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of the

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS

Sunday, 22 October 1995

Bangalore, India

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- I. APPROVAL OF ALTERNATES
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- V. BUDGET AND FINANCES
- VI. FUTURE ACTIVITIES
 - 1. ICJ Conference and Triennial Meeting in Bangalore, 23-27 October 1995 - Draft Programmes
 - 2. Mission to Italy

3. ICJ Workshop on Basic Right to Restitution, Compensation and Rehabilitation for Victims of Gross Violations of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Geneva, February 1996
4. Recommendations (p. 30) of Professor Spence Zifcak's report on "Democracy and the Rule of Law in Slovakia"

VII. STAFF

- Appointment of Ms Sigrid Higgins as Executive Secretary
- Appointment of Ms Nathalie Prouvez as Legal Officer for Europe

VIII. COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Vacancies and nominations for membership in the Commission

IX. NATIONAL SECTIONS AND AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

1. Application for affiliation status from *SOS Esclaves*, Mauritania
2. Application for affiliation status from the *Association des Femmes Juristes du Niger*
3. Application for affiliation status from the Legal Research and Resource Development Centre, Nigeria
4. Application for affiliation status from the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, Gaza
5. Application for affiliation status from the former Colombian Section of the Andean Commission of Jurists

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- Confidential Report of the Ford Foundation Evaluation Team

XI. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

ANNOTATED AGENDA

IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

(a) ICJ/CIJL MEETINGS

- (1) 10-12 March: 8th ICJ Workshop on NGO Participation in the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Lomé, Togo
- (2) 2-4 July: ICJ Seminar on Wartime Slavery in Tokyo

- (3) 4-12 September: Experts meeting on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples Rights, Cape Town, South Africa
- (4) 29 September - 1 October: 9th ICJ Workshop on NGO Participation in the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Praia, Cape Verde

(b) *PUBLICATIONS*

- (1) ICJ Review No. 53
- (2) Newsletter Nos. 60, 61, 62
- (3) Attacks on Justice
- (4) ICJ Position Paper on World Summit for Social Development
- (5) Report on Fact-finding Mission to Ethiopia, April 1995
- (6) Clash in Egypt: The Government and the Bar, report of a mission to Egypt in August 1994
- (7) Legal Services for Rural and Urban Poor and the Legal Status of Rural Women, Report of a Seminar held in Ghana, May 1995
- (8) Women and the Law in the Pacific, Report of a Regional Seminar held in Fiji, October 1995

(c) *ICJ/CIJL MISSIONS*

- (1) 23 March: the SG had discussions with the President of Senegal concerning the establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Statute of the proposed permanent International Criminal Court
- (2) 11 March: the SG conducted a delegation of around 20 NGOs for discussions with the President of Togo
- (3) ICJ Mission to Guyana to enquire into the death of Mr. Walter Rodney - March 1995
- (4) 24 April - 4 May: ICJ/CIJL Mission to Sudan
- (5) 9-17 May: Mission to Egypt to release CIJL Report on Egypt
- (6) 6 June: sending an observer from Zambia to observe the trial of Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda & others before the High Court in Malawi
- (7) ICJ Mission to observe the Parliamentary Elections held on 14 June 1995 in Guinea
- (8) 16 June: sending an observer from Zambia to observe the trial of Koig wa Wamwere and others before the Nakuru Magistrate's Court in Kenya
- (9) 20-28 June: Fact-Finding ICJ Mission to Congo
- (10) 30 July-4 August: ICJ Mission to Nigeria

- (11) 11 August: sending an observer from Sweden to observe the trial of Jaha Esad and other at the District court of Prizren, Serbia
- (12) 30 April, 4 June and 17 September: sending an observer from Switzerland to observe the trial of Mr. Miguel Lehmann before the Court of Appeal in Dubai
- (13) ICJ Needs Assessment Mission to Kyrgyzstan, 15-28 September 1995
- (14) 30 September: sending an observer from Lebanon to observe the trial of Dr. Issam Aryan and others before the Military Court in Cairo

