting, on 23 April 1996. 1/
2. For the documents issued for the fifty-second session of the Commission under item 19, see annex IV to the present report.
3. At the 57th meeting, on 22 April 1996, the Chairman-Rapporteur, Mr. Jan Helgesen, introduced the report of the Working Group on its eleventh session (E/CN.4/1996/97).
4. In the general debate on agenda item 19, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia (57th), Canada (57th), Chile (57th), Italy (on behalf of the European Union) (57th), Madagascar (57th), United States of America (57th).
5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for Norway (57th), Poland (57th) and South Africa (57th).
6. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International (on behalf of Baha'i International Community, International Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights, International Service for Human Rights) (57th) and the World Organization against Torture (57th).
7. At its 60th meeting, on 23 April 1996, the representative of Norway introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.88, sponsored by Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden and Tunisia. Austria, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Germany, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors.
8. 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.
9. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/81.