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Corrigendum

PUBLIC MEETINGS

This corrigendum contains corrections by participants and Secretariat corrections applying to the English text of the summary records of the public meetings of the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-seventh session (E/CN.4/SR.1583 to 1617, 1629/Add.1, 1630 to 1640 and 1642).

The Commission also held 12 closed meetings. The summary records of those meetings (E/CN.4/SR.1618 to 1629) were given restricted distribution. The corrections to those summary records appear in document E/CN.4/SR.1583-1642/Corrigendum/Add.1, which has also been given restricted distribution.

With the issuance of the corrigenda E/CN.4/SR.1583-1642/Corrigendum and Add.1, the summary record of the above-mentioned meetings are to be considered final.

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\*/ No summary records were issued for the 1582nd and 1641st meetings.

1584th meeting

Page 1

Delete the first foot-note designated by a single asterisk.

1585th meeting

Paragraph 13

In the last sentence, for "Syria" read "Syrian Arab Republic".

1586th meeting

Page 2

In the list of documents following the heading, the symbol "E/CN.4/1118 and Add.1" should read "E/CN.4/1418 and Add.1".

Paragraph 9

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BEN AMMAR".

Paragraph 18

In the second sentence, for "mari" read "miri".

Paragraph 23

In the fifth sentence for "Syrian camps" read "their camps".

1587th meeting

Paragraph 28

In the first sentence, the symbol in brackets should read (A/35/533 and Corr.1).

1588th meeting

Paragraph 20

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. STROJWAS".

Paragraph 23

Delete the quotation marks in the fourth sentence.

Paragraph 26

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. GU Yijie".

1590th meeting

Paragraph 23

In the second sentence, the reference to the resolution should read "35/200".

Paragraph 34

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. LACK".

1592nd meeting

Paragraph 24

The beginning of the second sentence should read "His delegation accepted the first of those texts,".

Paragraph 25

At the beginning of the third sentence delete the word "But".

Paragraph 26

In the second sentence, for "any country that was" read "all countries that were".

In the eighth sentence after the reference "resolution 1503 (XLVIII)" insert "(see E/1980/13, para. 247)".

Paragraph 29

In the last sentence, after the words "obligation by a State", insert the words "under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights".

Paragraph 31

In the sixth sentence, the words in quotes should read "legal opinion was not totally convincing".

1594th meeting

Paragraph 1

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. van der STOEL".

Paragraphs 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21, 28, 29 and 33

All references to the resolutions and decisions of the Sub-Commission should be followed by the session number in brackets "(XXXIII)".

1595th meeting

Paragraph 51

In the first sentence, for "Argentine representative" read "the representative of Canada".

1596th meeting

Paragraph 8

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. SILVA de ARAIA".

Paragraph 14

Before the reference to "paragraphs 1 and 7", insert the word "preambular".

Paragraph 44

In the second line, for "agenda item 7" read "agenda item 17".

1598th meeting

Paragraph 23

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. HANGLO".

Paragraph 28

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. HACHAWE".

1599th meeting

Paragraph 49

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. GU Yijie".

1600th meeting

Paragraph 10

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MOYILA NGONDA BEMPU".

Paragraph 27

In the fourth sentence for "pages 193-196" read "paragraph 480".

1602nd meeting

Paragraph 41

The opening words of the paragraph should read "Mr. KIS (Observer for Hungary)".

Paragraphs 52 and 72

For "Syria" read "Syrian Arab Republic".

Paragraph 66

After the name of the speaker, the words in brackets should read "(Observer for Yemen)" and in the text for "Yemen Arab Republic" read "Yemen".

1603rd meeting

Paragraph 2

The opening words of the paragraph should read "Mr. HANAFI (Observer for Egypt)".

Paragraph 19

The reference to the General Assembly resolution should read "35/193".

Paragraph 31

In the last sentence, after the words "persons who might be presumed" the sentence should read as follows "from their activities to have taken a political stand against a given State; particularly if they belonged to groups of terrorists acting with a specific end in view".

Paragraph 32

In the first line, replace the words "had not fulfilled" by the words "had transferred to the Secretariat".

Paragraph 33

In the fifth line, after the words "and related resolutions" delete the words "that it was".

