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OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

Note by the Secretary-General

The following draft provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Commission is submitted in accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) and includes an indication for each item of the documents to be prepared in implementation of relevant Sub-Commission decisions. If necessary, the draft provisional agenda will be amended in the light of any decisions, which the Sub-Commission may take after the preparation of this document.

The text of the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Commission reads as follows:

1. Organization of work.

Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/66 and decision 2000/109 (annex, chapter four); Sub-Commission decisions 1999/114, 2002/117 and 2002/118.

2. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).*

Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/66 and decision 2000/109 (annex, paras. 51-53); Sub-Commission resolutions 2002/1, 2002/2 and 2002/5.

3. Administration of justice, rule of law and democracy.*

Legislative authority: Sub-Commission resolutions 2002/3 and 2002/4, and decisions 2002/103, 2002/104 and 2002/116.

Documentation:

- (a) Preliminary report of Ms. Zerrougui, Special Rapporteur on discrimination in the criminal justice system (resolution 2002/3);
- (b) Updated report of Mr. Decaux on the issue of the administration of justice through military tribunals (decision 2002/103);
- (c) Working paper by Ms. Hampson on the scope of the activities and accountability of armed forces, United Nations civilian police, international civil servants and experts taking part in peace support operations (decision 2002/104);
- (d) Additional expanded working paper by Mr. Rodríguez-Cuadros on measures provided in the various international human rights instruments for the promotion and consolidation of democracy (decision 2002/116).

* Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/50, a gender perspective is integrated into all agenda items.

4. Economic, social and cultural rights.*

Legislative authority: Sub-Commission resolutions 1999/8, 1999/9, 2002/6, 2002/7, 2002/8, 2002/9, 2002/11, 2002/12, 2002/13 and 2002/14, and decisions 2002/105 and 2002/106.

Documentation:

- (a) Final report of Mr. Oloka-Onyango and Ms. Udagama, Special Rapporteurs on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (resolution 1999/8 and decision 2002/105);
- (b) Annual report of the Secretary-General on the realization of the right to development (resolution 1999/9);
- (c) Progress report of Mr. Guissé, Special Rapporteur on the promotion of the realization of the right to drinking water supply and sanitation (resolution 2002/6);
- (d) Preliminary report of Mr. Pinheiro, Special Rapporteur on housing and property restitution in the context of the return of refugees and internally displaced persons (resolution 2002/7);
- (e) Report of the sessional working group on the working methods and activities of transnational corporations (resolution 2002/8);
- (f) Working paper by Mr. Van Hoof on non-discrimination as enshrined in article 2, paragraph 2, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (resolution 2002/9);
- (g) Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on human rights, trade and investment (resolution 2002/11);
- (h) Report of the Social Forum (resolution 2002/12);
- (i) Preliminary joint working paper by Ms. Motoc, Mr. Eide, Mr. Yokota, Mr. Guissé and Mr. Bengoa on the implementation of existing human rights norms and standards in the context of the fight against extreme poverty (resolution 2002/13);
- (j) Working paper by Ms. Mbonu on the impact of corruption on the realization and enjoyment of all human rights (decision 2002/106).

5. Prevention of discrimination:*

- (a) **Racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia;**
- (b) **Prevention of discrimination and protection of indigenous peoples;**
- (c) **Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities.**

Legislative authority: Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34; Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1995/24 and 1998/19; Sub-Commission resolutions 2002/15, 2002/16, 2002/18 and 2002/21, and decision 2002/108.

Documentation:

- (a) Report of the Working Group on Minorities on its ninth session (Commission resolutions 1995/24 and 1998/19);
- (b) Report of Ms. Daes, Special Rapporteur on indigenous people's permanent sovereignty over natural resources (resolution 2002/15);
- (c) Progress report by Mr. Eide on peaceful and constructive approaches to situations involving minorities (resolution 2002/16);
- (d) Final report of Mr. Weissbrodt, Special Rapporteur on the rights of non-citizens (resolution 2002/18);
- (e) Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations on its twenty-first session (Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34; Sub-Commission resolution 2002/21);
- (f) Expanded working paper by Mr. Eide and Mr. Yokota on the topic of discrimination based on work and descent (decision 2002/108).

6. Specific human rights issues:*

- (a) Women and human rights;**
- (b) Contemporary forms of slavery;**
- (c) New priorities, in particular terrorism.**

Legislative authority: Economic and Social Council decisions 16 and 17 (LVI); Sub-Commission resolutions 5 (XIV), 2002/23, 2002/24, 2002/25, 2002/26, 2002/27, 2002/28, 2002/29 and 2002/30, and decisions 2002/110, 2002/111, 2002/112, 2002/113, 2002/114 and 2002/115.

Documentation:

- (a) Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its twenty-eighth session (Economic and Social Council decisions 16 and 17 (LVI));
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 5 (XIV));
- (c) Additional progress report of Ms. Koufa, Special Rapporteur on terrorism and human rights (resolution 2002/24);
- (d) Preliminary report of Ms. Frey, Special Rapporteur on the prevention of human rights violations committed with small arms and light weapons (resolution 2002/25);

- (e) Updated report of Ms. Warzazi, Special Rapporteur on traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child (resolution 2002/26);
- (f) Report of the Secretary-General on measures to implement the Programme of Action for the Prevention of the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (resolution 2002/27);
- (g) Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the issues of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflicts (resolution 2002/29);
- (h) Extended working paper by Ms. Hampson on reservations to human rights treaties (decision 2002/110);
- (i) Working paper by Mr. Kartashkin on the regulation of citizenship by successor States with nationals of the predecessor States (decision 2002/111);
- (j) Working paper by Mr. Kartashkin on the rights of women married to foreigners (decision 2002/112);
- (k) Expanded and updated working paper by Mr. Sik Yuen on the utility, scope and structure of a study on the real and potential dangers to the effective enjoyment of human rights posed by the testing, production, storage, transfer, trafficking or use of weapons of mass destruction or with indiscriminate effect, or of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering, including the use of weaponry containing depleted uranium (decision 2002/113);
- (l) Expanded working paper by Ms. Motoc on human rights and bioethics (decision 2002/114).
- (m) Working paper by Mr. Decaux on issues and modalities for the effective universality of international human rights treaties (decision 2002/115).

7. Draft provisional agenda and adoption of the report:

- (a) Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission;**
- (b) Adoption of the report on the fifty-fifth session.**

Legislative authority: Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII).

Documentation:

Note by the Secretary-General containing the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission, together with information concerning documentation relating thereto.