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Draft report of the Commission

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XX. Rationalization of the work of the Commission

- 1. The Commission considered agenda item 20 at its 56th meeting on 19 April 2005 and at its 60th meeting, on 21 April 2005.¹
- 2. For the documents issued under agenda item 20, 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. In the general debate on agenda item 20, 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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- 4. At the 60th meeting, on 21 April 2005, the representative of the Republic of Korea (on behalf of the States members of the Asian Group) introduced draft decision E/CN.4/2005/L.98, sponsored by the Republic of Korea (on behalf of the States members of the Asian Group). Cuba, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Sudan, United States of America and Zimbabwe subsequently joined the sponsor.
- 5. Statements in connection with the draft decision were made by the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Cuba, India, Japan, Mexico (also on behalf of Costa Rica, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Peru) and the Netherlands (on behalf of the States members of the European Union that are members of the Commission Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as Romania, which aligned itself with the statement).

¹ See footnote 1 above (chap. III, para. 1).

- 6. 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 implications² of the draft decision.
- 7. The draft decision was adopted without a vote. For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section B, decision 2005/113.

² See footnote 2 above (chap. III, para. ...).