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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Statistics relating to the fifty-eighth 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 fifty-ninth session.

Annex

**STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE
FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS**

A. Participants

Status of participants	Number of delegations		Number of participants		Number of women		Percentage of women (%)	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
Members of the Commission	53	53	731	727	226	230	31	31.5
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	92	91	546	608	170	193	37	32
Non-Member States represented by observers	2	2	27	29	9	9	33	31
United Nations bodies	12	14	52	153	25	68	48	44.5
Specialized agencies and related organizations	8	7	80	71	42	41	52.5	57.5
Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs)	11	10	74	65	21	23	28	35.5
National human rights institutions	44	31	90	73	25	13	28	18
Non-governmental organizations, of which	247	250	2 074	1 888	945	829	45.5	44
NGOs in general consultative status	31	33	337	326	144	130	43	40
NGOs in special consultative status	172	172	1 396	1 315	660	605	47	46
NGOs on the Roster	44	45	341	247	141	95	41	38.5
Other observers ^a	4	4	37	49	18	21	49	43
Total	473	468	3 711	3 663	1 481	1 427	32	39

^a Palestine, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

B. Meetings and parallel activities

Type of meeting	2002	2001
Plenary meetings:		
Public meetings (including evening and night meetings)	51 (3)	78 (27)
Meetings divided into public and closed meeting	5	-
Closed meetings	2	2
Total	58	80
Bureau meetings (in-session)	25	12
Parallel activities:		
Meetings of national institutions	5	12
Consultations held by Governments	213	361
Meetings of regional groups	117	146
Meetings organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in cooperation with the Department of Public Information (DPI), NGOs or IGOs	6	3
Briefings by special rapporteurs (organized by OHCHR and DPI)	29	24
Meetings organized by NGOs	118	153
Consultations with NGOs		
by the Bureau/Chair	6	4
by the secretariat	1	1 ^a
Total	495	704

^a Meeting with NGOs held two days before the start of the fifty-seventh session.

C. Use of time during plenary meetings**1. Total**

Total meeting time available	2002	2001
	173h 45min	240h 0min
Late starting	13h 02min	13h 24min
Early ending	1h 21min	3h 57min
Interruption	2h 24min	
Total	16h 47min	19h 31min
Late ending	3h 48min	
Time used for public meetings	149h 19min	213h 07min
Time used for closed meetings	11h 27min	6h 22min
Total meeting time	160h 46min	219h 29min

2. Statements by dignitaries

Delegation/speaker	Number		Number of women				Total time	
	2002	2001	2002		2001		2002	2001
Members of the Commission	31	30	6	20%	4	13.3%	08h 10min	07h 18min
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	34	32	2	6%	5	15.6%	07h 55min	06h 40min
Non-Member States and other observers ^a	4	2	1	25%	0	-	00h 58min	00h 33min
Intergovernmental organizations	6	2	0	-	0	-	01h 32min	00h 31min
United Nations Secretary-General	1	1	0	-	0	-	00h 22min	00h 14min
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1	1	0	-	0	-	00h 17min	00h 23min
United Nations bodies	1	1	0	-	0	-	00h 11min	00h 13min
Total	78	69	9	11.5%	9	13.4%	19h 26min	15h52min

^a Switzerland, Holy See, Palestine, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

3. By type of intervention

A total of 2,409 interventions were made during the fifty-eighth session of the Commission. This comprises interventions made during plenary meetings and in the voting process, rights of reply and points of order. These interventions are broken down as follows:

Delegation/speaker (during the general debate and in the voting process)	Number		2002		2001		Time	
	2002	2001	Women	%	Women	%	2002	2001
High Commissioner for Human Rights	8	9	8	100.0	9	100.0	01h 48min	01h 53min
Members of the Commission	930	294	188	20.2	73	24.8	48h 14min	37h 30min
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	193	220	45	23.3	49	22.3	10h 51min	20h 41min
Joint statements by government delegations	141	36	22	15.6	10	27.8	09h 36min	05h 16min
Other observers ^a	27	24	4	14.8	3	12.5	01h 41min	02h 09min
United Nations bodies	8	14	7	87.5	5	35.7	00h 26min	01h 46min

Delegation/speaker (during the general debate and in the voting process)	Number		2002		2001		Time	
	2002	2001	Women	%	Women	%	2002	2001
Specialized agencies	13	18	3	23.1	3	16.7	01h 01min	02h 08min
Intergovernmental organizations	6	2	0	0.0	1	50.0	00h 37min	00h 10min
National human rights institutions	5	26	1	20.0	4	15.4	00h 56min	03h 00min
Non-governmental organizations (individual and joint statements)	373	548	156	41.8	229	41.8	23h 02min	21h 48min
Individual statements made by NGOs	341		133	39.0			19h 07min	
Joint statements made by NGOs	32		23	71.9			03h 54min	
Special rapporteurs, special representatives, independent experts, chairpersons of working groups	54	60	15	27.8	18	30.0	05h 41min	10h 21min
Opening/closing statements made by the Chair	3	7	0	0.0	0	0.0	01h 04min	01h 53min
Organizational matters (Chairperson and secretariat)							27h 10min	18h 38min
Total	2 134	1 258	605	28.4	404	32.1	83h 58min	151h 13min

