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**ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION**

**Statistics relating to the fifty-ninth 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 sixtieth session.

**Annex****STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-NINTH  
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS****A. Participants**

| Status of participants  | Number of delegations |            | Number of participants |              | Number of women |              | Percentage of women |            |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|
|   | 2003                  | 2002       | 2003                   | 2002         | 2003            | 2002         | 2003                | 2002       |
| Members of the Commission                                     | 53                    | 53         | 754                    | 731          | 261             | 226          | 34.6%               | 31%        |
| States Members of the United Nations represented by observers | 100                   | 92         | 653                    | 546          | 195             | 170          | 30%                 | 37%        |
| Non-member States represented by observers*                   | 1                     | 2          | 10                     | 27           | 3               | 9            | 30%                 | 33%        |
| United Nations bodies   | 12                    | 12         | 71                     | 52           | 37              | 25           | 52%                 | 48%        |
| Specialized agencies and related organizations                | 6                     | 8          | 70                     | 80           | 38              | 42           | 54%                 | 52.5%      |
| Intergovernmental organizations                               | 12                    | 11         | 88                     | 74           | 43              | 21           | 49%                 | 28%        |
| National human rights institutions                            | 40                    | 44         | 110                    | 90           | 26              | 25           | 23.6%               | 28%        |
| Non-governmental organizations, of which                      | 230                   | 247        | 1 603                  | 2 074        | 820             | 945          | 51%                 | 45.5%      |
| NGOs in general consultative status                           | 31                    | 31         | 288                    | 337          | 161             | 144          | 56%                 | 43%        |
| NGOs in special consultative status                           | 158                   | 172        | 1 067                  | 1 396        | 553             | 660          | 52%                 | 47%        |
| NGOs on the Roster  | 41                    | 44         | 248                    | 341          | 164             | 141          | 66%                 | 41%        |
| Other observers**   | 5                     | 4          | 57                     | 37           | 27              | 18           | 47%                 | 49%        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>459</b>            | <b>473</b> | <b>3 454</b>           | <b>3 711</b> | <b>1 448</b>    | <b>1 481</b> | <b>42%</b>          | <b>32%</b> |

\* Holy See

\*\* Palestine Inter-Parliamentary Union, 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   | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|------|------|
| Plenary meetings:   |      |      |
| Public meetings   | 60   | 51   |
| (including midday meetings)   | (5)  | -    |
| Meetings divided into public and closed meeting   | 1    | 5    |
| Closed meetings   | 2    | 2    |
| Total   | 63   | 58   |
| Bureau meetings (in-session)  | 13   | 25   |
| Parallel activities:  |      |      |
| Meetings of national institutions   | 7    | 5    |
| Consultations held by Governments   | 226  | 213  |
| Meetings of regional groups   | 141  | 117  |
| Meetings of IGOs  | 57   | -    |
| Meetings organized by the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights | 71   | 29   |
| Meetings organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in cooperation with NGOs or IGOs         | 23   | 6    |
| Meetings organized by NGOs  | 372  | 118  |
| Consultations with NGOs   |      |      |
| by the Bureau/Chair   | 3    | 6    |
| by the secretariat  | 2    | 1    |
| Total   | 578  | 495  |

### C. Use of time during plenary meetings

#### 1. Total

|                               | 2003       | 2002       |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total meeting time available  | 189h       | 173h 45min |
| Late starting                 | 11h 33min  | 13h 02min  |
| Early ending                  | 3h 39min   | 1h 21min   |
| Interruption*                 | 5h 19min   | 2h 24min   |
| Total time lost               | 20h 31min  | 16h 47min  |
| Late ending                   | 5h 03min   | 3h 48min   |
| Time used for public meetings | 163h 23min | 149h 19min |
| Time used for closed meetings | 8h 45min   | 11h 27min  |
| Total meeting time used       | 172h 08min | 160h 46min |

\* Including four lunch breaks of one hour during the five additional midday meetings.

