

engaged in activities in support of human rights. Special events were organized by the Information Service in observance of international days and weeks on human rights related issues. Information on all aspects of United Nations action for human rights was provided to the 150,000 visitors who took guided tours of the Palais des Nations during 1989.

55. As part of the Graduate Study Programme organized by the Information Service in July 1989 for 92 graduate students from 47 countries, the activities of the United Nations for human rights and against racism and racial discrimination were prominently featured.

1. Activities in support of the work of United Nations intergovernmental bodies dealing with human rights

Coverage of the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights

56. As in previous years, the United Nations Information Service at Geneva has highlighted the work of the Commission on Human Rights, which held its forty-fifth session from 30 January to 10 March 1989 at the Palais des Nations. On this occasion, the Service accredited 61 visiting journalists, in addition to the permanent press corps of some 200 journalists accredited to the United Nations Office in Geneva. Seventeen press conferences on the Commission were organized, including one for the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights before the opening of the session, two for the Chairman of the Commission, and a joint one for the Chairman and the Under-Secretary-General at the closing of the session. Meetings and briefings for non-governmental organizations were also organized in connection with the session.

57. A total of 55 press releases were issued in the working languages on the session of the Commission and on the various human rights working groups; 11 radio interviews were produced in Arabic, English, French and Spanish; and 12 radio news dispatches in English, six in French and Arabic, and four in Spanish were sent to New York and disseminated world-wide from Headquarters. Television coverage of the Commission was distributed through international television agencies and provided directly to individual television stations, to Permanent Missions and to non-governmental organizations. Several items were transmitted through VisNews and World Television News to stations in southern European and Nordic countries, Africa and the Middle East. Features on the Commission were also provided to Swiss TV, to Antenne 2 and La Cinq in France, and to stations in Argentina, Belgium, Finland, Portugal and Sweden. In addition, the Service organized three exhibits in relation to the session of the Commission, distributed 500 posters on human rights and produced 80 photos, negatives and slides during the session, for use by the media and others.