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XI. MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND ENSURE THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 11 concurrently with items 16 and 18 (see chaps. XVI and XVIII) at its 18th to 22nd meetings, from 29 March to 2 April 1996, and at its 35th meeting, on 11 April 1996. 1/
2. For the documents issued for the fifty-second session of the Commission under item 11, see annex IV to the present report.
3. In the general debate on agenda item 11, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Chile (20th), Egypt (20th), Mexico (19th), Pakistan (20th), Philippines (20th), Sri Lanka (18th).
4. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Equatorial Guinea (19th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (21st), Morocco (19th), Turkey (21st).
5. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development (22nd), Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America (21st), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (18th), Human Rights Advocates (22nd), International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (21st), International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (19th), Movement against Racism and for Friendship Among Peoples (18th), World Confederation of Labour (21st), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (21st).
6. At its 35th meeting, on 11 April 1996, the Commission took up consideration of the draft resolutions submitted under item 11.
Violence against women migrant workers
7. The representative of the Philippines introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.25, sponsored by Chile, Iraq, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa and Thailand. Argentina, Bangladesh, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Honduras, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsors.
8. The representative of the Philippines orally revised the draft resolution by inserting, in the third preambular paragraph, before the word "causes," the words "external and internal root."
9. 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 1996/17.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

10. The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.27, sponsored by Chile, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Philippines, Portugal, Tunisia and Turkey. Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Honduras, Madagascar, Morocco, Peru and Sri Lanka subsequently joined the sponsors.

11. The representative of Mexico orally revised the draft resolution by inserting, in operative paragraph 4, after the words "to provide", the words "within existing resources".

12. The representative of the United States of America orally amended the draft resolution by replacing, in operative paragraph 8, the word "adopt", by the words "review and adopt as". The amendment was accepted by the sponsors.

13. The draft resolution, as orally revised and amended, was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/18.
