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DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all persons is the foundation of peace, freedom and justice in the world, and

WHEREAS ignorance and contempt for human rights have before and during the last world war resulted in barbarous acts which outraged the conscience of mankind, and

WHEREAS the opening lines of the Charter reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women, and

WHEREAS it is a purpose of the United Nations to achieve international co-operation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all, and

WHEREAS this purpose can be attained only on the basis of a common understanding of the nature of these rights and freedoms,

NOW THEREFORE the General Assembly recognizes in the following solemn Declaration the essential rights and freedoms which, constituting the dignity and worth of the human person, should form a common standard of achievement for all nations, and calls upon every individual and every organ of society, national and international, to strive by teaching and education to promote their respect and by progressive measures to secure their universal recognition and observance.
