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Proposals of Mr. A. R. K. Mackenzie (United Kingdom)  
concerning the rights to be included  
in the Concept of Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information implies that persons shall not suffer discrimination in the use of the media of information on political or personal grounds or on the basis of sex, race, language or religion.

The Sub-Commission recognizes that the diversity of political, economic, and social systems involves diversity in the ownership and control of the means of mass communication and that freedom of information has flourished under widely differing systems of ownership and control. The use and availability of the several means of mass communication rather than the ownership of them is the problem fundamental to the safeguarding of freedom of information.

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