#### 2. Statements by dignitaries

| Delegations   | Number |      | Number of women |       |      |       | Total time |           |
|---|--------|------|-----------------|-------|------|-------|------------|-----------|
|   | 2003   | 2002 | 2003            |       | 2002 |       | 2003       | 2002      |
| Members of the Commission                                     | 31     | 31   | 6               | 20%   | 6    | 20%   | 7h 12min   | 8h 10min  |
| States Members of the United Nations represented by observers | 36     | 34   | 6               | 16%   | 2    | 6%    | 7h 53min   | 7h 55min  |
| Non-member States represented by observers                    | -      | 4    | -               | -     | 1    | 25%   | -          | 0h 58min  |
| Intergovernmental organizations                               | 7      | 6    | 0               | -     | 0    | -     | 1h 26min   | 1h 32min  |
| United Nations Secretary-General                              | 1      | 1    | -               | -     | 0    | -     | 0h 20min   | 0h 22min  |
| United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees                 | 1      | 1    | -               | -     | 0    | -     | 0h 11min   | 0h 17min  |
| United Nations bodies   | 6      | 1    | 0               | -     | 0    | -     | 0h 52min   | 0h 11min  |
| Other entities  | 2      | -    | 0               | -     | -    | -     | 0h 27min   | -         |
| Total   | 84     | 78   | 12              | 14.4% | 9    | 11.5% | 18h 21min  | 19h 26min |

During the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights, 28% of the time allocated for the general debate was spent on interactive dialogues with special procedures (21 hours out of 74).

**3. Time used, by type of intervention**

| Rights of reply   | Number | Time       |
|---|--------|------------|
| Members of the Commission                                     | 114    | 3h 40min   |
| States Members of the United Nations represented by observers | 94     | 3h 34min   |
| Other observers   | 2      | 4min 20sec |
| Total   | 210    | 7h 20min   |

| Points of order   | Number | Time     |
|---|--------|----------|
| Members of the Commission                                     | 110    | 1h 09min |
| States Members of the United Nations represented by observers | 6      | 0h 2min  |
| Other observers   | 1      | 40sec    |
| Total   | 117    | 1h 22min |

**4. Time used, by type of speaker**

- About one third (31.5%) of the time allocated for the general debate was used for statements by members of the Commission.
- About one third (31%) of the time allocated for the general debate was used for NGO statements.
- One tenth (10%) of the time allocated for the general debate was used for statements by observers.

### 5. All interventions\* by States, by geographical region

During the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights:

- 29% of all interventions were made by Asian States (503 out of 1,726 interventions);
- 23.7% of all interventions were made by Western European and other States (410 out of 1,726 interventions);
- 20.7% of all interventions were made by African States (357 out of 1,726 interventions);
- 19% of all interventions were made by Latin American and Caribbean States (325 out of 1,726 interventions);
- 7.6% of all interventions were made by Eastern European States (131 out of 1,726 interventions).

### 6. Statements on behalf of regional groups

| Regional group                      | Number of statements | Time     |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| African States                      | 10                   | 59min    |
| Asian States                        | 3                    | 13min    |
| Western European and other States   | 3                    | 1min     |
| Eastern European States             | 1                    | 54sec    |
| Latin American and Caribbean States | 6                    | 26min    |
| Total                               | 23                   | 1h 42min |

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\* Including statements made in the general debate, interactive dialogues, rights of reply, points of order and voting.

**D. Voting****1. Time**

A total of 32 hours 25 minutes were spent on voting, which took place at 16 meetings.

