

9. Sri Lanka

274. The Working Group's previous activities in relation to Sri Lanka are recorded in its last three reports to the Commission on Human Rights.^{20/}

275. In 1981 Amnesty International reported to the Working Group that three youths had been arrested in Sri Lanka in 1979 and had subsequently disappeared. The same cases were again submitted to the Group by a lawyer representing the relatives of the missing persons. In August 1983 the Government of Sri Lanka, in response to a request addressed to it by the Working Group, provided copies of the document entitled "Report of the Parliamentary Select Committee to inquire into and report on the allegations against the Sri Lanka Police", in which reference was made to the disappearance of the three youths. The report did not, however, clarify their fate but merely recommended additional investigations.

276. The Working Group, in accordance with the decision taken at its thirteenth session (see para. 79 (b)), therefore requested the Government of Sri Lanka by letter dated 6 November 1984, to provide information on the outcome of further investigations on these cases. The Government of Sri Lanka subsequently informed the Working Group that, with regard to two of the youths, the Sri Lankan police authorities had continued inquiries as recommended in the report of the Select Committee and had found no evidence as to their whereabouts. In the case of the third youth, the Government was awaiting information from the relevant authorities.

Statistical summary

I. Total number of cases transmitted to the Government by the Working Group	3
II. Government responses	
(a) Total number of responses received from the Government relating to cases transmitted by the Working Group	3
(b) Cases clarified by the Government's responses	0

Notes (Contd.)

14/ E/CN.4/1435, paras. 150-163 and annex XVI; E/CN.4/1435/Add. 1, para.5; E/CN.4/1492, paras. 142-147 and annex XVI; E/CN.4/1492/Add. 1, para. 18; E/CN.4/1983/14, paras. 91-95; E/CN.4/1984/21, paras. 99-108.

15/ E/CN.4/1435, para. 165; E/CN.4/1492, paras. 58-61; E/CN.4/1983/14, paras. 102-104; E/CN.4/1984/21, paras. 123-125.

16/ E/CN.4/1435, paras. 40-42; E/CN.4/1435/Add. 1, para. 6; E/CN.4/1492, paras. 62-64; E/CN.4/1983/14, paras. 105-108; E/CN.4/1984/21, paras. 126-128.

17/ E/CN.4/1983/14, paras. 112-115; E/CN.4/1984/21, paras. 129-131.

18/ E/CN.4/1435, paras. 122-130; E/CN.4/1492, paras. 120-121; E/CN.4/1492/Add.1, paras. 2-9; E/CN.4/1983/14, paras. 74-81.

19/ E/CN.4/1983/14, paras. 122-123; E/CN.4/1984/21 paras. 134-136.

20/ E/CN.4/1492, paras 138-139; E/CN.4/1983/14, para. 128; E/CN.4/1984/21, para. 166.

21/ E/CN.4/1983/14, para. 125; E/CN.4/1984/21, paras. 142-143.

22/ E/CN.4/1492, paras. 140-141; E/CN.4/1492/Add.1, para. 17.

23/ E/CN.4/1435, paras. 175-183; E/CN.4/1492, paras. 158-163; E/CN.4/1983/14, paras. 96-100; E/CN.4/1984/21, paras. 109-120; E/CN.4/1984/21/Add.1, paras. 12-16.