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Corrigendum

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The present document contains the corrections received from the delegations and from the secretariat applying to the English text of the summary records of the public meetings of the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session (E/CN.4/1988/SR.1-14, 14/Add.1, 15-20, 20/Add.1, 21-24, 24/Add.1, 25-28, 28/Add.1, 29, 30, 30/Add.1, 31, 32, 32/Add.1, 33-36, 36/Add.1, 37-41, 44/Add.2, 45-48, 48/Add.1, 49, 50, 50/Add.1, 51, 52, 52/Add.1, 53, 54, 54/Add.1, 55, 56, 56/Add.1, 57 and 57/Add.1).

The Commission also held five closed meetings, the summary records of which (E/CN.4/1988/SR.41/Add.1, 42, 43, 44 and 44/Add.1) were issued in restricted distribution. The corrections to the summary records of these closed meetings appear in document E/CN.4/1988/SR.1-57/Corrigendum/Add.1, which was also issued in restricted distribution.

With the issuance of the corrigenda E/CN.4/1988/SR.1-57/Corrigendum and Add.1, the summary records of the meetings held by the Commission at its forty-fourth session are to be considered as final.
Paragraph 32

In the last sentence, delete the phrase following "General Assembly" and replace by "particularly resolution ES-9/1, adopted by the General Assembly at its ninth special emergency session".

Paragraph 43

Replace the paragraph by the following text:

In conclusion, he stressed the need to end Israel's occupation of the Arab Territories and to achieve a comprehensive, just and peaceful settlement through the holding of an international peace conference in accordance with the position stressed by the Jordan delegation on more than one occasion.

Paragraph 3

In the first sentence, the symbol should read "(A/42/650, p. 53)".

Paragraph 28

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. DEMIRALP".

Paragraph 6

In the first sentence, insert "(1987)" between "605" and "reaffirming".

In the last sentence, insert "(1988)" between "607" and "calling".

Paragraph 11

In the last sentence, insert "(1988)" between "607" and "which".

Paragraph 13

Line 6: replace "Syria" by "the Syrian Arab Republic".

Paragraph 15

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. COSTA LOBO".

Paragraph 20

In the second sentence, replace "resolutions 242 and 338" by "resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973)".
Paragraph 21

In the second sentence, replace "resolutions 605, 607 and 608" by "resolutions 605 (1987), 607 (1988) and 608 (1988)".

Paragraph 35

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MTANGO".

Paragraph 50

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. ABDEL MONEIM".

6th meeting

Paragraph 42

In the second sentence, delete the word "operative".

7th meeting

Paragraph 23


Paragraph 27

In the first sentence, replace "resolution 242" by "resolution 242 (1967)".

Paragraph 28

In the first sentence, replace "resolution 604" by "resolution 605 (1987)".

Paragraph 40

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. LOAIZA MARIACA".

9th meeting

Paragraph 36

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. COSTA LOBO".

Paragraph 55

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. NGO Hac Team".
10th meeting

Paragraph 18

In the second sentence, replace "resolution 435" by "resolution 435 (1978)".

Paragraph 57

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. AL QUASSIMI".

Paragraph 68

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. LAU".

Paragraph 78

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. HEREDIA PEREZ".

11th meeting

Paragraph 65

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MONTEMAYOR CANTU".

12th meeting

Paragraph 61

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. ROUSSO-LENOIR".

Paragraph 84

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. NGO Hae Team".

13th meeting

Paragraph 1

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. TEITELBAUM".

Paragraph 16

The name of the speaker should read "Ms. AWAAD".

Paragraph 32 bis

Following paragraph 32, insert the following paragraph:

32 (bis). Mr. DEHLAVI (Pakistan), speaking in exercise of the right of reply, said that the representative of India had stated the position of his country on the question of Jammu and Kashmir. His delegation had already made a statement on that subject and did not wish to enter into a discussion since its position was well known.
Paragraph 59

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. COSTA LOBO".

14th meeting (first part)

Paragraph 32

Replace "GDR television" by "the television of the German Democratic Republic".

