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VIII. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine

1. The Commission considered agenda item 8 at its 19th to 22nd meetings, on 28 March and 29 March, and at its 61st meeting, on 18 April 2001.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 8, 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 19th meeting, on 28 March 2001, a statement was read out by a member of the secretariat on behalf of Mr. Giorgio Giacomelli, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, in connection with the Special Rapporteur's report (E/CN.4/2001/30).
4. At the same meeting, the report of the human rights inquiry commission established pursuant to Commission resolution S-5/1 of 19 October 2000 (E/CN.4/2001/121) was introduced by Mr. John Dugard and Mr. Kamal Hossain, Chairperson and member of the inquiry commission, respectively. At the 22nd meeting, on 29 March 2001, Mr. Richard Falk, also member of the inquiry commission, made concluding remarks on behalf of the inquiry commission.
5. Also at the 19th meeting, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Mary Robinson, introduced her report on her visit to the occupied Palestinian territories, Israel, Egypt and Jordan from 8 to 16 November 2000 (E/CN.4/2001/114).
6. In the general debate on agenda item 8, statements were made by members of the Commission, observers and representatives of non-governmental organizations. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex III to the present report.

Human rights in the occupied Syrian Golan

7. At its 61st meeting, on 18 April 2001, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2001/L.6, sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Bangladesh, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia subsequently joined the sponsors.
8. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observer for Israel.

9. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of China and Guatemala.

10. At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a roll-call vote was taken on the draft resolution, which was adopted by 29 votes to 2, with 21 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Burundi, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia.

Against: Guatemala, United States of America.

Abstaining: Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

11. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Commission on Human Rights - France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the associated countries that are members of the Commission on Human Rights - the Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland and Romania, aligned themselves with the statement).

12. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2001/6.

Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine

13. Also at its 61st meeting, the representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2001/L.30, sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, China, Cuba, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Yemen. Bangladesh, Madagascar, South Africa and Sudan subsequently joined the sponsors.

14. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States), Malaysia and Pakistan, and the observers for Israel and Palestine.

15. 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.

16. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Guatemala and United States of America.

17. At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a roll-call vote was taken on the draft resolution, which was adopted by 28 votes to 2, with 22 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia.

Against: Guatemala, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Belgium, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

18. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of States members of the European Union that are members of the Commission on Human Rights - France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the associated countries that are members of the Commission on Human Rights - the Czech Republic, Latvia, Poland and Romania, aligned themselves with the statement), India, Japan.

19. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2001/7.

Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories

20. Also at its 61st meeting, the observer for Sweden (on behalf of the European Union), introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2001/L.31, sponsored by Austria, Belarus, Belgium,

Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Algeria, Ecuador, Indonesia, Japan, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar and Slovakia subsequently joined the sponsors.

21. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the observers for Israel and Palestine.

22. At the request of the United States of America, a roll-call vote was taken on the draft resolution, which was adopted by 50 votes to 1, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Costa Rica.

23. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2001/8.
