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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

**Statistics relating to the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission
on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights**

Note by the Secretariat

The statistics contained in the annex have been collected by the Secretariat for the information of the Sub-Commission with respect to the organization of its work at its fifty-seventh session.

Annex

STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Participants

In total, 864 persons participated in the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. The breakdown is as follows:

Status of participants	Number of delegations	Number of participants	Number of women	Percentage of women
Members of the Sub-Commission		25	8	32
Alternates		7	3	43
Member States of the United Nations represented by observers	99	251	57	22.7
Non-member States represented by observers ^a	1	5	1	20
United Nations ^b	5	7	3	42.8
United Nations bodies ^c	7	15	5	33.3
Specialized agencies ^d	6	16	4	25
Intergovernmental organizations	5	7	3	42.8
Other entities ^e	2	4	3	75
Non-governmental organizations	111	527	220	41.7
Including:				
- General consultative status	18	76	42	55.3
- Special consultative status	72	364	146	40.1
- Roster	21	87	32	36.8
Total	236	864	307	35.5

^a Holy See.

^b Department of Public Information.

^c Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Population Fund, World Food Programme.

^d International Labour Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Bank, World Health Organization.

^e International Committee of the Red Cross.

B. Meetings and parallel activities

Type of meeting	Number
Plenary meetings of which:	25
- Public meetings	20
- Closed meetings	5
Meetings of in-session working groups	4
Parallel activities:	31
- Meetings organized by NGOs	27
- Meetings/briefings organized by DPI/OHCHR	1
- Chair and Bureau's consultations with NGOs	3

C. Use of conference resources and meeting time

Total time used in plenary meetings	63 hours, 11 minutes
Total meeting time lost including through:	5 hours, 18 minutes
- Late starting	4 hours, 21 minutes
- Early ending	24 minutes
- Due to interruptions	33 minutes

D. Statements

A total of 945 interventions were made during the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission. This total comprises regular statements, points of order and rights of reply made during the plenary sessions, including the voting process, as well as interventions on organizational matters (conduct of business and announcements).

The interventions are broken down as follows:

Participants	Statements
Sub-Commission members	629
Special rapporteurs, chairpersons of working groups and other members of the Sub-Commission introducing their reports or working papers	33
Other speakers, ^a guests	13
United Nations Member States represented by observers	26
NGOs	230
NGO joint statements	11
United Nations bodies, specialized agencies	3
Total	945

^a The Chairperson and members of the Expanded Bureau of the sixtieth session of the Commission on Human Rights, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee, the Chairperson and a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Points of order

Participants	Points of order	Time
Members of the Sub-Commission	7	26 minutes, 11 seconds

Rights of reply

Participants	Rights of reply	Time
United Nations Member States represented by observers	9	16 minutes, 5 seconds

**Interventions of States Members of the United Nations represented by observers
(divided by regional groups)**

Regional group	Number of interventions	Time
African States	13	33 minutes, 28 seconds
Asian States	11	33 minutes, 2 seconds
Eastern European States	-	-
Western European and other States	1	1 minute, 53 seconds
Latin American and Caribbean States	1	16 minutes, 35 seconds
Total	26	1 hour, 24 minutes and 58 seconds

E. Voting results

	Resolutions	Decisions
Adopted:	30	23
By a roll-call vote	1	-
Without a vote	29	23

F. Documentation

A total of 180 documents (1,636 pages) were issued for the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission. Those documents are divided into the following categories:

Type of document	Number of documents	Pages*
General documents	60	951
NGO documents	30	117
Government letters	2	18
Draft resolutions and decisions	55	143
Working groups	24	228
Draft report	9	179
Total	180	1 636

* English version.

In 2003, for the fifty-fifth session of the Sub-Commission, there were 178 documents issued for a total of 1,965 pages.
