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THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION**

**Draft report of the Commission**

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### **XIII. Rights of the child**

1. The Commission considered agenda item 13 at its 49th meeting, on 10 April, at its 50th to 52nd meetings, on 11 April, at its 65th meeting, on 19 April, at its 75th meeting, on 24 April, and at its 79th meeting, on 25 April 2001.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 13, 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 49th meeting, on 10 April 2001:
  - (a) The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, introduced his report (E/CN.4/2001/76;
  - (b) The Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Ms. Ofelia Calcetas-Santos, introduced her report (E/CN.4/2001/78 and Add.1-2). Also at the 49th meeting, the Special Rapporteur made her concluding remarks.
4. At the 65th meeting, on 19 April 2001, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Mary Robinson, made a statement on the implementation of Commission resolution 2000/60 entitled "Abduction of children from northern Uganda".
5. In the general debate on agenda item 13, 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.

#### **Abduction of children from northern Uganda**

6. At the 75th meeting, on 24 April 2001, the observer for Uganda introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2001/L.89, sponsored by Burundi, Kenya, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania.
7. The observer for Uganda orally revised the draft resolution by deleting paragraph 12.
8. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kenya.
9. At the request of the representative of Kenya, the Chairperson proposed to postpone consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/2001/L.89.
10. At the 79th meeting, on 25 April 2001, the Commission resumed consideration of draft resolution E/CN.4/2001/L.89.

11. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States).

12. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2001/74.

### **Rights of the child**

13. At the 79th meeting, on 25 April 2001, the representative of Sweden (on behalf of the European Union and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2001/L.98, sponsored by Albania, Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zambia. Angola, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Ghana, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Mauritius, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia subsequently joined the sponsors.

14. Paragraph 1 of the draft resolution was orally revised by the observer for Sweden.

15. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Cuba and Uruguay.

16. 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.

17. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2001/75.

18. After the adoption of the resolutions E/CN.4/2001/L.89 and E/CN.4/2001/L.98, the representative of the United States of America made a statement in explanation of his delegation's positions.

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