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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

New Zealand: Amendments to Preamble and Articles 10,
12, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 27 of the draft Declaration (E/800)

PREAMBLE

Substitute the following for the present text:

"Whereas faith in fundamental human rights has been reaffirmed in the Charter of the United Nations,

"And whereas the Charter further provides that the United Nations shall promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

"And whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization by progressive measures, national and international, of their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of the member States themselves and among the peoples of the territories under their jurisdiction;

"Now, therefore, the General Assembly proclaims this declaration of Human Rights as a common standard for achievement by all peoples and nations."

Article 10

Substitute the word "arbitrary" for the word "unreasonable".

Article 12

Substitute the following for the present text of paragraphs 1 and 2:

"Everyone is entitled to seek asylum from persecution."

Article 20

Delete the following words:

"has the right to social security and"

(Compare proposed New Zealand amendment to article 22).

/Article 21

Article 21

Substitute the following for the present text of paragraph 3:

"3. Everyone is entitled to the protection of his interests through the membership of trade unions."

Article 22

Substitute the following for the present text of paragraphs 1 and 2:

"Everyone has the right to social security adequate for health and well-being, including food, clothing, housing, medical care and social services, and protection in respect of unemployment, sickness, disability, old age, motherhood, childhood and widowhood."

Article 23

(a) Substitute the following two paragraphs for the present text of paragraph 1:

"1. Everyone has the right to education.

"2. Education shall be free and universal with equal access, on the basis of merit, to higher education."

(b) Delete paragraph 2 of the present text.

Article 27

(a) Delete paragraph 1.

(b) Delete the words "morality, public order and the" from the present text of paragraph 2.