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Draft report of the Commission

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IV. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights

1. The Commission considered agenda item 4 at its 12th meeting, on 19 March, and at its 43rd meeting on 8 April 2004.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 4, 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 12th meeting, on 19 March 2003, the Acting United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan, introduced his report (E/CN.4/2004/12).
4. In the general debate on agenda item 4, 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.

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5. At the 43rd meeting, on 8 April 2004, the representative of China (on behalf of the States members of the Like-Minded Group) introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2004/L.14.
6. The representative of China orally revised the draft resolution by modifying paragraph 2.
7. The representative of the United States of America orally amended the draft resolution by proposing the deletion of paragraph 8 and by inserting the words "civil, political," before "economic," in both paragraphs 9 and 10.
8. Statements in relation to the draft resolutions were made by Australia, China, Cuba, Germany, India and Zimbabwe.
9. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by Australia and the Russian Federation.

10. At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a recorded vote was taken on the proposal to delete paragraph 8, which was rejected by 49 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: United States of America.

Against: Argentina, Armenia, 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, Mauritania, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, 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.

Abstaining: Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea.

11. At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a recorded vote was taken on the amendment to paragraph 9, which was rejected by 33 votes to 4 with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Australia, Honduras, Japan, United States of America.

Against: Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Mauritania, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining: Austria, Chile, Croatia, France, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Ukraine.

12. At the request of the representative of the United States of America, a recorded vote was taken on the amendment to paragraph 10 which was rejected by 34 votes to 3 with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Australia, Honduras, United States of America.

Against: Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, India, Indonesia, Mauritania, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining: Austria, Chile, Croatia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Ukraine.

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 51 votes to none, with 2 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Armenia, 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: None.

Abstaining: Australia, United States of America.

14. 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.

15. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2004/2.
