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XXI. FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 21 at its 28th meeting, on 9 April 1996, at its 56th to 57th meetings, on 22 April 1996, at its 60th meeting, on 23 April 1996 and at its 61st meeting, on 24 April 1996. 1/
 2. For the documents issued for the fifty-second session of the Commission under item 21 see annex IV to the present report.
 3. At the 28th meeting, on 9 April 1996, Mr. José Ayala Lasso, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, introduced his report (E/CN.4/1996/103). The presentation of his report was followed by a question and answer session, during which questions were raised by the representatives of Canada and India.
 4. In the general debate on agenda item 21, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia (56th), Austria (56th), Brazil (56th), Chile (56th), China (56th), Malaysia (56th), Mexico (56th), Ukraine (56th), United States of America (56th).
 5. Statements were also made by the observers for the Commission of the European Communities (56th) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (56th).
 6. Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of China (57th) and the Philippines (57th).
 7. The Commission heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: American Association of Jurists (56th), Christian Solidarity International (57th), International Federation of Human Rights (56th), International Institute for Non-Aligned Studies (57th), Pax Christi International (on behalf of International Federation of Human Rights, International Association against Torture, France Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand)(57th), Transnational Radical Party (57th).
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8. At its 60th meeting, on 23 April 1996, the representative of Austria introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.97 and Corr.1, sponsored by Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mauritania, the Republic of Korea, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uganda. Australia, Benin, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Madagascar, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Thailand, Tunisia, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela subsequently joined the sponsors.

9. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/78.

Evaluation of the human rights programme of the United Nations system, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

10. At the 60th meeting, on 23 April 1996, the Commission decided to postpone consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.94.

11. At the 61st meeting, on 24 April 1996, the representative of Cuba introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.94 and orally revised the resolution as follows:

(a) The fourth preambular paragraph, reading "Recognizing the necessity for the continuing adaptation, strengthening, rationalization and streamlining of the United Nations human rights machinery in order to meet current and future needs in the promotion and protection of all human rights, and for improvement of the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations human rights organs, to be conducted in a transparent manner through consultations with Member States and competent intergovernmental bodies, within the framework of a balanced and sustainable development for all people,";

(b) At the beginning of the eighth preambular paragraph, the words "Stressing the need for the examination" were replaced by the words "Recalling that, in the examination being carried out of" and the words "to ensure", before the words "the full implementation", were deleted;

(c) At the end of the same paragraph, the words "must be ensured" were added;

(d) In the ninth preambular paragraph, the word "permanent" was replaced by the word "continuing";

(e) After the ninth preambular paragraph, a new preambular paragraph was inserted;

(f) In operative paragraph 4, the phrase "Again requests the Secretary-General to convene, at least twice a year in Geneva, meetings with all interested States", was replaced by the phrase "Requests the Secretary-General to continue convening meetings, at least twice a year in Geneva, with all interested States".

12. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/83.