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This document contains a list of the proposals recorded by the Committee of the Whole in the course of its first reading of document A/CONF.157/PC/82, subheading II, at its 9th meeting on 30 April 1993.

II. Equality, Dignity and Tolerance

A. Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

Proposed by	Amendment
2. Ireland	<u>Change title of (A) to: RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND OTHER FORMS OF INTOLERANCE</u>
5. India	<u>Caption should include "Terrorism" after "Discrimination"</u>

1. The World Conference considers the elimination of racism and racial discrimination, in particular in their institutionalized forms such as apartheid or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity, as a primary objective for the United Nations Human Rights Programme and for system-wide action in the field of human rights. United Nations organs and agencies should strengthen their efforts to implement a programme of action related to the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination as well as subsequent mandates to the same end. The World Conference strongly appeals to all governments, organizations and individuals to generously contribute to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Croatia	<u>First sentence, after the words "racial discrimination" add the following words: "or ethnic cleansing..."</u>

4. Indonesia	1. <u>First sentence, substitute the words "system-wide action" with "world-wide promotion programme".</u> 2. <u>Second sentence:</u> (a) <u>Substitute the word "strengthen" with "maximize, as mandated"</u> (b) <u>Delete "as well as subsequent mandates to the same end".</u> (c) <u>Substitute the words "all governments, organizations and individuals" with "the international community".</u>
6. Mexico	1. <u>First sentence, replace the words "United Nations Human Rights Programme" by "international community".</u> 2. <u>Replace the second sentence by: "The World Conference endorses the launching of a programme of action related to the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination."</u>
7. Turkey	1. <u>First sentence, delete the word "official".</u> 2. <u>After the word "exclusivity" on the first sentence add the following words: "or new forms and manifestations of racism".</u>

1. The World Conference urges all Governments to take immediate measures and to develop strong policies to combat new forms of racism, xenophobia or related intolerance, including through the establishment of national institutions to combat such phenomena.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Indonesia	1. <u>Substitute the words "all governments" with "international community".</u> 2. <u>Change the phrase "to develop strong policies" with "to set policies when necessary".</u> 3. <u>Delete the word "through".</u> 4. <u>Delete "to combat such phenomena".</u>

2. India	1. <u>After the word: "racism" add the following words: "terrorism in all its manifestations"</u> 2. <u>Replace the words: "including through" with the following words: "by enactment of appropriate legislation and by"</u>
3. USA	<u>After the word: "combat" replace the word: "new" with "all"</u>
4. Pakistan	<u>All references to terrorism, in this section, in its paras. 1 and 2, and throughout this document, must reflect the consensus language of op. para. 21 of PC/59, making the necessary distinction between terrorism as distinguished from the legitimate struggle of peoples under colonial or alien domination and foreign occupation.</u>
5. Turkey	<u>After the word: "forms" insert the words: "and manifestations"</u>
6. Switzerland	<u>After the words "strong policies" add the words "to prevent and combat all ..."</u>
7. Italy	<u>After the words: "to combat" insert the words: old forms of racism, such as antisemitism and".</u>

3. The World Conference endorses the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to appoint a Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. The World Conference also appeals to all States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to make the declaration under article 14 of the Convention.

Proposed by	New text
2. Ireland	Add a new para. 4 as follows: "The World conference urges all Governments to take all appropriate measures to counter intolerance based on religion or belief, recognizing that every individual has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion in conformity with the relevant international norms. The Conference also invites all States to put into practice the provisions of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion or Belief."
1. Turkey	Add a new para. 4 as follows: "The World Conference urges all Governments to take all necessary measures with a view to the speedy and final elimination of the problem of terrorism and establish an effective bilateral and multilateral cooperation through the relevant United Nations organs."