**2. Results**

|   | Resolutions |      | Decisions |      | Chairperson's statements |      | No action motion |      |
|---|-------------|------|-----------|------|--------------------------|------|------------------|------|
|   | 2003        | 2002 | 2003      | 2002 | 2003                     | 2002 | 2003             | 2002 |
| By roll-call vote<br>(including electronic voting system) | 31          | 32   | 4         | 7    | 0                        | -    | -                | 1    |
| Without a vote  | 55          | 60   | 14        | 11   | 3                        | -    | -                | -    |
| Total   | 86          | 92   | 18        | 18   | 3                        | 3    | -                | 1    |

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

| Item  | Total  |           |      |           | Resolutions (2003) |                   | Decisions (2003)  |                   | Chair-<br>person's<br>statements<br>(2003) | No action<br>motion<br>(2003) |
|-------|--|-----------|------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------|
|       | Resolutions, decisions and<br>Chairperson's statements |           |      |           | Roll-call<br>vote  | Without<br>a vote | Roll-call<br>vote | Without<br>a vote |  |                               |
|       | 2003   |           | 2002 |           |                    |                   |                   |                   |  |                               |
| 3     | 8  | 1h 43min  | 7    | 0h 48min  | -                  | -                 | 1                 | 6                 | 1  | -                             |
| 4     | -  | -         | 4    | 2h 06min  | -                  | -                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 5     | 3  | 0h 36min  | 3    | 0h 39min  | 2                  | 1                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 6     | 2  | 1h 13min  | 2    | 1h 47min  | 2                  | -                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 7     | 1  | 0h 35min  | 1    | 0h 14min  | 1                  | -                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 8     | 3  | 1h 23min  | 3    | 2h 11min  | 3                  | -                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 9     | 14   | 7h 40min  | 15   | 7h 17min  | 6                  | 4                 | -                 | 3                 | 1  | -                             |
| 10    | 14   | 2h 53min  | 15   | 1h 53min  | 6                  | 7                 | 1                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 11    | 16   | 6h 15min  | 16   | 4h 39min  | 6                  | 10                | -                 | 1                 | -  | -                             |
| 12    | 2  | 0h 24min  | 3    | 0h 14min  | -                  | 2                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 13    | 2  | 0h 21min  | 2    | 0h 20min  | -                  | 2                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 14    | 8  | 1h 25min  | 10   | 0h 56min  | -                  | 7                 | -                 | 1                 | -  | -                             |
| 15    | 7  | 1h 09min  | 4    | 0h 32min  | 1                  | 3                 | 1                 | 2                 | -  | -                             |
| 16    | 1  | 0h 15min  | 2    | 0h 19min  | -                  | 1                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 17    | 14   | 2h 03min  | 14   | 1h 52min  | 3                  | 10                | -                 | 1                 | -  | -                             |
| 18    | 5  | 0h 32min  | 6    | 0h 35min  | 1                  | 3                 | 1                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| 19    | 7  | 1h 52min  | 4    | 0h 23min  | -                  | 6                 | -                 | -                 | 1  | -                             |
| 20    | -  | -         | 2    | 0h 13min  | -                  | -                 | -                 | -                 | -  | -                             |
| Total | 107  | 32h 25min | 113  | 27h 00min | 31                 | 56                | 4                 | 14                | 3  | -                             |

**E. Documentation**

A total of 778 documents (7,698 pages) were submitted for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights. These documents are divided into the following categories:

| Documents issued<br>(as of 26 April 2003) | Number of documents |      | Number of pages |       |
|---|---------------------|------|-----------------|-------|
|   | 2003                | 2002 | 2003            | 2002  |
| General documents                         | 214                 | 198  | 4 365           | 6 610 |
| Government documents                      | 84                  | -    | 580             | -     |
| NGO documents                             | 273                 | 205  | 1 071           | 711   |
| Draft resolutions and decisions           | 145                 | 135  | 594             | 705   |
| Draft report                              | 27                  | 16   | 544             | 613   |
| Miscellaneous                             | 7                   | 10   | 398             | 385   |
| Orders of the day                         | 28                  | -    | 146             | -     |
| Total                                     | 778                 | 564  | 7 698           | 9 024 |

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