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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

**Statistics relating to the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Commission
on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights**

Note by the secretariat

The statistics contained in the annex have been collected by the secretariat for the information of the Sub-Commission with respect to the organization of its work at its fifty-sixth session.

Annex

**STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE
FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON THE
PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

A. Participants

Status of participants	Number of delegations	Number of participants	Number of women	Percentage of women
Members of the Sub-Commission		24	7	29.1
Alternates		5	2	40
Member States of the United Nations represented by observers	93	251	57	22.7
Non-member States represented by observers ^a	1	5	1	20
United Nations ^b	2	3	2	66.6
United Nations bodies ^c	5	7	3	42.8
Specialized agencies ^d	4	27	14	51.8
Intergovernmental organizations	7	18	10	55.6
Other entities ^e	1	3	3	100
Non-governmental organizations	122	508	228	44.8
- General consultative status	17	72	32	44.4
- Special consultative status	80	362	171	47.2
- Roster	25	74	25	33
Total	235	851	327	38.4

^a Holy See.

^b Disabled Peoples International, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

^c Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Security Council, World Food Programme.

^d International Labour Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Bank, World Health Organization.

^e International Committee of the Red Cross.

B. Meetings and parallel activities

Type of meeting	Number
Plenary meetings	24
of which:	
- Public meetings	21
- Closed meetings	3
Parallel activities:	45
- Meetings organized by NGOs	25
- Meetings/briefings organized by DPI/OHCHR	6
- Chair and Bureau's consultations with NGOs	3
- Experts' meetings with NGOs	11

C. Use of conference resources and meeting time*

Number of plenary meetings planned	28
Number of meetings cancelled	2
Additional meetings used (for working groups meetings held in parallel to the plenary)	3
Total meeting time lost	6 hours, 5 minutes
including through:	
- Late starting	3 hours, 40 minutes
- Early ending	2 hours, 25 minutes
Time used beyond normal meeting time	48 minutes

* Figures provided by UNOG Conference Services Division.

D. Statements, by type of intervention

During the 52 hours, 30 minutes, that were used for the general discussion of the seven items of the agenda, a total of 476 interventions were made. This total comprises regular statements as well as points of order and rights of reply made during public plenary sessions, not including the voting process. In addition, there were 15 statements made during opening and closing (1st and 24th meetings). The interventions are broken down as follows:

Participants	Statements
Sub-Commission members	203
Special rapporteurs, chairpersons of working groups and other members of the Sub-Commission introducing their reports or working papers	34
Subtotal	237
Other speakers, ^a guests	13
United Nations Member States represented by observers	18
NGOs (18 joint statements)	176
United Nations bodies, specialized agencies	6
Rights of reply (observer States)	9
Points of order (members of the Sub-Commission)	17
Total	476

^a The Chairperson, Bureau members and an independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights, the Chairperson and a member of CERD, a former member of the Sub-Commission, a representative of UNOG Conference Services.

In addition, 8 hours and 58 minutes were used by the Chairperson and the secretariat for organizational matters (conduct of business and announcements).

E. Voting

1. Time

A total of 6 hours and 23 minutes were spent on consideration and taking action on draft proposals.

2. Results

	Resolutions	Decisions	Chairperson's statements
Adopted:	30	17	0
By a roll-call vote	-	-	
By show of hands	-	-	
Without a vote	30	17	0

3. Time used for consideration and voting, and resolutions and decisions adopted, by item

Item	Resolutions adopted	Decisions adopted	Time spent
1	0	4	7 minutes, 56 seconds
2	1	0	16 minutes, 1 second
3	4	4	46 minutes, 32 seconds
4	11	3	1 hour, 48 minutes, 13 seconds
5	6	3	1 hour, 16 minutes, 58 seconds
6	8	3	2 hours, 43 minutes, 22 seconds
7	0	0	nil
Total	30	17	6 hours, 23 minutes, 52 seconds

F. Documentation

A total of 178 documents (1,965 pages) were submitted for the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Commission. Those documents are divided into the following categories:

	Number of documents	Pages*
General documents	53	1 271
NGO documents	48	208
Working groups documents	23	142
Draft resolutions and decisions	46	144
Draft report	8	200
Total number of documents	178	1 965

* English version.

In 2002, for the fifty-fourth session of the Sub-Commission, there were 167 documents issued for a total of 1,598 pages.