At the end of the paragraph, add the following sentence:

His delegation wondered how wide an interpretation did the Group and the Secretariat, in particular, give to the principle of "discretion".

Paragraph 36

The third sentence should read as follows:

First of all, he wished to stress the fallacy of the statement contained in annex XII to document E/CN.4/1435, that, at the time of the disappearances, there had been neither chaos, confusion, civil war nor the absence of authority in Argentina.

Paragraph 37

At the beginning of the paragraph, insert the following sentence:

37. The escalation of terrorism had established a landmark in bloodshed: the assassination in May 1970 of the former President of the Republic, General Aramburu, after he had been kidnapped and tortured by the terrorist organization, the Montoneros, whose leaders had openly boasted afterwards in writing of their personal involvement in that heinous assassination.

Paragraph 38

After the third sentence, insert the following sentence:

The different warring factions, both right and left, had launched an offensive without quarter.

The fourth and fifth sentences should be replaced by the following text:

In 1974, Congress had declared a state of siege in a tardy attempt to restore law and order being forced to quell the manifestations of clear "pathological barbarianism" which formed part of a terrorist plan directed against the Nation. In spite of the measures taken, terrorist activities increased. By way of example, he stressed that towards the end of 1975, the Revolutionary Army and the Montoneros mounted a joint assault against an arsenal in Buenos Aires which called for the participation of hundreds of terrorists. Terrorist activities and social and economic chaos obliged the armed forces to assume power in March 1976.

Paragraph 40

The third sentence should read as follows:

He expressed surprise that a document bearing the seal of the United Nations Secretariat would describe bombings and murders as normal events.

The beginning of the last sentence should read as follows:

He warned the agents of crime and terror, who walked the corridors of the United Nations and other international organizations ...

Paragraph 44

The fourth sentence should read as follows:

Moreover, terrorist groups had often executed their own members on grounds of defection or betrayal; terrorist organizations often published "communiqués" announcing so-called executions, identifying the victims by their noms de guerre only; the bodies had never been found.

The tenth sentence should read as follows:

In some cases, the disappearances were linked with the kidnapping of persons for their opposition to the terrorist groups' aims or for their collaboration with his Government.

Paragraph 45

The last sentence should read as follows:

The Argentine people would from now on live in peace and security free from the constant threat of untimely death at the hands of criminals. At present, the State was in a position to guarantee their right to life, the supreme human right, and would not shrink from its obligation to do so.

Paragraph 46

The penultimate and last sentences should read as follows:

As mentioned in paragraph 75 of the report, and since individual communications concerning alleged violations of human rights were under consideration, Argentina had referred to the need to observe the procedure laid down in Economic and Social

Council resolutions 1503 (XLVIII) and 728 F (XXVIII). In the note mentioned in paragraph 75 it was pointed out that in several of the cases transmitted, the Secretariat had departed from the rules in force.

Paragraph 47

The last sentence should read as follows:

He was obliged, therefore, to express his Government's views at length, in deference to the principle of equity and out of concern for the credibility which the Commission's work should enjoy. In that connection, the procedure for the protection of human rights by the United Nations should contain minimum standards of due process.

Paragraph 48

The first sentence should be replaced by the following text:

At the meeting held on 18 September 1980, he had pointed to the need to determine the Group's objectives in respect of individual cases. According to its terms of reference, it had been established for one year to look into the question of disappearances in accordance with the guidelines on the subject provided by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights. It should be asked to what extent the United Nations could take action without clear bases for ensuring the co-operation of Governments.

The third sentence should end after the words "false propaganda". Delete the remainder of the sentence.

In the sixth sentence, for "some politically motivated" read "even if it was clear that they were politically motivated".

Paragraph 50

In the fourth sentence, for "the pertinent United Nations bodies" read "permanent United Nations bodies".

Paragraph 53

In the last sentence, for "exiles or terrorists" read "exiles or terrorists from other countries".

Paragraph 54

At the end of the second sentence, insert the words "without checking their origins and source".

In the fourth sentence, after the words "those situations" insert the words "and countries".

At the end of the sixth sentence, delete the words "a most important consideration".

Paragraph 55

In the first sentence, for "implied" read "might imply".

In the second sentence, for "information analysed" read "information alleged to have been analysed".

