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Ecuador: Amendment to the Preamble

For the present text of the Preamble substitute the following:

"WHEREAS the peoples of the United Nations consider that the historic moment has arrived for proclaiming, across all frontiers their faith in human freedom and dignity as the sole means of obtaining peace in the world;

"WHEREAS it rests with States to safeguard human freedom by recognizing and respecting, in full equality and by the same methods, those individual rights which are calculated to promote the progress of the human person and of society;

"WHEREAS a common understanding of human rights is indispensable for ensuring that they be universally respected, and the possession of a juridical standard to serve as the foundation of a social, free and peaceful existence and eliminate the causes of domestic and international disputes is essential to mankind;

"WHEREAS disregard and contempt for human rights are the main cause of wars and insurrections, since the oppressed ever seek to revolt against tyranny;

"WHEREAS the establishment of the reign of law can alone improve the living conditions of mankind in fullest freedom;

"The GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"Solemnly ADOPTS this Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society shall strive to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and to secure their universal recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Members States and among the peoples of territories of such other countries as may desire to subscribe to its principles."