

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

SUB-COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND
THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

SECOND SESSION

Mr. Daniels: Draft resolution with regard to protection of minorities

The General Assembly,

Considering that the persecution of minorities has been a major cause of international tension leading to war,

Considering at the same time that the abuse by minorities of their rights has been a means of undermining the security of States,

Considering that provision is being made in the draft Covenant of Human Rights for protection of such traditional minority rights as freedom of religion (art. 16), speech (art. 17), assembly (art. 18), and association (art. 19).

Recommends that, in the interest of enabling groups desiring to do so to maintain their cultural heritage, Member Governments make provision for:

1. adequate facilities for the use in judicial procedure of languages of minority groups in districts where they represent a considerable proportion of the population;
2. teaching of the language of minority groups in State-supported schools when so requested by such groups, in districts where they represent a considerable proportion of the population;

Affirms that minorities must not use these rights for the purpose of undermining the security of States.