



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS



Slavery and slavery-like practices during wartime

Sub-Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/24

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Guided by the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, in particular paragraph 38 of Part II.B, in which the World Conference on Human Rights emphasized that all violations of the rights of women in situations of armed conflict, including in particular murder, systematic rape, sexual slavery and forced pregnancy, required a particularly effective response,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1993/8 of 23 February 1993, in which the Commission strongly condemned the abhorrent practice of rape and abuse of women and children, and 1993/46 of 8 March 1993, in which the Commission condemned all acts of violence and violations of human rights directed specifically against women, including those in situations of armed conflict,

Recalling its request to the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 18 of its resolution 1992/2 of 14 August 1992 regarding information on the situation of women forced to engage in prostitution during wartime,

Welcoming the report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its eighteenth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/30),

Noting the information transmitted to the Sub-Commission by the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery concerning the sexual exploitation of women, as well as other forms of forced labour, during wartime,

1. Decides to entrust Mrs. Linda Chavez, as Special Rapporteur, with the task of undertaking an in-depth study on the situation of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during wartime, including in particular internal armed conflict;
2. Requests the Special Rapporteur to submit her preliminary report to the Sub-Commission at its forty-sixth session and her final report to the Sub-Commission at its forty-seventh session;
3. Invites the Special Rapporteur to take into account documentation received by its Special Rapporteur on the right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms and by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, and to include in her study relevant facts, legal analysis, conclusions and recommendations;
4. Requests the Special Rapporteur on the situation of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during wartime, including in particular internal armed conflict to submit the results of the study to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery at its nineteenth session;
5. Recommends the following draft decision to the Commission on Human Rights for adoption:

[For the text, see chap. I, sect. B, draft decision 2. E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/45]

33rd meeting
25 August 1993

[Adopted without a vote.]