Proposed by	New Text
3. Italy	<u>Insert, between heading (A) and (B) a new paragraph with the heading "Torture" which should read as follows:</u> <u>Torture</u> The World Conference welcomes the ratification by 72 Member States of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and urges its speedy ratification by all Member States. The World Conference emphasizes that one of the most atrocious violations against human dignity is the act of torture, the result of which destroys the dignity and impairs the capability of victims to continue their lives and their activities. The World Conference reaffirms that under human rights law and humanitarian law, freedom from torture is a right which must be protected under all circumstances, including in times of internal or international disturbance or armed conflicts. The World Conference urges therefore all States to put an immediate end to the practice of torture and eradicate this evil forever through full implementation of the relevant Conventions and, where necessary, strengthening of existing mechanisms. The World Conference stresses the importance of further concrete action within the United Nations framework with the view of providing assistance to victims of torture and ensure more effective remedies for their physical, psychological and social rehabilitation.

B. Minorities and Indigenous Peoples

1. The World Conference calls on the Commission on Human Rights to undertake the preparation of an implementation procedure for the Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. In so doing, the Commission should develop objective and impartial methods of dialogue facilitation, confidence-building and dispute resolution for the purpose of preventing conflicts.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Brazil	<u>Separate sections for Minorities and Indigenous Peoples, as follows.</u> <u>Section B on Minorities would contain existing paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 with the deletion of references to "indigenous peoples".</u> <u>Section C on "Indigenous People" would contain existing paragraph 2, with the placement of "indigenous peoples" by "indigenous people"</u> <u>Add paragraph (based on paragraph 15 of the San Jose Declaration) to new Section C to read as follows:</u> <u>"The World Conference recognizes the important contribution of indigenous people to the development and plurality of societies and reaffirm the commitment of the international community to their economic, social and cultural well-being. States have the obligation to respect the value and diversity of indigenous people's cultures and their forms of social organizations, as well as their own initiatives and participation in the decision making processes on matters affecting them".</u>

2. Mexico	Insert separate section on vulnerable groups, containing paragraphs 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the San José Declaration (PC/58) 16. We attach the utmost importance to the observance of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of vulnerable groups and the elimination of all forms of discrimination against them, and to the development of norms which protect those groups not yet covered by relevant instruments; 17. We attach the greatest importance to consideration of the topic of disability and human rights, and affirm that, in order to ensure compliance with existing norms of protection, there is a need to elaborate an international convention that will provide, on the basis of equality, for the full exercise and enjoyment of the fundamental rights of disabled persons, in order to incorporate them fully into the active life of the community, and to intensify efforts to prevent disability; 18. We consider that efforts must be intensified to improve the situation of migrant workers and their families according to the principle of non-discrimination, and we encourage Governments to adhere to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; 19. We express our commitment to promote and protect all of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of elderly persons, as established in national and international instruments, and to guarantee the full access of this vulnerable group to social security benefits and to the specific protection mechanisms recommended in the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing; 20. We recognize the need to respect the principle of non-discrimination and to guarantee the legal and social equality of people infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and people with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), as well as their right to receive the necessary treatment, and the need to take public health measures to prevent the proliferation of this illness;
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3. Belgium	<u>Insert new para. B. Section item "Torture"</u> <u>"The World Conference reaffirms that efforts to eradicate torture should first and foremost be concentrated on prevention and calls therefore for the restitution of a system of periodic visits by independent experts to places of detention as highly effective preventive measure against the occurrence of torture."</u>
4. Bulgaria	<u>Amend para. to read as follows:</u> <u>"The World Conference calls on the Commission on Human Rights to further consider the provisions set forth in the Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities in order to develop objective and impartial methods ..."</u>
8. China	<u>Delete the words: "dispute resolution" (2nd sentence)</u>
10. India	1. <u>Replace first sentence as follows:</u> <u>"The World Conference calls on the Commission on Human Rights to consider the feasibility of implementation procedures for the Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities."</u> 2. <u>Second sentence should be deleted</u>

