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Observations of Governments on the Draft International
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7. IRAQ

(Note dated 5 August 1951 from the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his letter No. SOA 317/1/01(1) dated June 13th 1951 has the honour to transmit the following observations regarding the Draft Covenant on Human Rights submitted by the Commission on Human Rights in the Report of its seventh session.

- 1 - The phrase "unless otherwise provided by law" should be added to article 7. This addition would eliminate the rigidity inherent in this Article. Unforeseen circumstances arising out of the failure to fulfil a contractual obligation should be adequately dealt with by law.
- 2 - Iraq associates itself fully with Egypt and Saudi Arabia in asking for the deletion of the phrase "shall include freedom to change religion or belief", from article 13.