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XII. Integration of the human rights of women and the gender perspective:

(a) Violence against women

1. The Commission considered agenda item 12 at its 35th meeting, on 2 April, at its 36th and 37th meetings, on 5 April, at its 38th meeting, on 6 April, at its 55th meeting, on 19 April, and at its 56th meeting, on 20 April 2004.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 12, see annex VI to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairperson's statements, by agenda item, see annex V.
3. At the 35th meeting, on 2 April 2004, the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Ms. Ayse Feride Acar, made a statement.
4. At the 36th meeting, on 5 April 2004, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Ms. Yakin Ertürk, introduced her report (E/CN.4/2004/66 and Add.1-2). During the interactive dialogue the representatives of Cuba, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey) and Pakistan and the observers for Canada and Switzerland addressed questions to the Special Rapporteur, to which she responded.
5. At the same meeting, the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women, Ms. Kyung wha Kang, made a statement.
6. In the general debate on agenda item 12, statements were made by members of the Commission, observers and representatives of non-governmental organizations. For a detailed list of speakers, see annex III to the present report.

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

7. At the 55th meeting, the representative of Chile introduced draft decision E/CN.4/2004/L.46, sponsored by Chile. Belgium, Denmark, Iceland and Switzerland subsequently joined the sponsors.

8. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section B, decision 2004/108.

Trafficking in women and girls

9. At the same meeting, the observer for the Philippines introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2004/L.60, sponsored by Albania, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand and Turkey. Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Monaco, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Viet Nam subsequently joined the sponsors.

10. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2004/45.

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children

11. At the same meeting, the representative of Germany introduced draft decision E/CN.4/2004/L.62, sponsored by Australia, Burkina Faso, the Congo, Costa Rica, Germany, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria, the Philippines and Poland. Armenia, Belgium, Brazil,

Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, France, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsors.

12. A statement in connection with the draft decision was made by the representative of India.

13. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications. See footnote 2 above (chap. III, para. 49) of the draft resolution.

14. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section B, decision 2004/110.

15. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Mexico.

Elimination of violence against women

16. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2004/L.63, sponsored by Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay. Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Madagascar,

Mauritius, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela subsequently joined the sponsors.

17. The observer for Canada orally revised the draft resolution by modifying operative paragraphs 1 (c), 3, 7, 17, 20 and 25.

18. The representative of the United States of America amended the draft resolution by modifying operative paragraph 7, and deleting the sentence “and urges States to ratify or accede to the Rome Statute, which entered into force on 1 July 2002” in operative paragraph 18.

19. A statement in connection with the proposal of the United States of America was made by the representative of Costa Rica.

20. The representative of Cuba further orally amended the draft resolution by replacing the word “urges” with “invites” in operative paragraph 18.

21. At the 56th meeting, on 20 April 2004, the Chairperson announced that the amendment made by the representative of Cuba had been withdrawn.

22. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote in connection with the amendment to operative paragraphs 7 and 19, were made by the representatives of China, Egypt, India, Ireland (on behalf of the States members of the European Union that are members of the Commission - Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - and the acceding State that is a member of the Commission - Hungary) and Mexico.

23. At the request of the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and Hungary) a recorded vote on the amendment to operative paragraph 7 was taken, which was rejected by 50 votes to 2, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Costa Rica, United States of America.

Against: Armenia, Austria, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Congo, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mauritania, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining: Argentina.

24. At the request of the representative of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and Hungary) a recorded vote was taken on the amendment to operative paragraph 18, which was rejected by 43 votes to 5, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: India, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Togo, United States of America.

Against: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining: Bhutan, China, Sri Lanka, Swaziland.

25. A statement in explanation of his delegation's position on the draft resolution, as orally revised, was made by the representative of the United States of America.

26. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2004/46.

Harmful traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child

27. At the same meeting, the Commission considered draft decision 8 recommended by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights for adoption by the Commission (see E/CN.4/2004/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/2003/43, chap. I).

28. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications of the draft decision.

29. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 2004/111.
