

VIOLATIONS ARE SIGNALLED, NOT WHEN THE COMMISSION BEGINS DELIBERATIONS. PROCEDURES TO THWART REAL DEBATE ON SUBSTANCE DO A DISSERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATION STATES.

THE TIME TO PRESS FORWARD IS OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. OVER THE PAST YEAR OR MORE WE HAVE SEEN A PROFOUND CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. SUPER-POWER TENSIONS HAVE EASED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION IN THE AREAS OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC. A RANGE OF BILATERAL CONFLICTS IS NEARING RESOLUTION, WITH THE ACTIVE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE IMPORTANCE OF MULTILATERAL ACTION IN THE DISARMAMENT, ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER AREAS HAS BEEN REINFORCED. A NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION IN THIS COMMISSION WOULD ADD TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA AND STRENGTHEN OUR ABILITY TO ADVANCE IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA. WE SHOULD LOOK TO A BETTER, BRIGHTER FUTURE IN WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMANDS A CENTRAL PLACE.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.