Paragraph 52

In the first sentence, replace "578 (1984)" by "558 (1984)".

Paragraph 82

In the first sentence, replace "(para. 23)" by "(para. 28)".

14th meeting (second part)

Page 3, line 7

The symbol should read "(E/CN.4/Sub.2/1987/8/Rev.1 and Add.1, Parts I and II)".

Paragraph 16

The name of the speaker should read "Ms. BANDETTINI DI POGGIO".

15th meeting

Paragraph 29

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. COSTA LOBO".

16th meeting

Paragraph 50

In the first sentence, replace "resolution 42/27" by "resolution 42/47".

18th meeting

Paragraph 32

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. ARTACHO CASTELLANO".

19th meeting

Paragraph 25

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. LOAIZA MARIACA".
20th meeting (first part)

Paragraph 10

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. NGO Hac Team".

Paragraph 41

In the first sentence, replace "REMANO" by "RENA M O".

20th meeting (second part)

Paragraph 19

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. RIETJENS".

Paragraph 47

The symbol should read "(E/CN.4/Sub.2/1987/23)".

Paragraph 57

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. FATHALLAH".

Paragraph 67

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. de VEY MESTDAGH".

21st meeting

Paragraph 15

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. MARTINS GOMES".

Paragraph 76

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. KONATE".

Paragraph 92

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MARTINEZ GUTIERREZ (Observer for El Salvador)".

23rd meeting

Paragraph 10

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. PAN Weihuang".

Paragraph 15

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. dos SANTOS PAIS".
24th meeting (second part)

Paragraph 36

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. SAADALLAH".

Paragraph 53

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. TUKA (Observer for Czechoslovakia)".

Paragraph 58

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. de VEY MESTDAWH".

25th meeting

Paragraph 34

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MOSES (Grand Council of the Crees of Quebec)".

26th meeting

Paragraph 6

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. VIDAL D'ALMEIDA RIBEIRO".

Paragraph 9

In the second sentence, replace "1988" by "1987".

Paragraph 25

The name of the speaker should read "Mgr. GOUNDIAEV".

Paragraph 42

In the second sentence, insert "Vidal" between "Mr." and "d'Almeida Ribeiro".

Paragraphs 43 and 44

In the first sentence, replace "Mr. Ribeiro" by "Mr. Vidal d'Almeida Ribeiro".

Paragraph 49

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. RUBIO CORREA".
27th meeting

Paragraph 7

In the final sentence, replace "UNITAR" by "UNITA".

28th meeting (first part)

Paragraph 51

In the second sentence, replace "Commission resolution 37/21" by "Commission resolution 21 (XXXVII) 1981".

Paragraph 77

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. CHAK Mum See".

Paragraphs 95 and 98

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BLISHCHENKO".

28th meeting (second part)

Paragraphs 3 and 10

In the final sentence, replace "resolution 1983/33" by "resolution 1987/33".

Paragraph 9

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. de VEY MESTDAGH".

Paragraph 12

The name of the speaker should read "Monsignor MULLOR".

Paragraph 21

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. TUKA (Observer for Czechoslovakia)".

Paragraph 32

Replace the first sentence by the following text:

32. Mr. YAVUZALP (Observer for Turkey) said that the increasing difficulties in dealing with such subjects exclusively within the framework of humanitarian considerations created adverse conditions for those who wanted to preserve objectivity. The report needed to be assessed in the light of those constraints.

In the final sentence, insert "and inadmissible" between "grave" and "situation".
Paragraph 33

In the first sentence, replace "pressure" by "oppression".

In the second sentence, replace "assertion" by "allegation", and "spontaneously" by "suddenly".

Paragraph 34

In the final sentence, delete the full stop and add "but to raise that question before international fora."

Paragraph 36

Replace the final sentence by the following text:

It had stated that the Turkish minority in Bulgaria was deprived of all its rights and Islam was severely repressed in that country. Suddenly the Turkish minority had lost all its rights. The official Bulgarian newspaper had written of a religious fanaticism among the Bulgarian Turks and condemned those who raised their families according to the Koran and the Muslim religion.

