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### CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, INCLUDING THE ELABORATION OF A DRAFT OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION

#### Draft report of the Open-ended Working Group (Part I)

Chairperson: Ms. Aloisia WÖRGETTER (Austria)

1. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/29 of 24 July 1995, the Open-ended Working Group on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women met as an in-session open-ended working group of the Commission at its fortieth session. By decision 1996/240 of 22 July 1996, the Council renewed the mandate of the Working Group so that it might continue its work, and authorized it to meet in parallel with the Commission at its forty-first session.

2. Ms. Aloisia Wörgetter (Austria) continued as Chairperson of the Working Group.

3. The Working Group met from 10 to 20 March 1997. It held \_\_ meetings (1st to \_\_) and a number of informal meetings. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on a comparative summary of existing communications and inquiry procedures and practices under international human rights instruments and under the Charter of the United Nations (E/CN.6/1997/4);

