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Humanitarian situation in Iraq

Sub-Commission decision 1996/107

At its 21st meeting, on 20 August 1996, the Sub-Commission, recalling its decision 1995/107 of 18 August 1995 affirming the need to respect the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and the relevant provisions of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the two Additional Protocols thereto, recalling also the Declaration of Minimum Humanitarian Standards contained in document E/CN.4/Sub.2/1991/55, deeply concerned at reports of the serious consequences which the embargo imposed on Iraq for the past six years is having on the entire civilian population in Iraq and, in particular, on children, women and the most underprivileged sectors of the population, taking note of the agreement between Iraq and the United Nations on the implementation of Security Council resolution 986 (1995) of 14 April 1995, concerned nevertheless at reliable information according to which children will continue to die after the agreement, since it does not correspond to the minimum needs, in particular for food and medicines, of the civilian population, decided, without a vote, to appeal once again to the international community as a whole and to all Governments, including that of Iraq, to facilitate the supply of food and medicines to the civilian population.

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