2. The World Conference calls on the Working Group on Indigenous Populations to complete the drafting of a declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples and urges States and intergovernmental organizations to establish more effective mechanisms for the protection of indigenous peoples' rights.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. India	1. <u>Delete the following words:</u> "... calls on the Working Group on Indigenous Populations to complete the drafting of a declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples and..." <u>between "The World Conference..." and "urges States..."</u> 2. <u>After the word:</u> "States" <u>delete the words:</u> "and intergovernmental organizations"
2. Sri Lanka	1. <u>Delete the following words:</u> "... calls on the Working Group on Indigenous Populations to complete the drafting of a declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples and..." <u>between "The World Conference..." and "urges States..."</u> 2. <u>After the word:</u> "States" <u>delete the words:</u> "and intergovernmental organizations" 3. <u>Delete the word:</u> "more" <u>between the words:</u> "establish" and "effective"
3. New Zealand	1. <u>Separate heading B. Minorities and Indigenous Peoples into two headings "Minorities" and "Indigenous issues"</u> 2. <u>Add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph:</u> "Adequate human and financial resources must be made available to the Centre for Human Rights to enable it to undertake the work with which it is tasked in relation to indigenous people."

4. Denmark	1. <u>Separate heading B. Minorities and Indigenous Peoples into two headings "Minorities" and "Indigenous issues"</u> 2. <u>Add the following paragraphs:</u> 1. "The World Conference calls for an affirmative United Nations Plan of Action on Indigenous Human Rights Issues. The implementation process should generate a permanent United Nations advisory body on indigenous issues and a revision of the rules of relevant United Nations agencies to provide a mechanism for access and representation by indigenous peoples and professionals. 2. "The World Conference also urges States to ratify and apply the international instruments which have been adopted for the protection of indigenous peoples and the promotion of their interests. At this crucial moment, the World Conference also invites States to contribute actively to the finalization of the draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
Australia	1. <u>Separate indigenous peoples from minorities in the heading</u> 2. <u>Delete period at the end of para and add the following: "in accordance with emerging principles of the rights of indigenous peoples, namely their full and effective participation in matters affecting them".</u>

3. The World Conference urges States and intergovernmental organizations to treat minorities and indigenous peoples and persons belonging to them on the basis of equality. Measures to be taken should include facilitation of their full participation in all aspects of the political, economic, social, religious and cultural life of society and at all stages of development cooperation, possible contributions to state reports under existing treaty obligations, and the possibility of presenting their views to all relevant national, regional and international policy-making and monitoring bodies.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Austria	Replace the first sentence with the following: "The World Conference urges States and intergovernmental organizations to foster and promote national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities".
2. India	1. In the first sentence, delete the words: "and intergovernmental organizations". 2. In the second sentence, delete the word: "cooperation". 3. In the last sentence, delete the words: "... and the possibility..."
3. Pakistan	In the second sentence, replace the words: "possible contributions to state reports under existing treaty obligations" with the words: "consultation with minorities and indigenous peoples, when preparing state reports under existing treaty obligations"
4. Greece	In the second sentence: 1. replace the word: "their" with "the persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities". 2. delete the phrase from the last sentence starting with the words: "possible contributions ..." and add a new sentence as follows: "The monitoring system based on the submission of state reports should be as flexible as possible in order to facilitate the peaceful solution of problems related to the protection of national minorities."
5. Indonesia	In the first sentence, 1. replace the word: "State" with the words: "international community" 2. replace the words: "on the basis of" with the words: "based on the principle of" 3. After the word: "equality", insert a phrase as follows: ", unity and diversity, territorial integrity and adherence to national law within the framework of character and national building process, of the country in which they lived."

