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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON  
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France: Proposal for a general clause concerning economic,  
social and cultural rights

The States parties to the present Covenant,

1. bearing in mind the link between the rights and liberties recognized and defined above, and the economic, social and cultural rights proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
2. resolved to combat the scourges, such as famine, disease, poverty, the feeling of insecurity and ignorance, which take toll of or degrade men, prevent the free development of their personality;
3. resolved to strive to ensure that every human being shall obtain the food, clothing and shelter essential for his livelihood and well-being, and shall achieve an adequate standard of living and a continuous improvement of his living material and spiritual conditions;
4. undertake to take steps, individually and through international co-operation, to the maximum of the available resources with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of the rights recognized in this part of the Covenant.