

Dual Distribution

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THIRD COMMITTEE

DRAFT INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Recapitulation of amendments to article 17 of the
draft Declaration (E/800)

(In the chronological order of their submission to the Committee)

Article 17

(Text adopted by the Commission on Human Rights)

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Amendments:Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (E/800)

Replace the text as adopted by the following:

"1. In accordance with the principles of democracy and in the interests of strengthening international collaboration and world peace, everyone must be legally guaranteed the right freely to express his opinions and, in particular, freedom of speech and the Press and also freedom of artistic expression. Freedom of speech and the Press shall not be used for purposes of propagating fascism, aggression and for provoking hatred as between nations.

"2. For the purpose of enabling the wider masses of the people and their organizations to give free expression to their opinions, the State will assist and co-operate in making available the material resources (premises, printing presses, paper, etc.) necessary for the publication of democratic organs of the Press."

Second amendment:

The following changes should be introduced in the text as adopted:

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought and its expression, wherein is included freedom of conviction and freedom of access to sources of information and means of communication for the transmission of information in the territory of his own country and also in other countries, within limits corresponding to the interests of national security."

France (A/C.3/244/Rev.1)

Between the words "impart" and "information", insert the words

"on his own responsibility" so that the article reads as follows:

"Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart on his own responsibility information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

Panama (A/C.3/280)

It is proposed that ~~there be substituted~~ for this article two articles defining separately the freedom of opinion and the freedom of expression as follows:

"Article - Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion, which includes the right to hold opinions without interference and to seek and receive information and ideas through any media, regardless of frontiers."

"Article - Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, which includes the right to freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom to use any media of communication to express opinions or impart information."