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FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE PROGRAMME AND METHODS OF
WORK OF THE COMMISSION

ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT
OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Note by the Chairman of the working group

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1. It will be recalled that at its forty-sixth session, the Commission had before it General Assembly resolution 44/167 of 15 December 1989 entitled "Enlargement of the Commission and the further promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms". In the context of the organization of its work, the Commission referred the request of the Assembly in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution to an informal open-ended working group.

2. Subsequent to consultations within the Bureau and between the Bureau and the co-ordinators of the various regional groups, it was agreed that the informal open-ended working group of the Commission would hold a maximum of three meetings to hear views and to then convert into a drafting group composed of up to five representatives from each regional group.

3. The organizational meeting of the informal open-ended working group took place on 14 February 1990. The informal open-ended working group held its meetings on 19, 21 and 26 February 1990. The drafting group held its first meeting on 28 February 1990. It was composed of the following delegations: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Madagascar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Venezuela.

4. The drafting group held 12 meetings between 28 February and 8 March 1990. In addition, the group assigned drafting tasks to a further limited group composed of two representatives from each regional group.

5. In the course of its deliberations, the drafting group received a number of views, which were circulated in the form of working papers and which are contained in documents E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.2, E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.4, E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.5, E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.9, and E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.11. In addition draft proposals were submitted by various participants; these are contained in documents E/CN.4/WG.3/WP.3, E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.6, E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.7, E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.8, E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.10, E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.12.

6. Document E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.13 and annex reflect the stage reached by the drafting group as of 8 March 1990.

7. At its last meeting held on 8 March 1990, the drafting group agreed to inform the plenary that it had not yet reached the point of making any recommendations and to transmit its documents to the Commission.

8. Attached is a list of the working papers that the drafting group had before it.

Annex

The working group had before it the following documents:

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| E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.1 | Provisional agenda |
| E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.2 | Note by the Secretariat |
| E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.3 | Proposal received from Western European and other States |
| E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.4 | Written statement submitted by Four Directions Council, International Association against Torture, International Movement for Fraternal Union Among Races and Peoples, International Organization for the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees, and Service, Justice and Peace in Latin America, non-governmental organizations in consultative status (category II) and Grand Council of the Crees, Indian Council of South America, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples and Regional Council of Human Rights in Asia, non-governmental organizations on the Roster |
| E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.5 | Written statement submitted by Women's International Democratic Federation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status (category I), Amnesty International, Anti-Slavery Society for the Protection of Human Rights, Arab Lawyers Union, Arab Organization for Human Rights, Baha'i International Community, Christian Democratic International, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Human Rights Advocates, International Abolitionist Federation, International Association of Penal Law, International Catholic Child Bureau, International Catholic Migration Commission, International Commission of Health Professionals for Health and Human Rights, International Commission of Jurists, International Council of Jewish Women, International Federation Terres des Hommes, International Fellowship of Reconciliation, International Human Rights Law Group, International Movement ATD Fourth World, Pax Christi International, Prison Fellowship International, Union of Arab Jurists, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Women,s International Zionist Organization, |

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(continued) World Association for World Federation, World Federation of Methodist Women and World Movement of Mothers, non-governmental organizations in consultative status (category II) and Defence for Children International, Habitat International Coalition, International Federation of the ACAT - Action of Christians for the Abolition of Torture, Liberation, Minority Rights Group, Survival International Limited, and World Union for Progressive Judaism, non-governmental organizations on the Roster
- E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.6 Proposal received by the Group of Non-Aligned States
- E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.7 India: Proposed rationalized agenda for the Commission
- E./CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.8 Proposed draft resolution presented by Austria*, Belgium, Canada, Ireland* and the Netherlands*
- E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.9 Note by the Secretariat
- E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.10 Proposed draft resolution presented by Non-Aligned States
- E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.11 Australian delegation's views
- E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP.12 Draft paragraph proposed by Belgium
- E/CN.4/1990/WG.3/WP/13 Draft resolution proposed by the drafting group on ways and means of making the work of the Commission on Human Rights more effective

*/ In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.