(d) *UNITED NATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS MEETINGS*

- (1) 6-12 March: World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen
- (2) 17th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, Lomé, Togo, 13-24 March
- (3) 3-13 April: UN Ad Hoc Committee meeting for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court
- (4) 29 April-8 May: UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Treatment of Offenders
- (5) 30 May-9 June: UN Commission on Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice
- (6) 24 June - 5 July: CIJL Director undertook a mission to Bhutan on behalf of the UN Technical Assistance and Advisory Services Branch
- (7) 29 June: Inauguration of the new Human Rights Building of the Council of Europe
- (8) 31 July - August 1995: UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, Geneva
- (9) 13-27 August: UN Ad Hoc Committee meeting for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court
- (10) 27 September - 4 October: SG as an Independent Expert appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations undertook a mission to Haiti
- (11) 4-6 October: UN General Assembly
- (12) October: Meeting of the Chairmen of UN Treaty Bodies in Geneva
- (13) 2-11 October: 18th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights, Praia, Cape Verde

(e) **NGOs MEETINGS**

- (1) 6-8 March: Council meeting on the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies, Geneva
- (2) 16 March: Meeting organised by Georgetown University (Washington D.C.). Paper by CIJL Director on "The Actions of the Palestinian Authority under the Gaza/Jericho Agreements"
- (3) 4-6 April: Board Meeting of the International IDEA, London
- (4) 21 April: meeting in Paris organised by ACCT in view of the forthcoming conference of Francophone Ministers of Justice
- (5) 16-21 June: NGO World Congress on Human Rights in Uppsala
- (6) 3 July: meeting in London organised by International Alert on Rwanda: Towards a Common Action Programme
- (7) 18 July: Lecture on international women's human rights to international students at the Faculty of Law, Geneva University
- (8) 7-11 August: Meetings of the Board and Council of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights and the launching of the new Centre
- (9) 21-22 August: Board meeting of the International IDEA, Stockholm
- (10) 3-7 September: Meeting of the Union International des Avocats, London
- (11) 20-21 September: Francophone international meeting on the prevention of conflict - African perspective, organised by the Government of Canada and ACCT in Ottawa
- (12) 26 September: Jury meeting for the John Humphrey Award, organised by the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, Montreal
- (13) 23-29 September: PIOOM Workshop to discuss studies on judicial independence in India, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Burkina Faso. CIJL acts as a consultant to the project

(f) **PRESS RELEASES**

- Jurists Report on Mission to Ethiopia (28.04.95)
- ICJ Mission Obtains Names of Administrative Detainees in Sudan (5.05.95)
- ICJ Urges Punishment for Human Rihts Violators in Chechnya (9.05.95)
- CIJL Reports on Tension between Legal Profession and Government in Egypt (15.05.95)
- ICJ Elects Three New Members (26.05.95)
- Nigeria's Military Government Continues to Violate Human Rights (9.06.95)

Tokyo: ICJ Holds a Seminar on "Comfort Women" and Forced Labour (21.06.95)
 Ethiopia Bars ICJ Representatives to OAU Summit (26.06.95)
 Peru: General Amnesty Violates International Law (3.07.95)
 Colombia: Protest against Decoration from the Government of Colombia of a General accused of human rights violations. Two weeks later the General was removed from active service (7.08.95)
 La CIJ lance un appel aux acteurs politiques en République de Guinée (30.08.95)
 ICJ Welcomes Important Breakthroughs at the UN Sub-Commission (31.08.95)
 ICJ Assesses UN Progress to Establish an International Criminal Court (1.09.95)
 Jurists Express Concern over Extension of Military Rule in Nigeria (3.10.95)

(g) *CIJL ALERTS and LETTERS*

India: Attempted assassination of lawyer Mian Abdul Qayoom (22.05.95)
 Morocco: Arrest of persons during commercial trial (23.05.95)
 Mexico: Torture and Kidnapping of Judge Abraham Polo Uscanga (14.06.95)
 Algeria (14.06.95)
 Albania: Pressures on Court of Cassation (26.06.95)
 Mexico: Suspicious Death of Judge Abraham Polo Uscanga (21.06.95)
 Colombia: Murder of Mr. Javier Alberto Barriga Vergel (27.07.95)
 India: Release of the President of Jammu and Kashmir Bar Association (10.08.95)
 Sudan (12.06.95 & 19.09.95)
 United Arab Emirates (22.09.95)

(h) *INTERVENTIONS*

- Botswana
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Namibia
- USA