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Agenda item 7

**Adoption of the report of the Commission on its
forty-sixth session****Draft report***Rapporteur:* _____**Chapter ____
Organization of the session****A. Opening and duration of the session**

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its forty-sixth session at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 15 March 2002. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to ____).
2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia), who also made a statement.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st and ____ meetings, on 4 and ____ March 2002, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:



Chairperson:

Othman Jerandi (Tunisia)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Fernando Estellita Lins de Salvo Coimbra (Brazil)

Kyung-wha Kang (Republic of Korea)

Birgit Stevens (Belgium)

5. At its ___ meeting, on ___ March, the Commission designated _____ as Vice-Chairperson with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

6. At its 1st meeting, on 4 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2002/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
 - (a) Review of gender mainstreaming in entities of the United Nations system;
 - (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
 - (c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:
 - (i) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world;
 - (ii) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective.
4. Communications concerning the status of women.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-sixth session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

7. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed: Mostafa Alaei (Islamic Republic of Iran), Paul J. A. M. Peters

(Netherlands), Audra Plepytė (Lithuania), Connie Taracena Secaira (Guatemala) and Séraphine Toé (Burkina Faso). The working group held three meetings.

F. Consultations with non-governmental organizations

8. Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council (E/5975/Rev.1) were circulated in documents E/CN.6/2002/NGO/1-13.
