

**Excerpt from the Report on the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sessions  
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**Draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and  
Cultural Rights granting the right of individuals or groups to submit  
communications concerning noncompliance  
with the Covenant, as recommended by  
the World Conference on Human Rights**

367. The Committee devoted its day of general discussion at its thirteenth session (4 December 1995),<sup>1</sup> fourteenth session (13 May 1996)<sup>2</sup> and fifteenth session (2 December 1996)<sup>3</sup> to further consideration of the draft optional protocol which would provide for communications to be received in relation to alleged violations of the Covenant. At its fifteenth session, the Committee also considered this issue under agenda item 3 (Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) on 28 and 29 November and 3 and 5 December 1996.<sup>4</sup>

368. At its fifteenth session, the Committee adopted its final report on the draft optional protocol (E/CN.4/1997/105, annex) and, in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/16, paragraph 10, submitted it to the Commission for consideration at its fiftythird session, in 1997. The report is reproduced in annex IV below.

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<sup>1</sup> See E/C.12/1995/SR.50.

<sup>2</sup> See E/C.12/1996/SR.1920.

<sup>3</sup> See E/C.12/1996/SR.4748.

<sup>4</sup> See E/C.12/1996/SR.43, 45, 46/Add.1, 49 and 54/Add.1.