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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the secretariat*

1. At its forty-ninth session, the Sub-Commission, in its decision 1997/113, decided not to adopt resolutions or decisions henceforth under its agenda item entitled “Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII)” in respect of human rights situations which the Commission on Human Rights was considering under the public procedures for dealing with human rights violations.

2. In its resolution 2003/59, entitled “Work of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”, the Commission on Human Rights reiterated and reaffirmed:

(a) Its decision that the Sub-Commission should not adopt country-specific resolutions, decisions or Chairperson’s statements and, in negotiating and adopting thematic resolutions or decisions, should refrain from including references to specific countries; and

* In accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/208 B, paragraph 8, this document is submitted late so as to include the most up-to-date information possible.

(b) That the Sub-Commission should continue to be able to debate country situations not being dealt with in the Commission, as well as urgent matters involving serious violations of human rights in any country, and that its discussions would be reflected in the summary records of its debates, which should continue to be forwarded to the Commission.

3. In order to assist the Sub-Commission, the secretariat has prepared a list of the human rights situations currently under consideration by the Commission under public procedures for dealing with human rights violations (annex I) and a list of country situations currently being considered by the Commission under the agenda items entitled “Organization of the work of the session”, “The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation” and “Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights” (annex II).

Annex I

**HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS BEING CONSIDERED
BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER
PUBLIC PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

	<u>Commission on Human Rights resolution, decision or Chairperson's statement</u>
Belarus	Resolution 2003/14
Burundi	Resolution 2003/16
Cuba	Resolution 2003/13
Cyprus	Decision 2003/106
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Resolution 2003/10
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution 2003/15
Israel (under procedures relating to the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine and the occupied Syrian Golan)	Resolutions 2003/5, 2003/6, 2003/7, 2003/8
Iraq	Resolution 2003/84
Myanmar	Resolution 2003/12
Timor-Leste	Chairperson's statement of 22 April 2003
Turkmenistan	Resolution 2003/11

Annex II

COUNTRY SITUATIONS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THE AGENDA ITEMS ENTITLED “ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION”, “THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION” AND “ADVISORY SERVICES AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS”

Agenda item: “Organization of the work of the session”

Colombia	Chairperson’s statement of 25 April 2003
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Agenda item: “The right to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation”

Occupied Palestine	Resolution 2003/3
Western Sahara	Resolution 2003/1

Agenda item: “Advisory services and technical cooperation in the field of human rights”

Afghanistan	Resolution 2003/77
Cambodia	Resolution 2003/79
Chad	Resolution 2003/81
Haiti	Chairperson’s statement of 25 April 2003
Liberia	Resolution 2003/82
Sierra Leone	Resolution 2003/80
Somalia	Resolution 2003/78
