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Draft report of the Commission

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## Chapter XX

### Rationalization of the work of the Commission

1. The Commission considered agenda item 20 at its 59th meeting, on 19 April, and at its 67th meeting, on 26 April 2000.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 20, 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. In the general debate on agenda item 20, statements were made by members of the Commission, observers and representatives of non-governmental organizations. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex III.
4. At the 59th meeting, on 19 April 2000, the Chairperson of the inter-sessional open-ended Working Group on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights, Ms. Anne Anderson, introduced the report of the Working Group (E/CN.4/2000/112).

### Enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights

5. At the 67th meeting, on 26 April 2000, the Chairperson introduced draft decision E/CN.4/2000/L.101.
6. Draft decision 2 contained in draft decision E/CN.4/2000/L.101 was orally revised by the Chairperson and further amended by the representative of Pakistan.
7. Statements in connection with draft decision E/CN.4/2000/L.101 were made by the representatives of Pakistan and the United States of America.
8. 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 decision.
9. The draft decision, as orally revised and amended, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 2000/109.

### Transitional arrangements concerning the 1503 procedure

10. At the 67th meeting, on 26 April 2000, the Chairperson introduced draft decision E/CN.4/2000/L.102.
11. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 2000/110.