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DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES ON ITS
FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

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III. ORGANIZATION OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities held its forty-eighth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 5 to 30 August 1996. It held ... (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1996/SR.1-...) meetings during the session.

2. The session was opened by Mr. Ioan Maxim, Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-seventh session, who made a statement. The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. José Ayala-Lasso, also addressed the Sub-Commission at its 1st meeting on 5 August 1996.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by members of the Sub-Commission, by observers for States Members of the United Nations, by observers for non-member States and by representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental and other organizations. The attendance list is given in annex II to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st and 4th meetings, on 5 and 7 August 1996, the Sub-Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. Asbjörn Eide
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Mr. Mohammed Sardar Ali Khan
	Mr. Stanislav V. Chernichenko
	Mr. Héctor Fix Zamudio
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Ms. Lucy Gwanmesia

5. At its 19th meeting, on 19 August 1996, the Sub-Commission elected to substitute Mr. Héctor Fix Zamudio with Mr. José Augusto Lindgren Alves as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

D. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 1st meeting, the Sub-Commission had before it the provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1996/1), drawn up in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedures of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of the draft provisional agenda considered by the Sub-Commission at its forty-seventh session in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII).

7. At the same meeting, statements with regard to the provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session were made by Mr. Chernichenko, Ms. Daes, Mr. Joinet and Ms. Warzazi.

8. At the proposal of Mr. Chernichenko, the Sub-Commission, at its 1st meeting, on 5 August 1996, decided to include a new sub-item 18 (c) on its agenda entitled "The right to leave any country including one's own and to return to one's own country". For the text of the decision, see chapter II, section B, decision 1996/101.

9. At the same meeting, the agenda, as revised, was adopted without a vote.

10. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 August 1996, at the proposal of Ms. Warzazi and upon recommendation of its officers, the Sub-Commission decided to further add a new sub-item 16 (a) entitled "Thirtieth anniversary of the International Covenants" to its agenda. The former sub-items (a) and (b) were renumbered accordingly. For the text of the decision, see chapter II, section B, decision 1996/102.

11. For the text of the agenda, as revised, see annex I to the present report.

E. Organization of work

12. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 August 1996, the Sub-Commission decided to establish a sessional working group on the administration of justice and the question of compensation under agenda item 10. For the text of the decision, see chapter II, section B, decision 1996/103.

13. At the same meeting, upon recommendation of its officers, the Sub-Commission decided to invite a number of experts and special rapporteurs to participate in the meetings at which their reports were to be considered. For the text of the decision, see chapter II, section B, decision 1996/104.

F. Meetings, resolutions and documentation

14. Written communications transmitted by Governments and non-governmental organizations for circulation at the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission are mentioned in the chapter on the items to which the communications refer.

15. The Sub-Commission adopted resolutions 1996/1 to 1996/.. and took ... decisions. The texts of these resolutions and decisions appear in chapter II, sections A and B, respectively. Draft resolutions and decisions for action or consideration by the Commission on Human Rights are set out in chapter I, sections A and B, respectively.

16. A list of the resolutions and decisions referring to matters drawn to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights is contained in annex IV.

17. A list of studies completed at the forty-eighth session and of ongoing studies, drawn up in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1982/23, appears in annex V.

18. A list of documents issued for the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission appears in annex VI.

G. Other matters

19. At the 1st meeting, on 5 August 1996, Ms. Palley proposed that the Sub-Commission observe a minute of silence in honour of the victims of all forms of violations of human rights in all regions of the world, in particular the journalists and human rights activists who have died for the cause of human rights. Ms. Daes and Mr. Guissé made statements in support of the proposal. At the same meeting, the Sub-Commission observed a minute of silence.

20. At its 13th meeting, on 14 August 1996, in response to Mr. Alfonso Martínez's inquiry on the question of a health insurance policy for members of the Sub-Commission, an administrative officer of the Centre for Human Rights made a statement. Comments in this connection were made by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Ms. Attah and Ms. Warzazi.

21. At its 21st meeting, on 20 August 1996, an administrative officer of the Centre for Human Rights gave further clarifications concerning a health insurance policy. Mr. Alfonso Martínez made a statement in this connection.
