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**Draft report of the Commission**

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### **XIII. Rights of the child**

1. The Commission considered agenda item 13 at its 38th and 39th meetings, on 6 April 2004, and at its 56th meeting, on 20 April 2004.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 13, 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 39th meeting, on 6 April 2004, the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Mr. Juan Miguel Petit, introduced his report (E/CN.4/2004/9 and Add.1 and 2). During the ensuing interactive dialogue, the representatives of Argentina, Cuba and Ireland, as well as the observer for Switzerland addressed questions to the Special Rapporteur, to which he responded.
4. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General's Independent Expert leading the study on violence against children, Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, made a statement.
5. In the general debate on agenda item 13, 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.

#### **Abduction of children in Africa**

6. At the 56th meeting, on 20 April 2004, the representative of the Congo introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2004/L.50, sponsored by the Congo (on behalf of the States members of the African Group). Equatorial Guinea and Nicaragua subsequently joined the sponsors.
7. The representative of the Congo orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the sixth preambular paragraph.
8. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2004/47.

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9. Also at the same meeting, the observer for Uruguay (on behalf of the European Union and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2004/L.51, sponsored by Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Chile, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Venezuela. Albania, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Hungary, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Thailand, Togo and Ukraine subsequently joined the sponsors.
10. The observer for Uruguay orally revised the draft resolution by modifying the fourteenth preambular paragraph.
11. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Chile, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Argentina (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States).
12. 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 resolution.
13. At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a recorded vote was taken on the draft resolution, as orally revised, which was adopted by 52 votes to 1. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:* Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, 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, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe.

*Against:* United States of America.

*Abstaining:* None.

For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2004/48.

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