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FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Cuba: amendments to revised draft resolution
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Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of
periodic and genuine elections

1. In the seventh preambular paragraph, delete the phrase ", in accordance with the will of its people,".
2. After the seventh preambular paragraph, insert the following two preambular paragraphs:

"Also recalling the principle enshrined in article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter of the United Nations, which establishes that 'nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State or shall require the Members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter, ...,'

"Recognizing that the holding of elections is a matter falling within the domestic jurisdiction of States,".

3. In the first line of the eleventh preambular paragraph, replace the word "verification" by the word "assistance".

4. Add a new paragraph after the last preambular paragraph, reading:

"Taking into account that most of the Member States that replied opposed the establishment of a new United Nations structure to verify elections or provide electoral assistance as is recognized in paragraph 80 of the Secretary-General's report,".

5. In operative paragraph 1, delete the words "with appreciation" after the words "Takes note".

6. In operative paragraph 5, delete the phrase ", in accordance with the will of their people,".

7. Replace operative paragraphs 9-16 by the following two paragraphs:

"9. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare suggestions on the criteria that ought to be met in the consideration of requests from Member States for electoral assistance based on the opinions of Member States in this regard;

"10. Invites Member States to carry out informal consultations on the proposals presented by the Secretary-General in his report for the due consideration of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, under the coordination of the Chairman of the Third Committee;".