Paragraph 37

Replace the paragraph by the following text:

The 1987 report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination had expressed regret about inadequate information with regard to minorities, disappointment over the fact that much of the information in the general report (CERD/C/118/Add.17) did not appear in the revised version (CERD/C/118/Add.17/Rev.1), and concern at the possible assimilation of Turkish or Muslim minorities in Bulgaria. It also referred to members' serious doubts about the explanation given by the representative of Bulgaria regarding the Bulgarization of Muslim names. The report stated that the explanation was not found plausible, such a change of names representing the destruction of personal and cultural identity, and concluded that it was difficult to see how Bulgaria was fulfilling its international human-rights obligations if it chose in its reports to disregard the very existence of national minorities and ethnic groups living on its territory.

Paragraph 38

In the penultimate sentence, delete the full stop and add "and bloody repression took place."

Paragraph 39

Insert the following text between the first and second sentences:

The report confirmed the existence of a separate Muslim Turkish minority in Bulgaria and that of negative feelings against Islam and its rituals. It made reference to a campaign indirectly qualified as arbitrary, massive and coercive.
Paragraph 40

After the first sentence, insert the following: From the very outset Turkey had always invited the Bulgarian Government to sit down and talk not "some aspects" but "all aspects of the problem".

In the following sentence, replace the words following "negotiate" by ", his Government would consider such a change as a positive development."

Paragraph 41

Replace the entire text following "disagreement with" by the following: the recommendation of the Special Rapporteur contained in the last sentence of paragraph 35 of his report (E/CN.4/1988/45), which read as follows: "Bilateral negotiations, therefore, seem to be the best way of guaranteeing respect for the religious rights and freedoms of the Muslim minority in Bulgaria." That position was a rejection of the recommendation of the Special Rapporteur. However, the Turkish Government stood to be corrected, provided that the Bulgarian position in that respect was stated in clear terms.

Paragraph 63

In the second sentence, replace "resolution 242 of 22 November 1967" by "resolution 242 (1967)".

Paragraph 67

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BLISHCHENKO".

29th meeting

Paragraph 1

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BLISHCHENKO".

Paragraph 4

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BENHIMA".

Paragraph 94

Replace "his delegation" by "Hun Sen".

30th meeting (first part)

Paragraphs 35 and 44

"Mr. d'Almeida Ribeiro" should read "Mr. Vidal d'Almeida Ribeiro".

Paragraph 80

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. CHEN Shiqiu".
30th meeting (second part)

Paragraph 56

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. FATHALLAH".

31st meeting

Paragraph 44

In the first sentence, the symbol should read "(E/CN.4/1988/19/Add.1)".

Paragraph 65

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. LOAIZA MARIACA".

32nd meeting (second part)

Paragraph 1

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. de VEY MESTDAGH".

33rd meeting

Paragraph 92

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BENHIMA".

34th meeting

Paragraph 1

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. ASLAM KHAN".

Paragraph 18

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BASHID".

Paragraph 22

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. DELGADO BARRETO".

Paragraph 25

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. CHEN Shiqiu".

Paragraph 36

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. GONZALEZ ARENAS".
Paragraph 101
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BLISHCHENKO".

Paragraph 53
Replace the first sentence by the following text:
To consider constitutional, legal and de facto arrangements between indigenous populations and national Governments with a view to framing draft standards would be laudable. However, many modern arrangements, which are not treaties, would not be covered by the proposed study in its current form.

Paragraph 72
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. SHAGLE".

Paragraph 38
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. OOSHU".

Page 2, line 3

Paragraph 1
The symbol in the last line should read "E/CN.4/1988/46 and Add.1-6".

Paragraph 3
"Mr. SHAD Jin*" should read "Mr. SHAO Jin*".

Paragraph 6
"Mr. HARUN-UR-RASHID*" should read "Mr. RASHID*".

Paragraph 9
Replace "Mr. Chernickenko" by "Mr. Chernichenko".
40th meeting

Paragraph 4
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. RHENAN SEGURA".

Paragraph 6
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. GATERA".

