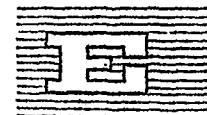


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on Friday, 12 March 1982, at 12.40 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 12.40 p.m.

ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES (agenda item 27) (E/CN.4/1982/18)

1. The CHAIRMAN invited the Commission to consider document E/CN.4/1982/18.

2. A vote was taken by secret ballot

Number of ballot papers: 41

Invalid ballots: 1

Blank ballots: 1

Number of valid ballots: 39

Number of members voting: 41

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Joinet (France) 37

Viscount Colville of Culross (United Kingdom) 2

3. Mr. Joinet (France) was elected a member of the Sub-Commission.

STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

4. Mr. NYAMEKYE (Deputy Director, Division of Human Rights) said, with regard to the question of documentation, that the Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/184/Add.1 of 24 February 1982 and two Administrative Instructions of the same date (ST/AI/189/Add.20/Rev.1 and ST/AI/189/Add.23) included the following instructions for the Secretariat: (a) reports prepared by the Secretariat should not exceed 24 single-spaced pages; (b) when a document was prepared on the basis of Governments' replies to a questionnaire or of submissions by the agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, such replies and submissions should not be reproduced in extenso in the body of the document or in an annex to it; (c) organs and subsidiary organs which appointed special rapporteurs, expert groups, consultants or visiting missions to prepare reports on their behalf should be requested to assist the Secretariat in its endeavours to control documentation by establishing, in the case of such reports, a maximum limit of 32 pages; (d) the decisions by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to the effect that the reports of their subsidiary bodies should be action-oriented and limited to 32 pages should be specifically brought to the attention of each subsidiary body for its compliance.

5. The Division intended to apply those instructions as faithfully as possible and would do its utmost to ensure that they were complied with by all concerned.

The meeting rose at 1 p.m.