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COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN URGES RELEASE

OF ALL WOMEN AND CHILDREN HELD HOSTAGE

Roll-Call Vote on Resolution is 27-0-14

The Commission on the Status of Women this afternoon urged the release of women and children taken hostage in armed conflicts before the opening of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing on 4 September. Adopting a resolution on the issue by a roll-call vote of 27 in favour to none against, with 14 abstentions, the Commission asked the Secretary-General and international agencies to help facilitate the release of those women and children.

That resolution, which was introduced by the representative of Azerbaijan, requested the Secretary-General to inform the World Conference on progress made in implementing the resolution. (See Annex for details of vote.)

The Commission will meet again at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3 April, to take action on a draft resolution on the integration of displaced rural women into development processes, and the draft rules of procedure for the Beijing Conference.

(annex follows)

ANNEX

Vote on Resolution on Women and Children Hostages

The Commission on the Status of Women adopted the resolution on releasing women and children hostages (E/CN.6/1995/L.7/Rev.1) by a roll-call vote of 27 in favour to none against, with 14 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Bahamas, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Ecuador, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Togo, Tunisia, Venezuela.

Abstaining: Angola, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, France, Greece, India, Japan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain.

Not participating: Thailand, Zaire.

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