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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Recapitulation of amendments to Article 14 of
the draft Declaration (E/800)

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

Article 14 - Text adopted by the Commission on Human Rights.

1. Men and women of full age have the right to marry and to found a family and are entitled to equal rights as to marriage.
2. Marriage shall be entered into only with the full consent of both intending spouses.
3. The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection.

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

Paragraph 2. Add after the first sentence of the text as adopted:

"Men and women shall enjoy equal rights both during marriage and when divorced".

Paragraph 3. At the end of the third paragraph add the words

"by society and the State".

Saudi Arabia (A/C.3/240)

It is proposed that paragraph 1 be modified in the following manner:

"Men and women of legal matrimonial age within every country have the right to marry and to found a family and are entitled to the full rights as defined in the marriage laws of their country".

France (A/C.3/244)

Word paragraph 2 as follows:

"Marriage may be contracted only with the full consent of the intending spouses".

(Note: There is no point in specifying "both" spouses.)

Lebanon (A/C.3/260)

Change the order of the paragraphs so that paragraph 3 becomes paragraph 1, paragraph 1 becomes paragraph 2, and paragraph 2 becomes paragraph 3.

In paragraph 2 in the original text, add the words: "free and" before the words: "full consent".

Egypt (A/C.3/264)

Replace this article by the following text:

"Everyone has the right to found a family, which is a fundamental element of society, and is entitled to the protection of that family".

Mexico (A/C.3/266)

Insert at the beginning of the text before "Men and women" the following words:

"Without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion".