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UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17
OF THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The following text is proposed to replace the existing text of
Article 17:

"In accordance with the principles of democracy and in the interests of strengthening international co-operation and world peace, every person shall be guaranteed by law the right to the free expression of his opinions and, in particular, to freedom of speech and of the press, freedom of assembly and freedom of artistic representation. The use of freedom of speech and of the press for the purposes of propagating Fascism and aggression or of inciting war between nations shall not be tolerated.

"In order to ensure the right of the free expression of opinion for large sections of the peoples and for their organizations, State assistance and co-operation shall be given in providing the material resources (premises, printing presses, paper, and the like) necessary for the publication of democratic organs of the press."

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