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Draft report of the Commission

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XIII. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. The Commission considered agenda item 13 concurrently with items 5, 6 and 14 (see chaps. V, VI and XIV) at its 11th to 18th meetings, from 25 to 29 March 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 13, see annex IV to the present report.
3. In the general debate on agenda item 13, statements 3/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Australia (16th), China (16th), Hungary (12th), Philippines (17th), Russian Federation (16th).
4. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Czech Republic (14th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (14th).
5. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: Asian Buddhists Conference for Peace (14th), Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (14th), Indian Council of Education (14th), Pax Romana (11th).
6. A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Viet Nam (11th).

Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights

7. At its 35th meeting, on 11 April 1996, the representative of Norway introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1996/L.15, sponsored by Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritius, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and Venezuela. Azerbaijan, the Czech Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Honduras, Israel, Latvia and the Philippines subsequently joined the sponsors.
8. The draft resolution as adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1996/16.

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