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RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION

Austria, Belgium*, Canada, Denmark*, Finland*, France, Germany,
Greece*, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands*, Portugal*,
Spain*, Sweden*, United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland: draft resolution

1999/... Amendment to draft resolution E/CN.4/1999/L.40

1. Change the title to: "Stereotyping of religions"
2. Replace pp. 5 with:
 "Deeply concerned at the negative stereotyping of some religions,
 including many minority religions"
3. Insert a new pp. 5 bis:
 "Acknowledging the concern of some Governments that Islam is often
 associated with human rights violations and with terrorism"
4. Delete the last part of pp. 8, beginning with "thereby", and replace it
with:
 " ... therefore facilitating a better understanding of human rights,"

* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

5. In op. 1, replace "to spread intolerance against Islam" with:
"to spread negative religious stereotypes"
6. Replace op. 2 with:
"Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of many countries and individuals to combat ignorance of and negative stereotyping of religions;"
7. Replace op. 4 with:
"Invites the High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize a seminar for Governments, non-governmental organizations and the media to discuss stereotyping of Islam with relation to human rights;"
8. In op. 5, replace "attacks against Islam and attempts to defame it" with:
"negative stereotyping of religions"

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