6. Cuba	Add at the end of para. 3, the following two sentences: "Children of minority groups and indigenous peoples should not be discriminated against in terms of health, education or any other services. They should be allowed to use and learn the language of their own community within the system of education."
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4. The World Conference encourages the Secretary-General and other heads of organizations in the United Nations system to continue employing their good offices, in close cooperation with the States concerned, for the purpose of preventing and resolving human rights problems and conflicts involving minorities and indigenous peoples.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. India	1. Replace the words: "... and other heads of organizations in the United Nations system" with the words: "of the United Nations" 2. Replace the word: "their good offices" with "his good offices within the framework of the United Nations Charter" 3. Insert after the word: "cooperation" the words: "and with the concurrence of the States concerned" 4. After the word: "resolving" insert the words: "gross and persistent" 5. At the end of the sentence, delete the words: "and conflicts involving minorities and indigenous peoples."
2. Russian Federation	After the word: "conflict" Add the words: "and disputes on racial or ethnic basis"
3. Indonesia	1. After the word: "with" insert the words: "the consent of State concerned" 2. Replace the word: "resolving" with the words: "all root causes of human rights problems and conflicts in particular these involving minorities and indigenous peoples"

4. Algeria	At the end of the paragraph, add: "and peoples subjected to colonial or foreign domination."
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5. The World Conference considers human rights education essential for harmonious relations between communities and for fostering mutual understanding, tolerance and peace. The World Conference therefore urges States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to establish and maintain specific programmes of immediate action for such education.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Indonesia	Replace para. as follows: "The World Conference considers human rights education, training and public information essential for the achievement and promotion of stable peaceful and harmonious inter-communal relations, and that States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to establish and maintain for such programmes of immediate action for such education."

C. The Status and Human Rights of Women

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Canada	Amend title as follows "The Equal Status and Human Rights of Women"
2. Mexico	Amend title as follows: "The legal and social status of women and the promotion and protection of their human rights".
3. Greece	Amend title as follows: "The Status of Women's Human Rights"

1. The World Conference recommends that matters related to human rights and status of women be regularly and systematically reviewed by all United Nations mechanisms, including the Commission on Human Rights. Women are encouraged to make more use of existing implementation procedures in their pursuits of equal enjoyment and non-discrimination. In addition, existing monitoring bodies should, whenever applicable, include the status and the human rights of women in their deliberations and findings.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Canada	Replace the whole section C by the following: 1. The World Conference urges the full and equal enjoyment by women of all human rights of women be a priority for governments and for the United Nations. The World Conference also underlines the importance of the integration and full participation of women as both agents and beneficiaries in the development process, and reiterates the objectives established on global action for women towards sustainable and equitable development set forth in the Rio Declaration. 2. The equal status of women and the human rights of women should be integrated into the mainstream of United Nations activity. These issues should be regularly and systematically addressed by all United Nations mechanisms. In particular, steps should be taken to increase cooperation and promote further integration of objectives and goals between the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other United Nations agencies. 3. In particular, the World Conference emphasizes work geared towards the elimination of violence against women in public and private life, the elimination of all forms of sexual exploitation and trafficking in women, the elimination of gender bias in the administration of justice, and the eradication of any conflicts which may arise between the rights of women and the harmful effects of certain traditional or customary practices and religious extremism. The World Conference urges States to combat violence against women in accordance with the Declaration on Violence against Women. Violations of the human rights of women in armed conflicts, in particular murder and systematic rape and forced pregnancy, constitute a war crime and require a particularly effective response; those committing such violations must be held criminally liable.

1. Canada
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4. The World Conference urges the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women, both hidden and overt. The United Nations should encourage the goal of universal ratification by all States of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women by the year 2000. In view of the particularly large number of reservations on the part of those who have ratified the Convention, the relevant treaty body should undertake a review of reservations. States are urged to withdraw reservations that are contrary to the objectives and purpose of the Convention or which are otherwise incompatible with international treaty law.

5. Necessary information should be provided to enable women to make more use of existing implementation procedures in their pursuits of full and equal enjoyment and non discrimination. New procedures should also be adopted to strengthen implementation of commitment to women's equality and the human rights of women. The Commission on Human Rights and CEDAW should examine the possibility of introducing the right of petition by preparing an optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The World Conference calls on the Commission on Human Rights to appoint a Special Rapporteur on the human rights of women and violence against women at its next session.