After the second sentence, insert the following sentence:

It might seem absurd and beyond the comprehension of the members of the Commission that it was possible to mention in a report the analysis of information concerning a country without having given the Government concerned the opportunity to have access to such information and, in turn, to reply to the allegations and so-called charges.

Paragraph 56

The beginning of the second sentence should read as follows:

Surely the expectations kindled when the Working Group was set up and its humanitarian task could not be realized simply by ...

After the second sentence, insert the following sentence:

He wondered whether the Secretariat had itself undertaken any investigations and had, for that purpose, recruited persons connected with his country either by birth or through their activities.

At the end of the last sentence, add the following words: "thereby assuming an unacceptable position of privilege vis-à-vis the non-governmental organizations in consultative status".

Paragraph 57

The paragraph should read as follows:

57. Paragraph 48 of the report made hazy references to various kinds of documents. He wished to know the source of those documents, which he had never seen, and how their genuineness had been established. The same paragraph also referred to complete files on particular types of cases, without even mentioning any source. At the end of the paragraph of the report it was stated that "initial analyses" seemed to indicate that the specific information received related to approximately 7,000 to 9,000 cases. The extreme vagueness of the figures in question, coupled with the fact that only 65 possible cases out of the alleged thousands were submitted to the Government of Argentina forced him to repeat his earlier question on the method of work followed and the significance of figures based on mere suppositions. Reference was made in paragraph 49 of the analytical summary of 500 reports; out of the 65 cases submitted to the Government, only 33 could possibly relate to the 500 alleged to have been studied "in detail, as examples". He stressed what he considered a fundamental objection to the document: how was it possible to claim to analyse and even to study in detail cases which had not been communicated to the Government concerned, and how, in such circumstances, could conclusions be reached on the basis of those very cases?



1604th meeting

Paragraph 11

In the fifth sentence, for "on pages 47 and 48" read "in paragraphs 105 and 106".

1605th meeting

Paragraph 6

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. GONZALEZ de LEON".

Paragraph 33

In the second sentence, for "resolution 1980/128" read "decision 1980/128".

1606th meeting

Paragraph 28

In the third sentence, for "attached" read "attacked".

Paragraph 32

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. NUCETE-RONDON".

1609th meeting

Paragraph 14

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. VARELA QUIROS".

Paragraph 34

After the seventh sentence, insert the following sentence:

On 14 May 1970 the Government of Afghanistan put forward a concrete proposal for settling the problems which had been raised concerning Afghanistan.

At the beginning of the eighth sentence, for "In May 1980" read "At the end of January 1981".

In the last sentence for "such a constructive proposal" read "those constructive proposals".

Paragraph 36

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MOYILA NGONDA BEMPU".

Paragraph 42

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. YU Peiwen".

Paragraph 57

Replace the paragraph by the following text:

57. He would not comment on the references to Egypt made in connection with the situation in Afghanistan, so that the Commission would lose no time on polemics. He would certainly not comment on the statement made by the observer for Afghanistan, out of understanding and sympathy for him as representative of a puppet régime which had been imposed on the Afghan people by force of arms. It was difficult to see how that delegation could criticise others, given its own situation.

1610th meeting

Paragraphs 17 and 64

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. TRUONG QUAN PHAN".

Paragraph 47

In the last sentence, for "several Moslems" read "a large number of Moslems".

Paragraphs 59 and 67

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. WANG Jiechen".

Paragraph 62

At the end of the second sentence, insert the following sentence:

Libyan involvement in the Moroccan Sahara was common knowledge.

At the beginning of the third sentence, replace "In the Sahara" by "Furthermore".

Paragraph 66

Replace the paragraph by the following text:

66. Mr. HANAFI (Observer for Egypt), speaking in exercise of the right to reply, said he wished to stress that the Egyptian people did not need the advice or the support of the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic. The Egyptian people was a democratic people. It possessed democratic institutions and practised true democracy. On the other hand, the Syrian people lived in terror. The majority Syrian Baathist régime practised a policy of terror against the Syrian people. Everyone in the Commission was aware of the massacres perpetrated by the Syrian Baathist régime inside the Syrian Arab Republic. The lies disseminated and the attacks which the Syrian delegation had mounted against Egypt and the Egyptian people bore witness to the degree of political bankruptcy of the minority Baathist régime represented by that delegation.