Paragraph 15
Replace the symbol by "E/CN.4/1988/L.17".

Paragraph 16
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. DELMI".

Paragraph 67
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. COSTA LOBO".

44th meeting (third part)

Paragraph 3
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. OBREGON VALVERDE".

46th meeting

Paragraph 68
The name of the speaker should read "Mr. NAFFAH".

47th meeting

Paragraph 62
In the first sentence, the symbol should read "(E/CN.4/1988/7)".

Paragraph 64
At the end of the final sentence, delete the full stop and add "or to exploit through them the concern of the international community for human rights."

Paragraph 67
Replace the last sentence by the following:

"In so doing, however, all members and participants must be fair, just and non-selective in the exercise of that right and act at least with the minimum sense of responsibility."
Paragraph 68

At the end of the final sentence, delete the full stop and add:

which constituted the basis of international moral sanction. If the Commission was used by participants to give wider publicity to falsehoods or misinformation, or was abused by rhetoric for political considerations, if double standards or selectivity were applied in the approaches to the problems, if participants made available their services to those who had ulterior motives in picking up specific countries, no doubt the prestige of the Commission would greatly suffer. The strength of any sanction available to the Commission against human rights abuses lay in the justice and equity of the reaction of the international community emerging from that body. It was thus important and imperative that the objective be to focus international attention only on genuine cases and that any such attention be based only on humanitarian concerns. Any practice which might undermine the prestige and the authority of that body should be opposed vehemently.

Paragraph 69

At the end of the first sentence, delete the full stop and add ", which had so far been a source of both national and international concern."

In the second sentence, insert "with goodwill" after "set up".

48th meeting (first part)

Paragraph 1

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. SILVERA de CARVALHO".

Paragraph 43

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. BLISHCHENKO".

48th meeting (second part)

Paragraph 42

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. CHEN Shiqiu".

Paragraph 55

In the first and final sentences, the name of the speaker should read "Mr. FATHALLAH" and "Mr. Fathallah" respectively.

Paragraphs 56 and 57

The symbol should read "E/CN.4/1988/22/Add.1".
Paragraph 63

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. LE DINH CAN (Observer for Viet Nam)".

50th meeting (first part)

Paragraph 94

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. BOJKOVA (Bulgaria)".

50th meeting (second part)

Page 1

Line 6 should read: "Chairman: Mr. SENE (Senegal)".

Above "CONTENTS", insert "later: Mr. SENE".

Paragraph 85

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. TAYLHARDAT (Venezuela)".

52nd meeting (first part)

Paragraph 103

Replace "Mrs. MUKHERJEE" by "Mrs. MUKHERJI".

53rd meeting

Paragraph 24

Replace the first sentence by the following text:

Mr. DEMIRALP (Observer for Turkey) said that in view of the smoke-screen which seemed to have been created around the Cyprus problem by professing innocence and creating confusion between the real victim and the culprit, it might be useful to very briefly refresh memories with the help of quotations from Greek Cypriot leaders and impartial observers. For the Greek Cypriot side it might be convenient to ignore and forget the period preceding 1974, but for any impartial observer it was impossible to make an objective assessment on the question without considering the pre-1974 period, because there existed a close causality link between the two periods. Otherwise there was the risk of falling into the Greek Cypriot trap and considering the unavoidable Turkish intervention in 1974 as an invasion. Archbishop Makarios himself had admitted that the Greek Cypriot dream of ENOSIS — union with Greece — was at the root of the Cyprus problem and entailed the expulsion of the small Turkish community from the island.
Paragraph 25

In the first sentence, insert "after the coup d'état in Cyprus, Makarios" after "however," and delete "he".

Replace the final sentence by the following:

Nicos Sampson, the man who had staged the coup d'état in Cyprus and become President for eight days, had declared that he had to quit "just as he was about to declare ENOSIS". Makarios said that Nicos Sampson had a plan to attack Turkish Cypriots suddenly, everywhere on the island, to eliminate them one and all. Even those few quotations sufficed to show that the complete version of the Cyprus problem was very different from the image that the Greek Cypriot side was attempting to give in their own version, which conveniently omitted one half and distorted the other half of the real story.

