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**Systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices****Sub-Commission on Human Rights resolution 2000/13**

The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 1993/24 of 25 August 1993 and its decision 1994/109 of 19 August 1994, establishing the mandate and the framework for the study on systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflicts, including internal armed conflict, as well as Commission on Human Rights decision 1994/103 of 4 March 1994,

Recalling also its decision 1997/114 of 27 August 1997, in which it decided to entrust Ms. Gay J. McDougall with the task of completing the study and submitting it to the Sub-Commission at its fiftieth session,

Recalling further its resolution 1999/16 of 26 August 1999, in which it requested the Special Rapporteur to submit to the Sub-Commission at its fifty-second session a report containing the updated information presented at its fifty-first session, with a view to wide distribution of the entire study in all the official languages, including to Governments, competent bodies of the United Nations, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations, the established international tribunals and to the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court,

Recalling its resolution 1998/18 of 21 August 1998 on systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflicts, including internal armed conflict,

Recalling also that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court specifically recognizes that sexual violence and sexual slavery committed in the context of either an internal or an international armed conflict may constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the Court,

Encouraged that the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court also devotes useful attention to the protection and rehabilitation of victims of sexual violence, along with significant protections for the collection of evidence and the testimony of witnesses in cases involving gender-related violence and sexual slavery,

Recalling the final report of the Special Rapporteur on systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflicts, including internal armed conflict (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1998/13),

Reaffirming its resolution 1999/16 of 26 August 1999 addressing systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflicts, including internal armed conflict,

Welcoming the update to her final report submitted by the Special Rapporteur (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/21),

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Special Rapporteur for having submitted the updated information in a timely fashion and at a crucial point in the development of international criminal law;
2. Takes note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflict (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/20);
3. Calls upon the High Commissioner for Human Rights to monitor the implementation of the present resolution as well as resolution 1999/16 of 26 August 1999 and to submit a report to the Sub-Commission at its fifty-third session on the issue of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices in situations of ongoing conflict, including information on the status and implementation of the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur in her report on systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflicts (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1998/13) and the update thereto (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/21);
4. Recommends that the Commission on Human Rights endorse the principles stated in the present resolution at its fifty-seventh session;
5. Decides to consider the issue under the same agenda item at its fifty-third session;
6. Recommends the following draft decision to the Commission on Human Rights for adoption:

26th meeting  
17 August 2000  
[Adopted without a vote. See chap. VIII.]

[For the text, see chap. I, draft decision 5. (E/CN.4/2001/2 - E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/46)]

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