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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

**Statistics relating to the sixty-first
session of the Commission on Human Rights**

Note by the Secretariat

The statistics contained in the annex have been collected by the Secretariat for the information of the Commission with respect to the organization of its work at its sixty-second session.

Annex

STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SIXTY-FIRST
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Participants

Status of participants	Number of delegations		Number of participants		Number of women		Percentage of women	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Members of the Commission	53	53	753	724	249	208	33.1	28.7
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	99	100	757	764	239	264	31.4	34.5
Non-member States represented by observers*	1	1	9	12	3	4	33.0	33.3
United Nations bodies and departments	8	7	47	67	23	33	47.0	49.2
Specialized agencies and related organizations	5	9	44	83	25	42	57.0	50.6
Intergovernmental organizations	9	9	86	106	45	44	52.0	41.5
National and regional human rights institutions	38	53	101	149	35	56	34.6	37.5
Non-governmental organizations, of which:	230	261	1777	1934	813	921	45.7	47.3
- NGOs in general consultative status	27	32	-	259	-	135		
- NGOs in special consultative status	163	190	-	1404	-	693		
- NGOs on the Roster	40	43	-	271	-	125		
Other observers**	4	4	23	27	11	15	48.0	55.55
Total	447	497	3597	3866	1443	1587	40.1	42

* Holy See.

** Palestine, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and Order of Malta.

B. Meetings and parallel activities

Type of meeting	2004	2005
Plenary meetings:		
– Public meetings (including midday additional meetings)	58 (6)	61 (8)
– Meetings divided into public and closed meeting	1	-
– Closed meetings	2	2
Total of plenary meetings	61	63
Bureau meetings (in-session)	10	9
Parallel activities:		
– Meetings of national institutions (ICC)	2	4
– Consultations held by Governments	241	219
– Meetings of regional groups	138	121
– Meetings of IGOs	37	29
– Meetings organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	9	6
– Meetings organized by the Department of Public Information and the OHCHR	5	4
– Meetings organized by the OHCHR in cooperation with NGOs or IGOs	13	11
– Meetings organized by United Nations bodies/specialized agencies	2	1
– Meetings organized by NGOs	140	152
– Consultations with NGOs by the Bureau/Chair	5	5
Total of other meetings	602	561

C. Use of time during plenary meetings

1. Total

	2004	2005
Total meeting time available	189h	189h*
Time lost due to: Late starting	1h 32min	2h 32min
Early ending	4h 48min	6h 31min
Interruptions	4h 14min	2h 33 min
Total meeting time lost	10h 34 min	11h 36min
Late ending	1h 45min	1h 41min
Time used for public plenary meetings	140h 20min	149h 33 min
Time used for closed plenary meetings	5h 58min	5h 50 min
Time used for the high-level segment	22h 52min (during nine plenary meetings)	18h 51min
Total meeting time used	160h 21min	174h 14 min

* Including eight additional midday meetings held on 15, 17 and 23 March and 8, 12, 13, 19 and 21 April 2005.

2. Statements by dignitaries (during and outside the High-Level Segment)

Delegations	Number		Number of women				Total time	
	2004	2005	2004		2005		2004	2005
Members of the Commission	33	39	11	33.3%	8	22.85%	7h 29min	9h 19min
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	48	50	14	29.2%	11	20.37%	11h 4min	11h42min
Non-member States represented by observers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specialized agencies	1	-	0	-	-	-	0h 18min	-
Intergovernmental organizations	2	1	0	-	-	-	0h 33min	0h 15min
United Nations Secretary-General	1	1	0	-	-	-	0h 22min	0h 15min
Acting United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1	1	0	-	1	-	0h 10min	0h 09min
United Nations bodies	1	-	0	-	-	-	0h 14min	-
Other entities	2	2*	0	-	-	-	0h 20min	0h 39min
Total	89	94	25	28.0%	20	21.2%	20h 30min	22h 19 min

* International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

During the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights, 8.7 per cent (13 hours) of the time used for public meetings was spent on *interactive dialogues* with special procedures mandate-holders.

3. Time used, by type of intervention

Rights of reply	Number 2004	Time 2004	Number 2005	Time 2005
Members of the Commission	61	2h 08 min	63	2 h 25 min
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	68	2h 20 min	70	2 h 38 min
Other observers	2	0h 06 min	2	0h 08 min
Total	131	4 h 34min	133	5 h 11 min

4. Time used, by type of speaker

Speakers	Number	Time	Percentage of statements	Women	Percentage of women
Members	497	26h43 min	34.8	75	15
Observer Governments (including 8 joint statements)	268	17h36 min	18.7	67	25
NGOs	476	24h25 min	33.3	196	41.1
NGO joint statements	61	3h35 min	4.2	26	42.6
Intergovernmental organizations	42	3h53 min	2.9	21	50
National human rights institutions	53	5 h58 min	3.7	23	43.3
United Nations organizations	9	0h35 min	0.6	4	44.4
Specialized agencies	12	0h32 min	0.8	8	66.6
Others*	9	0h28 min	0.6	2	22.2
Total	1427	83h45 min	-	422	-

* Palestine, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Order of Malta; Holy See.

