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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Recapitulation of amendments to article 12
of the draft Declaration (E/800)

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

Article 12

(Text adopted by the Commission on Human Rights)

1. Everyone has the right to seek and be granted, in other countries, asylum from persecution.
2. Prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations do not constitute persecution.

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

Replace paragraph 1 by the following:

"The right of asylum is guaranteed to all persons persecuted in connexion with their activity in defence of the interests of democracy or for their scientific activity or for their participation in the struggle for national liberation."

Bolivia (A/C.3/227)

Add to article 12, paragraph 1, a second sentence reading as follows:

"This right shall extend to asylum in embassies or legations."

Cuba (A/C.3/232)

Amend this article to read as follows:

"Every person has the right to seek and receive asylum in foreign territory, in case of persecution not resulting from common law crimes."

Saudi Arabia (A/C.3/241)

Delete from paragraph 1 the words: "and be granted".

France (A/C.3/244)

Add the following sentence:

"The United Nations, in concert with countries concerned, is required to secure such asylum for him."

(Note: There is no point in proclaiming a right without at the same time stating whose duty it is to give effect to that right.)

United Kingdom (A/C.3/253)

Article 12 (1):

Amend to read: "Everyone has the right to seek, and to enjoy in other countries, asylum from persecution."

Egypt (A/C.3/264)

At the end of paragraph 1 add the following words:

"in accordance with the rules of international law".

New Zealand (A/C.3/267)

"Everyone is entitled to seek asylum from persecution."

Uruguay (A/C.3/268)

Add the following sentence to paragraph 1:

"This right includes diplomatic asylum in embassies and legations".