Paragraph 69

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. AL FALLOUJI".

1611th meeting

Paragraph 28

In the third sentence, after the words "in several parts of the world" insert the words "including the Eurasian Continent".

1612th meeting

Paragraph 6

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. SILVA de ARANA".

Paragraph 58

In the last sentence, insert the word "International" before the words "Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights".

Paragraph 61

In the penultimate sentence, replace the word "manufacturers" by the word "manufactures".

Paragraph 63

In the first sentence, insert the word "the" before the words "Programme of Action", and the words "General Assembly" after the words "in particular,".

1613th meeting

Paragraph 40

In the first sentence, delete "TD/B/759 and TD/B/793" and replace "UNCTAD" by "the Trade and Development Board".

Paragraph 48

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. HEREDIA PEREZ".

1614th meeting

Paragraph 55

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. HOYILA NGONDA BEMPU".

1616th meeting

Paragraph 10

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. NAVCHAA".

Paragraph 35

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BEAULNE".

Paragraph 36

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. SOIA VILA".

1617th meeting

Paragraph 47

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. VARELA QUIROS".

Paragraph 56

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MARTINEZ CRUS".

Paragraph 60

Replace the last sentence by the following text:

In that connection, he invited the attention of members to operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, in which the Secretary-General was requested to appeal to all Governments to co-operate with the Working Group "in a spirit of complete confidence". That implied that a Government must have confidence in the Working Group before it could be expected to co-operate with it.

1629th meeting (second part)

Paragraph 18

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MOYILA NGONDA BEMPU".

1630th meeting

Paragraph 27

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MOYILA NGONDA BEMPU".

Paragraph 104

The speaker should be shown as "Mr. TE Sun Hoa (Observer for Democratic Kampuchea)".

1631st meeting

Paragraph 34

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MARTINEZ CRUS".

-1632nd meeting

Paragraph 22

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. FLORES".

Paragraph 55

In the fourth sentence, insert the word "International" before the words "Indian Treaty Council".

1633rd meeting

Paragraph 1

At the end of the paragraph, replace the words "he would give credence" by the words "the Commission should give credence".

Paragraph 11

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. ALANIZ PINNEL".

Paragraph 23

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. FLORES".

Paragraph 34

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. TRUONG QUAN PHAN".

1635th meeting

Paragraph 4

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. SLESZYNSKI".

Paragraph 16

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. ALANIZ PINNEL".

Paragraph 25

The name of the representative of Zaire should read "Mr. MOYILA NGONDA BEMPU".

Paragraphs 51 and 52

In the first sentence of paragraph 51 and the third sentence of paragraph 52, the symbol of the draft resolution referred to should read "E/CN.4/L.1573".

1637th meeting

Paragraph 44

The symbol of the draft resolution referred to should read "E/CN.4/L.1584".

1639th meeting

Paragraph 27

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. GIAMBRUNO".

1640th meeting

Paragraph 3

Under the heading "Number of votes obtained", the name of the candidate from Yugoslavia should read "Mr. TOSEVSKI" and that of the candidate from Zambia should read "Mr. MUBANGA-CHIPOYA".

Paragraph 4

The paragraph should read as follows:

4. Mr. Toševski (Yugoslavia), Mr. Masud (India), Mr. Ceausu (Romania), Mrs. Daes (Greece), Mr. Jimeta (Nigeria), Mrs. Questiaux (France), Mr. Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Mr. Poli (Ghana), Mr. Sofinsky (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Mr. Ferrero (Peru), Mr. Whitaker (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. MuPanga-Chipoya (Zambia), Mr. Pirzada (Pakistan), Mr. Bossuyt (Belgium), Mr. Khalifa (Egypt), Mr. Ritter (Panama), Mr. Hadi (Iraq), Mr. Kaddour (Syrian Arab Republic), Mr. Martinez Baez (Mexico), Mrs. Odio Benito (Costa Rica), Mr. Yimer (Ethiopia), Mr. Oyhanarte (Argentina), Mr. Carter (United States of America), Mr. Eide (Norway), Mr. Mudawi (Sudan) and Mrs. Warzazi (Morocco) were elected members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Paragraph 58

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. PAPASTEFANOU".

Paragraph 70

In the first sentence, replace the words "into situations of violations" by the words "concerning situations of violation".