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#### **Commission on the Status of Women**

Forty-eighth session

1-12 March 2004

Agenda item 7

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session

#### **Draft report**

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### **Chapter \_\_\_\_. Organization of the session**

#### A. Opening and duration of the session

- 1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its forty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 12 March 2004. The Commission held \_\_\_\_\_ meetings (1st to \_\_).
- 2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the forty-eighth session of the Commission, Kyung-wha Kang (Republic of Korea), who also made a statement.

#### B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of 45 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.

#### C. Officers of the Commission

4. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should serve a term of office of two years. The following officers were elected at the 1st meeting of the forty-eighth session, on 25 March 2003, to serve during the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions:

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Chairperson:

Kyung-wha Kang (Republic of Korea)

*Vice-Chairpersons*:

Carmen-Rosa Arias (Peru) Tebatso Baleseng (Botswana) Lala Ibrahimova (Azerbaijan) (who also served as Rapporteur\*) Beatrice Maillé (Canada)

#### D. Agenda and organization of work

- 5. At its 1st meeting, on 1 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2004/1, as orally revised. 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 organizations 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) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality;
      - (ii) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building.
  - 4. Communications concerning the status of women.
  - 5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
  - 6. Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission.
  - 7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session.

<sup>\*</sup> Elected to serve for the forty-eighth session only. Marine Davtyan (Armenia) was elected to serve for the forty-ninth session.

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

6. 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:

Alberto D'Alotto (Argentina) Marine Davtyan (Armenia) Nicole Elisha (Benin) Miho Ohashi (Japan) Martin Thuemmel (Germany)

7. The working group held six meetings.