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STUDY OF THE RIGHT OF ARRESTED PERSONS TO COMMUNICATE
WITH THOSE WHOM IT IS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO CONSULT IN
ORDER TO ENSURE THEIR DEFENCE OR TO PROTECT THEIR
ESSENTIAL INTERESTS

Election of two members of the Committee on the right
of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest, detention
and exile

Note by the Secretary General

1. At its twelfth session, the Commission on Human Rights established a committee composed of four of its members to prepare a study on the right of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest, detention and exile. At its seventeenth session, the Commission further requested the Committee to prepare a study on the right of arrested persons to communicate with those whom it is necessary for them to consult in order to ensure their defence or to protect their essential interests. Further information on the work of the Committee will be found in documents E/CN.4/826 and E/CN.4/836.
2. Up to 31 December 1962, the Committee was composed of the representatives of Argentina, Netherlands, Pakistan and the Philippines. As from that date, Argentina and Pakistan, whose terms of office in the Commission had expired, ceased to be members of the Committee. It will therefore be necessary for the Commission on Human Rights, at its present session, to elect two of its members as members of the Committee to replace Argentina and Pakistan.