^a Switzerland, Holy See, Palestine, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Rights of reply	Number		Time	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Members of the Commission	75	56	02h 28min	02h 20min
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	74	113	03h 03min	02h 53min
Other observers	20	6	00h 23min	00h 20min
Total	169	175	05h 54min	05h 13min

Points of order	Number		Time	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Members of the Commission	101	22	01h 16min	00h 23min
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	3	1	00h 03min	00h 01min
Other observers	2	-	00h 01min	-
Total	106	23	01h 20min	00h 24min

4. Statements by regional groups

Regional groups	Number of statements		Percentage of all statements		Time	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
African States	211	71	20%	22.5%	10h 04min	08h 51min
Asian States	339	104	33%	32.5%	15h 36min	12h 39min
Western European and other States	154	43	15%	13.5%	04h 23min	04h 44min
Eastern European States	37	29	4%	9.0%	01h 39min	03h 16min
Latin American Group	291	67	28%	21.5%	12h 35min	09h 14min
Total	1 032	314	100%	100%	44h 17min	38h 44min

5. Languages

The following table reflects statements made from the floor or the podium, not including organizational matters and announcements by the Chair or the secretariat.

Language	Time	%
English	68h 41min	51.9
Spanish	25h 02min	18.9
French	18h 32min	14.0
Arabic	15h 00min	11.3
Russian	02h 35min	2.0
Chinese	02h 07min	1.6
Other languages	00h 26min	0.3
Total	132h 23min	100.0

D. Voting

1. Time

A total of 27h 00min were spent on voting, which took place at 12 meetings.

2. Results

	Resolutions		Decisions		Chairperson's statements		No action motion	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
By roll-call or registered vote	32	32	7	1	-	-	1 ^a	1 ^a
Without a vote	60	50	11	18	3	3	-	-
Total	92	82	18	19	3	3	1	1

^a A total of three "no action" motions were introduced at the fifty-eighth session, while only one "no action" motion was introduced at the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights.

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

Item	Total				Resolutions (2002)		Decisions (2002)		Chair- person's statements (2002)	No action motion (2002)
	Resolutions, decisions and Chairperson's statements				Roll-call/ registered vote	without a vote	Roll-call vote	without a vote		
	2002		2001							
3	7	00h 48min	5	00h 05min	1	-	1	4	1	1
4	4	02h 06min	-	-	2	1	1	-		
5	3	00h 39min	3	00h 55min	2	1	-	-		
6	2	01h 47min	2	00h 30min	2	-	-	-		
7	1	00h 14min	1	00h 20min	1	-	-	-		
8	3	02h 11min	3	02h 50min	3	-	-	-		
9	15	07h 17min	17	11h 32min	5	7	1	1	1	
10	15	01h 53min	13	03h 10min	4	9	2	-		
11	16	04h 39min	15	07h 10min	6	10	-	-		
12	3	00h 14min	4	00h 22min	-	3	-	-		
13	2	00h 20min	2	00h 47min	-	2	-	-		
14	10	00h 56min	8	00h 48min	-	9	-	1		
15	4	00h 32min	4	00h 52min	-	3	-	1		
16	2	00h 19min	1	00h 16min	-	1	1	-		
17	14	01h 52min	17	03h 50min	5	6	1	2		
18	6	00h 35min	6	01h 09min	1	5	-	-		
19	4	00h 23min	3	00h 10min	-	3	-	-	1	
20	2	00h 13min	-	-	-	-	-	2		
					32	60	7	11		
Total	113	27h 00min	104	34h 46min	92		18		3	1

E. Documentation

A total of 564 documents (9,024 pages) were submitted for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights. These documents are divided into the following categories:

Documents issued	Number of Documents		Pages ^a	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Pre-session				
General distribution	227	183	4 668	4 945
NGO documents	197	178	724	693
Total	424	361	5 392	5 638
In-session				
General distribution	22	28	340	293
NGO documents	8	14	31	53
Limited distribution:				
Draft resolutions, decisions and amendments	135	106	705	667
Draft report	27	26	600	630
Miscellaneous	7	15	367	408
Total	199	189	2 043	2 051
Post-session (report of the Commission)		4		635
Total	623	554	7 435	8 324

^a Number of pages in 2002 as distributed (after editing); number of pages in 2001 as received (prior to editing), as appropriate.
