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Chapter XII

Integration of the human rights of women and the gender perspective:

(a) Violence against women

1. The Commission considered agenda item 12 at its 34th and 35th meetings, on 7 April, at its 36th and 37th meetings, on 10 April, at its 38th meeting, on 11 April, and at its 61st meeting, on 20 April 2000.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 12, see annex VI to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairperson's statements, by agenda item, see annex V.
3. At the 34th meeting, on 7 April 2000, the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women, Ms. Dubravka Simonovic, made a statement.
4. At the 36th meeting, on 10 April 2000:
 - (a) The Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, introduced her report (E/CN.4/2000/68 and Add.1-5);
 - (b) The Rapporteur of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Ms. Feride Arca, made a statement;
 - (c) The United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan, made a statement.
5. In the general debate on agenda item 12, statements were made by members of the Commission, observers and representatives of non-governmental organizations. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex III.

Traffic in women and girls

6. At the 61st meeting, on 20 April 2000, the representative of the Philippines introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.59, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine. Argentina, Belgium,

Burundi, Croatia, Denmark, Eritrea, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Nicaragua, Norway, Portugal, Thailand and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

7. The representative of the Philippines orally revised the draft resolution by inserting a new fifth preambular paragraph. The ninth preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 12 were also orally revised.

8. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/44.

Elimination of violence against women

9. At the 61st meeting, on 20 April 2000, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.60, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Australia, Belarus, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United States of America and Venezuela. Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Burundi, Colombia, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ireland, Israel, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mongolia, Rwanda, Senegal, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

10. Operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of Canada. The representative of Canada further revised the draft resolution by adding a new operative paragraph 4.

11. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

12. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/45.

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

13. At the 61st meeting, on 20 April 2000, the representative of Chile introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.61, sponsored by Albania, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria,

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela. Bangladesh, Belgium, Burundi, Croatia, France, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Mauritius, Slovenia, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia subsequently joined the sponsors.

14. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/46.