6. Monitoring bodies should include the status of women and the human rights of women in their deliberations and findings, making use of gender specific data. Steps should also be taken by the United Nations Centre for Human Rights in cooperation with other United Nations bodies to ensure that United Nations's human rights bodies regularly address violations of women's human rights, including gender specific abuses. Training for United Nations human rights and humanitarian relief personnel to assist them to recognize and deal with human rights abuses particular to women and to carry out their work without gender bias should be encouraged.

1. Canada (continued)	7. The World Conference urges governments and regional and international organizations to facilitate the access of women to decision making posts and their greater participation in the decision making process. It encourages further steps within the United Nations Secretariat to appoint and promote women staff members in accordance with Article 8 of the United Nations Charter, and encourages other principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations to guarantee the participation of women under conditions of equality. 8. The Secretary-General is invited to prepare a report on implementation of these initiatives as an important contribution to the 1995 World Conference on Women in Beijing, as well as progress reports for the 1994 World Conference on Population and the 1995 World Conference on Social Development.
2. Mexico	1. Replace existing paragraph with para. 14 of PC/58, as follows: "We reaffirm that Governments must emphasize the implementation of actions to recognize the rights of women, to promote their participation in national life with equality of opportunity, to eradicate all forms of hidden or overt discrimination on grounds of sex, race or social status and, especially, to eliminate gender-based violence, as well as all forms of sexual exploitation. We recommend that the World Conference promote the relevant international instruments;" 2. In first sentence of the existing paragraph, add the word "relevant" before the words "United Nations mechanisms" and delete the last part of the sentence: "including the Commission on Human Rights".
3. Greece	In the last sentence: 1. Delete "whenever applicable" 2. Replace "the status and" by "the status of".
4. Pakistan	In the last sentence, after "human rights of women" insert "in particular, gender specific abuses".

6. Colombia	<u>Insert a new paragraph as follows:</u> "The World Conference on Human Rights considers it necessary to institute coordination between the activities of the human rights system and the United Nations system regarding the legal and social status of women with a view to the integration of efforts for the promotion and protection of all the rights of women in the world."
7. China	1. <u>In the first sentence, replace "by all United Nations" by "by relevant United Nations"</u> 2. <u>Insert a new paragraph as follows: "The World Conference welcomes the World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in 1995."</u>
8. Algeria	<u>Reword the first sentence as follows:</u> "The World Conference recommends that matters related to human rights <u>of women and more particularly their right to education, health and work in society</u> be regularly and systematically reviewed by all United Nations mechanisms, including the Commission on Human Rights."

8. Cuba

Replace as follows:

"The World Conference recognizes that the procedures for the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women should be strengthened, and encourages the Commission on Human Rights and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to examine the possibility of introducing the right of petition and draw up an optional protocol to the above-mentioned Convention. The World Conference also requests the Commission on Human Rights to appoint a special rapporteur on the human rights of women."

"The United Nations should establish quotas and deadlines to ensure the egalitarian representation of women in all the committees of the specialized bodies and among the special rapporteurs and working groups set up by the Commission on Human Rights, the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and for the programme of advisory services in human rights."

"The World Conference recognizes the importance of maintaining a high standard of physical and mental health for women during the different stages of their lives. In the context of numerous international conferences and of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the World Conference reaffirms the fundamental right of all women to an accessible and adequate health service and to childbirth without risk. This includes the right of all women to reproductive health, which includes the right to information, access to family planning and other educational and reproductive health services."

