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Recapitulation of amendments to article 18  
of the draft Declaration (E/800)

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

Article 18 - Text adopted by the Commission on Human Rights:

Everyone has the right to freedom of assembly and association.

AMENDMENTS:

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (E/800)

Replace the text as adopted by the following:

["In the interests of democracy, a legal guarantee must be provided for freedom of assembly and meeting, street processions, demonstrations and the organization of voluntary societies and unions.] [All societies, unions and other organizations of a fascist or anti-democratic nature, as well as their activity in any form, are forbidden by law under pain of punishment]"

✓ United States of America (A/C.3/223)

Substitute the following text for the present text:

"Everyone has the right to freedom of assembly and association, especially for the promotion and protection of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration."

✓ Cuba (A/C.3/232)

Break up and amend as follows:

(a) Right of assembly

Article No.

"Every person has the right to assemble peaceably with others in a formal public meeting or an informal gathering, in connexion with matters of common interest of any nature".

(b) Right of association

Article No.

"Every person has the right to associate with others to promote, exercise and protect his legitimate interests of a political, economic, religious,

social, cultural, professional, trade union or other nature",

✓ Uruguay (A/C.3/268)

Insert the word "peaceful" before the word "assembly", and add the following as paragraph 2:

"No one may be compelled to belong to an association."

✓ Panama (A/C.3/280)

It is proposed to substitute for this article two different articles defining separately the freedom of assembly and the freedom of association, as follows:

"Article - Freedom to assemble peacefully with others for political, economic, religious, social, cultural and other purposes is the right of everyone."

"Article - Freedom to form with others associations of a political, economic, religious, social, cultural or any other character, for purposes not inconsistent with these articles, is the right of everyone."