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Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden,
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of
America: draft resolution

Situation in Myanmar

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms stated in the Charter of the United Nations and elaborated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ^{1/} and the International Covenants on Human Rights ^{2/} and other applicable human rights instruments,

Aware that, in accordance with the Charter, the Organization promotes and encourages respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "the will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government",

^{1/} Resolution 217 A (III).

^{2/} See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

Recalling that the Government of Myanmar has assured the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies of its intention to take all necessary steps towards democracy in the light of the elections held in 1990,

Noting with concern substantive available information indicating a grave human rights situation in Myanmar,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's statement on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Aung Sang Suu Kyi and his repeated appeals for her early release from house arrest,

1. Takes note of the assurances of the Government of Myanmar to take firm steps towards the establishment of a democratic State and looks forward to the early implementation of this commitment;

2. Expresses its concern at the information on the grave human rights situation and stresses the need for an early improvement of this situation;

3. Expresses its concern also at the continued deprivation of liberty of a number of democratically elected political leaders and urges the Government of Myanmar to allow all citizens to participate in the political process in accordance with the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

4. Decides to continue its consideration of this question at its forty-seventh session.