2. The World Conference stresses the importance of promoting and protecting the equal enjoyment by women of all human rights. In particular, the World Conference emphasizes work geared towards the elimination of violence against women in public and private life, the elimination of sexual exploitation and trafficking in women, the proper treatment of women in the administration of justice, and the eradication of any conflicts which may arise between the rights of women and certain traditional or customary practices. The violations of the rights of women in armed conflicts, including in particular murder and rape, require a particularly effective response and prosecution.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Mexico	<u>At the end of second sentence add: "in keeping with the treatment of these issues in the Commission on the Status of Women, the principal advisory body of the United Nations in this field."</u>
2. Japan	<u>At the end of the second sentence, replace the period by a comma and delete, at the end of the paragraph, the words ", including in particular murder and rape, require a particularly effective response and prosecution."</u>
4. Turkey	<u>Replace the paragraph by the following "The World Conference stresses the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination and promoting and protecting the equal enjoyment of women of all their rights."</u>
5. Pakistan	1. <u>In the last sentence, after the words "murder and rape" insert "and forced rape";</u> 2. <u>At the end of the paragraph after the word "prosecution" add "by an international criminal court. Until such time as this is established the World Conference urges that an ad hoc War Crimes Tribunal should be set up."</u>
6. Bangladesh	<u>In the second sentence, replace the word "eradication" with "the resolution"</u>
7. Colombia	<u>Amend the last sentence as follows: "The violations of the rights of women in armed conflicts, including in particular sexual slavery, murder, rape and forced pregnancy, require a particularly effective response and prosecution."</u>

8. China	<u>Insert a new paragraph as follows:</u> "Reaffirm their strong commitment to the promotion and protection of the rights of women through the guarantee of equal participation in the political, social, economic and cultural concerns of society, and the eradication of all forms of discrimination and of gender-based violence against women;" (Para.22 of PC/59)
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3. The World Conference supports all measures by the United Nations and its specialized agencies to ensure the effective protection and promotion of the human rights of the girl child. Existing laws, customs, regulations and practices which discriminate against the girl child should be abolished.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Honduras	Add in last sentence after the word "discriminate against" the words "and cause harm to"
2. Algeria	Replace the word "girl child" by "minor".
3. India	1. Insert at the beginning of the second sentence the following "The World Conference urges States to repeal and supersede" existing ...". 2. At the end of the paragraph delete the words "should be abolished".

4. As to new implementation procedures, the World Conference encourages the Commission on Human Rights and CEDAW to examine the possibility of introducing the right of petition by preparing an optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Likewise, the World Conference calls on the Commission on Human Rights to appoint a Special Rapporteur on the human rights of women.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Mexico	Replace the paragraph by the following: "The World Conference endorses the recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights that consideration should be given to the appointment of a special rapporteur on violence against women at its forthcoming session."
2. El Salvador	Replace from "As to new... possibility" with: "The World Conference recognises that implementation procedures under the Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women must be strengthened. This should include an examination of the possibility by the Commission on Human Rights and the Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women" the rest remains the same beginning with [of introducing the right...] (from doc. 61/Add.18.)
3. Belarus	In the first sentence, replace the words "encourages" by the words "calls the Meeting of States parties to the Convention for the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women"
4. Greece	In the last sentence, replace the words "on the human rights of women" by "on violence against women".
5. China	Delete the paragraph.

Proposed by	New Text (4 bis)
1. Pakistan	"The World Conference recognises the importance of the enjoyment of the highest standard of physical and mental health throughout their life span. This includes a women's right to reproductive health such as right to information and access to family planning and other reproductive health and education services. The World Conference recognises the right of a women to receive the widest possible quality services voluntarily with adequate counselling and her free and informed consent."

5. The World Conference supports steps taken within the Secretariat to elevate women staff members in accordance with Article 8 of the United Nations Charter and encourages other principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations to guarantee the participation of women under conditions of equality.

Proposed by	New Text (5 bis)
1. India	"The World Conference considers human rights education to be vital for the promotion and protection of human rights of women and their universal observance. The World Conference therefore urges States and the United Nations system to undertake extensive programmes to promote human rights awareness of the rights of women and to inculcate cultural values and attitudes in support of those rights."