5. All interventions* made by States, divided by geographical region

During the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights:

- **28.8** per cent of all interventions by Governments were made by Asian States (**574 out of 1,987** interventions);
- **22.8** per cent of all interventions by Governments were made by Western European and other States (**455 out of 1,987** interventions);
- **19.3** per cent of all interventions by Governments were made by Latin American and Caribbean States (**384 out of 1,987** interventions);
- **16.3** per cent of all interventions by Governments were made by African States (**325 out of 1,987** interventions);
- **12.5** per cent of all interventions by Governments were made by Eastern European States (**249 out of 1,987** interventions).

* Including statements made in the high-level segment, general debate/interactive dialogues and during the voting as well as rights of reply and points of order.

6. Joint statements on behalf of regional groups and other groupings of States

Regional or other group	Number of statements
African States	7
Asian States	2
Latin American and Caribbean States	8
Arab States	4
Baltic and Nordic States	2
European Union	13
Like-minded group	1
MERCOSUR	1
Non-Aligned Movement	1
Nordic States	2
Organization of the Islamic Conference	8
Total	49

D. Voting

1. Time

A total of 22 hours, 39 minutes, were spent on voting, which took place at 12 meetings.

2. Results

	Resolutions		Decisions		Chairperson's statements		No-action motion	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
By roll-call and recorded vote (with the use of the electronic voting system)	38	37	8	4	0	0	3	-
Without a vote	50	48	20	14	5	4	-	-
Total	88	85	28	18	5	4	3	-

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

Item	Total			Resolutions (2005)		Decisions (2005)		Chairperson's statements (2005)
	Resolutions, decisions and Chairperson's statements			Recorded vote	Without a vote	Recorded vote	Without a vote	
	2004	2005						
3	7	2h 37min	7 2h30 min	-	-	1	5	1
4	1	0h 51min	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	3	0h 25min	3 0h30 min	2	-	-	-	1
6	3	1h 03min	3 0h56 min	3	-	-	-	-
7	1	0h 15min	1 0h12 min	1	-	-	-	-
8	3	1h 05min	3 1h24 min	3	-	-	-	-
9	9	4h 29min	7 2h21 min	3	2	-	2	-
10	15	3h 41min	15 2h36 min	8	4	-	3	-
11	16	2h 05min	16 2h49 min	6	9	-	1	-
12	5	0h 43min	3 0h38 min	-	2	-	1	-
13	2	0h 23min	2 0h21 min	1	1	-	-	-
14	12	1h 12min	8 1h30 min	-	7	-	1	-
15	4	0h 52min	5 0h45 min	3	1	1	-	-
16	2	0h 20min	1 0h10 min	-	1	-	-	-

Item	Total (cont'd)			Resolutions (2005)		Decisions (2005)		Chair-person's statements 2005
	Resolutions, decisions and Chairperson's statements			Recorded vote	Without a vote	Recorded vote	Without a vote	
	2004	2005						
17	20	2h 52min	19 3h15 min	6	11	2	-	-
18	6	0h 59min	4 0h35 min	1	3	-	-	-
19	12	1h 09min	9 1h37 min	-	7	-	-	2
20	-	-	1 0h30 min	-	-	-	1	-
Total	121	25h 01min	107 22h 39min	37	48	4	14	4

4. Statements made during voting sessions

Voting	Number	Time
Chairperson's interventions + voting time	587	6 h 27 min
Introductions of draft proposals	88	4 h 45 min
Comments by member States	194	5 h 55 min
Comments by observers (concerned countries)	15	1 h 10 min
Explanations of vote before vote	115	3 h 06 min
Explanations of vote after vote	21	42 min
Total	1020	22 h 05 min

E. Documentation

A total of **729** documents (**9,756** pages) were submitted for the sixty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights. Those documents are divided into the following categories:

Documents issued*	Number of documents		Number of pages	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
General documents	212	134	4 718	5920
Government documents	55	44	535	350
NGO documents	262	354	1 059	1361
National institutions documents	2	3	7	32
Draft resolutions and decisions	123	114	1 576	620
Draft report	27	27	544	674
CRPs (Conference room papers)	3	5	94	163
Miscellaneous/INF. documents	4	3	269	286
Working groups (reports/documents)	16	16	662	188
Orders of the day	29	29	193	162
Total	733	729	10 034	9756

* Including addenda, corrigenda and revisions.
