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## Chapter XIV

### Specific groups and individuals: (a) Migrant workers; (b) Minorities; (c) Mass exoduses and displaced persons; (d) Other vulnerable groups and individuals

1. The Commission considered agenda item 14 at its 45th to 48th meetings, on 13 April, and at its 62nd and 63rd meetings, on 25 April 2000.
2. For the documents issued under agenda item 14, 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 45th meeting, on 13 April 2000:
  - (a) The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro, introduced her report (E/CN.4/2000/82);
  - (b) The Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons, Mr. Francis M. Deng, introduced his report (E/CN.4/2000/83 and Add.1-3);
  - (c) The Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Bengt Lindqvist, introduced his report (E/CN.5/2000/3).
4. In the general debate on agenda item 14, 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.

### Human rights of migrants

5. At the 62nd meeting, on 25 April 2000, the representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.56, sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Cape Verde, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay and Zimbabwe. Ghana and Indonesia subsequently joined the sponsors.
6. The thirteenth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of Mexico.
7. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/48.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

8. At the 62nd meeting, on 25 April 2000, the representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.57, sponsored by Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Turkey.

9. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/49.

Tolerance and pluralism as indivisible elements in the promotion and protection of human rights

10. At the 62nd meeting, on 25 April 2000, the representative of India introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.64, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay. Argentina, Ecuador, Georgia, Israel, Pakistan, the Philippines, Senegal and Ukraine subsequently joined the sponsors.

11. The representative of India orally revised the draft resolution by adding a new preambular paragraph 1bis. Operative paragraph 5 (c) of the draft resolution was also revised.

12. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/50.

Human rights of persons with disabilities

13. At the 62nd meeting, on 25 April 2000, the observer for Ireland introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.67, sponsored by Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of the Congo, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, the Sudan, Sweden,

Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritius, New Zealand, Pakistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

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. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/51.

#### Rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

16. At the 63rd meeting, on 25 April 2000, the observer for Austria introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.70, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, Georgia, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay. Armenia, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritius, the Netherlands, the Republic of the Congo and San Marino subsequently joined the sponsors.

17. Operative paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 14 of the draft resolution were orally revised by the representative of Austria.

18. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/52.

#### Internally displaced persons

19. At the 63rd meeting, on 25 April 2000, the observer for Austria introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.72, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic

of Macedonia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay. Angola, Colombia, Ecuador, France, the Republic of the Congo, Slovenia, the Netherlands subsequently joined the sponsors.

20. Operative paragraphs 11, 12, 13 and 23 of the draft resolution were orally revised by the representative of Austria.

21. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of India.

22. The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/53.

23. In view of the adoption of resolution 2000/53, the Commission took no action on draft decision 9 recommended by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights for adoption by the Commission (see E/CN.4/2000/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1999/54, chap. I).

#### Violence against women migrant workers

24. At the 63rd meeting, on 25 April 2000, the representative of the Philippines introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.73, sponsored by Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Chile, El Salvador, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal and Sri Lanka. Azerbaijan, Ecuador and Israel subsequently joined the sponsors.

25. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/54.

#### Human rights and mass exoduses

26. At the 63rd meeting, on 25 April 2000, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/2000/L.74, sponsored by Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Georgia, Mauritius, Thailand, Tunisia and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

27. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text, see chapter II, section A, resolution 2000/55.

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