6. The World Conference underlines the importance of the integration and full participation of women in the development process and reiterates the objectives established on global action for women towards sustainable and equitable development set forth in the Rio Declaration.

Proposed by	Amendment
1. Sierra Leone	At the end of the paragraph, replace "set forth in the Rio Declaration" by "Chapter 24 of agenda 21."
2. Denmark	Insert additional paragraphs as follows: 1. "The Conference recommends that the forty-eighth United Nations General Assembly adopts the draft Declaration on Violence against Women (E/CN.6/1993/L.9) and that States implement its suggestions with a view to combating and eradicating violence against women as defined in Art. 2 of the draft Declaration;" 2. "States should be encouraged to supply information on the situation of women de jure and de facto in their reports to treaty monitoring bodies;" 3. "The Conference notes with satisfaction that the Commission on Human Rights adopted at its 49th session a resolution stating that rapporteurs and working groups in the field of human rights should also be encouraged to do so (Resolution 1993/46). From past experience, we know of violence against women in detention, of travel restrictions, of various other forms of discrimination, but the efforts need to become more systematic and need to be evaluated regularly. All relevant information in the reports should be made available on a regular basis and in an accessible format to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Commission on the Status of Women. In this context further cooperation needs to be established between the Centre for Human Rights and the Division for the Advancement of Women. Finally States should also be encouraged to withdraw reservations made when becoming party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women." 4. "The Conference welcomes the decision of the Commission on Human Rights to "consider the appointment of a special rapporteur on violence against women at its fiftieth session"."

[CREATE A NEW SECTION]

Proposed by	Proposed title
Canada Belarus Pakistan	D. <u>First call for children</u>
Sweden Norway Finland Iceland	D. <u>The rights of the child</u>

Proposed by	New Text
1. Canada	1. The World Conference reiterates the principles of "First Call for Children" and, in this respect, underlines the importance of major national and international efforts, especially those of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), for promoting respect for the rights of the child both girl and boy to survival, protection, development and participation. Measures should be taken to achieve universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by 1995 and the universal signing of the World Summit Declaration and Plan of Action, as well as their effective implementation. 2. The World Conference urges all States with the support of international cooperation, to adopt and implement national plans of action for children, to combat the devastating effects of emergencies, resulting from natural disasters and armed conflicts, which displace, disable and traumatize millions of children, and to address situations, including entrenched poverty, disease, illiteracy and inadequate services, which also cause many deaths among children. 3. The World Conference urges all States to strive to achieve the goals for children and development in the 1990s, as contained in the World Summit Plan of Action, including reduction of infant and maternal mortality rates, reduction of severe and moderate malnutrition of children under 5, universal access to safe drinking water and to basic education, reduction of illiteracy rate, and improved protection of children in especially difficult circumstances. Other important targets are the elimination of female infanticide, the elimination of child labour and of the sexual exploitation of children.

