

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTSSECOND SESSIONPROPOSAL FOR A DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
SUBMITTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED  
STATES ON THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS, by the Charter of the United Nations all Members affirm their faith in the dignity and worth of the human person and pledge themselves to cooperate in promoting respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.

NOW, THEREFORE the General Assembly of the United Nations resolves to set forth in a solemn Declaration these essential rights and fundamental freedoms of man, and calls upon the peoples of the world to promote the rights and freedoms hereby proclaimed.

## Article 1

Everyone is entitled to life, liberty, and equal protection under law.

## Article 2

Everyone has the right to freedom of information, speech, and expression; to freedom of religion, conscience, and belief; to freedom of assembly and of association; and to freedom to petition his Government and the United Nations.

## Article 3

No one shall be subjected to unreasonable interference with his privacy, family, home, correspondence or reputation. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

Article 4

There shall be liberty to move freely from place to place within the State, to emigrate, and to seek asylum from persecution.

Article 5

No one shall be held in slavery or involuntary servitude. No one shall be subjected to torture, or to cruel or inhuman punishment or indignity.

Article 6

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest or detention. Anyone who is arrested has the right to be promptly informed of the charges against him, and to trial within a reasonable time or to be released.

Article 7

Everyone, in the determination of his rights and obligations, is entitled to a fair hearing before an independent and impartial tribunal and to the aid of counsel. No one shall be convicted or punished for crime except after public trial pursuant to law in effect at the time of the commission of the act charged. Everyone, regardless of office or status, is subject to the rule of law.

Article 8

Everyone has the right to a nationality. Everyone has a right to take an effective part in his Government directly or through his representatives; and to participate in elections, which shall be periodic, free and by secret ballot.

Article 9

Everyone has the right to a decent living; to work and advance his well-being; to health, education and social

security. There shall be equal opportunity for all to participate in the economic and cultural life of the community.

Article 10

Everyone, everywhere in the world, is entitled to the human rights and fundamental freedoms set forth in this Declaration without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion. The full exercise of these rights requires recognition of the rights of others and protection by law of the freedom, general welfare and security of all.