Paragraph 26

In the final sentence, replace "maintain its rights as a co-partner on an equal footing in the Cypriot State" by "keep its right to existence with equal rights as the co-partner of the State".

Paragraph 27

In the first sentence, insert "the Turkish Cypriot community and the Greek Cypriot community," between "dispute," and "as had, ".

Replace the final sentence by the following:

Repetition of the same allegations and unfounded accusations every year and everywhere against the other co-partner of the State which was one of the two main parties in the dispute was a sterile and inconclusive method and certainly not conducive to the creation of an atmosphere of trust between the two communities of the island, which was essential for their unavoidable coexistence in the future in the same State. The Turkish delegation did not know whether the real interlocutor of the Greek Cypriot community, that is to say the Turkish community, would feel the need for or find any utility in adding anything to its views and observations already circulated in documents E/CN.4/1987/58, E/CN.4/Sub.2/1987/39 and E/CN.4/Sub.2/1987/40. Everyone should grasp the meaning and importance of the recent positive developments and express the hope that it would induce all concerned to approach problems in a more serene and statesmanlike manner. Such developments would also be helpful with regard to the efforts of the Secretary-General for a final solution, which he intended to continue with a fresh momentum through his newly appointed Special Representative.

Paragraph 28

The final sentence should read as follows:

His delegation recommended that the Greek Cypriots should meet the Turkish Cypriots as early as possible to work out their future common life within the State. That was the only result-oriented method and could also solve whatever problems they claimed to have with Turkey.
54th meeting (first part)

Paragraph 1

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. HEREDIA PEREZ".

55th meeting

Paragraph 7

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. ALVAREZ VITA".

Paragraph 71

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. NASSERI (Observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran)".

56th meeting (first part)

Paragraph 13

In the fourth sentence, replace "suggestion" by "request".

Paragraph 101

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. ROA KOURI".

56th meeting (second part)

Paragraph 12

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. OULD MOHAMED LEMINE".

Paragraph 23

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. DELGADO BARRETO".

Paragraph 24

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. VILLARROEL".

Paragraph 44

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. PAK Dok Hun (Observer for the People's Democratic Republic of Korea)".
Paragraph 24

Mr. DEMIRALP (Observer for Turkey) said that in spite of the dramatic experiences of the past, the Greek Cypriots continued to regard the question of Cyprus as a subject for rhetoric, and that they would do better to sit down at the negotiating table and discuss with their counterpart and true interlocutor, that is, the Turkish Cypriots, instead of insisting on pursuing the path dictated by their feelings of hatred. The energy and skill they had shown until now in misleading the international organizations by deforming the question of Cyprus would be better used to solve the problem, thereby serving the interests of the Cypriot people, including the Greek Cypriot community. Their persistence in reducing the Turkish Cypriots into a "minority in their own homeland" and insistence on arrangements which would leave the door open to ENOSIS constituted the principal obstacles to a negotiated and mutually acceptable settlement. That also explained why they refused the proposals of the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Mr. Spyros Kyprianou had clearly explained the reason for that refusal by stating that if he had accepted them, the question of Cyprus would no longer have been on the international agenda. In conclusion, he cited as an example of the greatest obstacle to the solution of the Cyprus question a watchword displayed in the camps of the Greek Cypriot National Guard, as follows: "I serve in the National Guard because I believe in a Hellenic state, for Hellenes, composed of Hellenes". In fact, they were merely seeking to restore the conditions prevailing before 1974, when Cyprus had become a slaughterhouse for the elimination of the Turkish Cypriots, with a view to turning Cyprus into a Hellenic state inhabited solely by Hellenes.

Paragraph 26

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. MONSHEMVULA".

57th meeting (second part)

Paragraph 10

The name of the speaker should read "Mr. RODRIGUEZ CUADROS".

Paragraph 11

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. LOPEZ".

Paragraphs 16, 27 and 36

The name of the speaker should read "Mrs. CASCO".