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GENERAL DEBATE ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS SINCE
THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ON THE
IDENTIFICATION OF OBSTACLES TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN THIS AREA AND WAYS
IN WHICH THEY CAN BE OVERCOME

CONSIDERATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT, DEMOCRACY AND
THE UNIVERSAL ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, KEEPING IN VIEW THE
INTERRELATIONSHIP AND INDIVISIBILITY OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL,
CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

CONSIDERATION OF CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN AND NEW CHALLENGES TO THE FULL
REALIZATION OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND MEN, INCLUDING THOSE OF
PERSONS BELONGING TO VULNERABLE GROUPS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR: (a) STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE
FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS; (b) ENSURING THE
UNIVERSALITY, OBJECTIVITY AND NON-SELECTIVITY OF THE CONSIDERATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES; (c) ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITED NATIONS
ACTIVITIES AND MECHANISMS; (d) SECURING THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL AND OTHER
RESOURCES FOR UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Report of the Main Committee

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1. At its first plenary meeting, on 14 June 1993, the World Conference on Human Rights decided to establish a Main Committee, composed of all participants, to discuss agenda items 9, 10, 11 and 12 (see A/CONF.157/1 and Add.1).
2. At the same meeting, the World Conference elected Ms. Halima Embarek Warzazi (Morocco) as Chairman of the Main Committee.
3. The Main Committee held 10 meetings from 15 to 24 June 1993.
4. The Main Committee considered agenda items 9 and 10, at its first to sixth meetings, held from 15 to 18 June, and at its eighth and ninth meetings, held on 22 and 23 June 1993, respectively.
5. In the general debate on items 9 and 10, statements were made by the representatives of the following States ^{1/}: Argentina (17 June), Belgium (17), Canada (17), China (17), Cuba (23), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (17), Egypt (17), El Salvador (17), Finland (17), Gambia (17), India (15, 17), Indonesia (17), Iraq (17), Italy (17), Kenya (22), Malaysia (17), Mali (17), Morocco (17), Netherlands (17), Norway (16), Pakistan (17), Philippines (17), Sri Lanka (15), Sweden (17), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (16), Tunisia (17), Turkey (17), Ukraine (17), United States of America (22).
6. A statement was made by the Chairman of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on behalf of the special procedures rapporteurs, representatives, experts and working groups of the Commission on Human Rights (17 June).
7. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following United Nations bodies: United Nations Children's Fund (16 June), United Nations Development Programme (16), United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (16), United Nations Population Fund (16), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (16).
8. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following specialized agencies: International Labour Organisation (16 June), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (16), International Monetary Fund (16), World Health Organization (16, 18), Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (16, 18).
9. A statement was also made by the Médiateur de la République française, a national institution (17 June).
10. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations: Anti-Slavery International (17 June), Arab Organization of Human Rights (16), International Movement ATD Quart Monde (16), Bahá'í International Community (16), Canadian Council for Refugees (16), Centre canadienne d'études et de coopération internationale (17), Co-ordinating Board of Jewish Organizations (17), Disabled Peoples' International (16), Foodfirst

^{1/} The numbers in brackets refer to the dates on which the statements were made.

Information and Action Network (17), Freedom House (17), Institute for the Research of Human Rights (17), International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (16), International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (16), International Council of Jewish Women (16), International Council of Women (15), International Federation of Social Workers (17), International League for Human Rights (17), International Movement for Fraternal Union among Races and Peoples (16), Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (17), Population Communications - Earth Savers (17), Puebla Institute Diman Liu (16), Spanish Platform (16), STIK (17), World Federation of Methodist Women (16), World Peace Day Association (16), World University Service (16).

11. The Main Committee considered agenda items 11 and 12 at its fifth to tenth meetings, from 17 to 24 June 1993.

12. In the general debate on items 11 and 12, statements were made by the representatives of the following States: Angola (18 June), Australia (23), Austria (18, 21), Belarus (22, 23, 24), Brazil (23), Cameroon (22), Canada (22, 23), Chile (18), China (21, 23), Costa Rica (23), Cuba (23), Denmark (18, 21, 22), Egypt (17), El Salvador (23), Estonia (18), Finland (22), Germany (21, 23), India (23), Indonesia (23), Italy (22), Japan (22, 24), Jordan (18, 23), Lithuania (on behalf of the Baltic States) (23), Malaysia (21), Mali (18, 23), Mexico (22), Morocco (21), Nepal (22), Netherlands (21, 23), Norway (21), Pakistan (22), Portugal (18), Romania (23), Russian Federation (18), Senegal (21), Slovenia (18), Spain (18), Sudan (22), Sweden (21), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (21), Tunisia (21, 23), Turkey (22, 23), Ukraine (21), United States of America (22), Venezuela (23).

13. Statements were also made by a representative of the Committee Against Torture (21 June), the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, on behalf of the Board of Trustees (24), a member of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (24) and the Special Rapporteurs of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on the questions of minorities and the right to adequate housing (22).

14. Statements were also made by the representatives of the following specialized agencies: World Health Organization (18 June), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (21), Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (18).

15. A statement was also made by the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat of the United Nations (23 June).

16. A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine (21, 24 June).

17. A statement was also made by the observer for the African National Congress (18 June).

18. A statement was also made by the observer for the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (18 June).

19. A statement was also made by the Chairman of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms, Cameroon, on behalf of national institutions (22 June).

20. A joint statement was made by non-governmental organizations involved in questions relating to children (22 June).

21. Statements were also made by the following non-governmental organizations: Al Khoei Foundation (24 June), American Association of Jurists (22), Arab Organization for Human Rights (24), Asian Women's Human Rights Council (24), Australian Council for Lesbian and Gay Rights (22), Bangladesh Manobadhikár Sammonoy Parishad (24), Caritas International (21), Centre of Studies on Action for Peace (24), China Society for Human Rights Studies (23), Comité Nacional Independiente pro Defensa de Presos Perseguidos, Desaparecidos y Exilados Políticos (24), Dalit Liberation Education Trust (24), Foodfirst International Action Network (24), Foundation for Women in Thailand (24), Gabriela (24), Group Physicians against Torture (21), International Educational Development, Inc. (24), International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and other Minorities (24), International League for Human Rights (23), International Movement against all Forms of Discrimination and Racism (21), International Movement of Rights and Humanity (24), International Planned Parenthood Federation (24), Japan Federation of Bar Associations (22), Kashmir Council for Human Rights (24), Kurdish Human Rights Watch (24), Minority Rights Group (23), National Action Committee on the Status of Women (24), Refugee Council of Australia (24), Sikh Human Rights Group (24), Soroptimist International (24), Spanish Platform (22), Third World Movement Against the Exploitation of Women (21), Unrepresented Peoples (24), Women's International Zionist Organization (22), World Federation for Mental Health (21), World Leisure and Recreation Association (22).

22. At its tenth meeting, on 24 June 1993, the Main Committee adopted its report, which is hereby submitted to the World Conference.