Canada (cont..)	4. The World Conference recommends further efforts by states and by the United Nations system, especially the UNICEF, to address the acute needs of children by putting children first in national budgets, official development assistance, development programmes, as well as in the allocation of other resources. 5. The World Conference recommends that matters relating to human rights and the situation of children be regularly and systematically reviewed and monitored by all United Nations system, human rights mechanisms, including the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the treaty-monitoring bodies, special rapporteurs and working groups and the supervisory bodies of the specialized agencies. 6. The World Conference recognizes the important role played by nongovernmental organizations in the effective implementation and in the systematic monitoring of all international human rights instruments and, in particular, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. 7. The World Conference recommends that the Committee on the Rights of the Child, with the assistance of the Centre for Human Rights, be enabled to expeditiously and effectively meet its mandate, especially in view of the unprecedented ratification and subsequent submission of country reports. The Committee should be provided with adequate resources to be in a position to efficiently consider country reports and duly follow up on its recommendations for compliance by Governments, with the assistance of the international community." 5. The World Conference recommends that matters relating to human rights and the situation of children be regularly and systematically reviewed
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2. Sweden Norway Finland Iceland	1. The World Conference underlines the importance of major national and international efforts for reducing infant mortality. Measures should be taken to reach the targets set at the World Summit for Children in September 1990. 2. The right of the child to education is fundamental. Agreed goals about access to basic education should be promoted with priority in national and international development programmes. Children have the right to learn about their rights. 3. The World Conference strongly supports the proposal that the Secretary-General initiate a study into means of improving the protection of children in armed conflicts. Humanitarian norms should be enforced and measures taken in order to facilitate assistance to children in war zones. The need for aftercare and rehabilitation of children traumatized by war must be addressed urgently. Children under the age of 18 should not be recruited as soldiers. [Alternative last sentence: The Conference calls on the Commission on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Committee on the Rights of the Child, to commence the preparation of an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child to raise the age of recruitment to 18 years old]. 4. The World Conference recommends further efforts by States, the United Nations and other international organizations to address the acute problem of children under especially difficult circumstances. Exploitation and abuse of children should be actively combatted. Effective measures are required against harmful child labour, child prostitution, child pornography as well as other forms of sexual abuse. 5. The World Conference urges States to withdraw reservations to the Convention on the Rights of the Child which can be judged as being contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention or otherwise contrary to international treaty law.
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Sweden Norway Finland Iceland (cont....)	6. The Conference appeals for increased national and international efforts to enhance progress in the field of the protection and promotion of the rights of the child and recognizes the importance of the goals set by the World Summit for Children as well as the adoption of the national plans of action, as a meaningful strategy to give effect to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
3. Cuba	1. The World Conference urges that all measures be taken to reach the targets set at the World Summit for Children held in 1990, particularly with regard to reduction of child mortality and morbidity, and access to basic education. 2. Measures to ensure the protection and assistance to children in armed conflicts should be taken. Children physically or psychologically traumatized by war should receive adequate aftercare and rehabilitation. Children should not be recruited as soldiers. Respect for humanitarian norms in all cases of armed conflict should be guaranteed by States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The World Conference also urges the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to this Convention on the Rights of the Child. The World Conference also urges the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to this Convention, raising to 18 years the age mentioned in its Article 38. 3. Economic reforms or structural adjustments should include clauses providing social buffers protecting the rights and well-being of children. Abusive and harmful exploitation of child labour, child prostitution or the sale of children for whatever purpose should be actively combatted. All national or international economic and/or financial organizations are called upon to respect and enforce such efforts.

5. Belarus Pakistan	1. The World Conference reiterates the principles of "First Call for Children" and, in this respect, underlines the importance of major national and international efforts, especially those of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), for promoting respect for the rights of the child both girl and boy to survival, protection, development and participation. Measures should be taken to achieve universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by 1995 and the universal signing of the World Summit Declaration and Plan of Action, as well as their effective implementation. 2. The World Conference urges all States with the support of international cooperation, to adopt and implement national plans of action for children, to combat the devastating effects of loud emergencies, resulting from natural disasters and armed conflicts, which displace, disable and traumatize millions of children, and to address silent emergency situations, including entrenched poverty, disease, illiteracy and inadequate services, which cause many more deaths than the louder emergencies. 3. The World Conference urges all States to strive to achieve the goals for children and development in the 1990s, as contained in the World Summit Plan of Action, including reduction of infant and maternal mortality rates, reduction of severe and moderate malnutrition of children under 5, universal access to safe drinking water and to basic education, reduction of illiteracy rate, and improved protection of children in especially difficult circumstances. Other important targets are the elimination of female infanticide, the elimination of child labour and of the sexual exploitation of children. 4. The World Conference recommends further efforts by states and by the United Nations system, especially the UNICEF, to address the acute needs of children by putting children first in national budgets, official development assistance, development programmes, as well as in the allocation of other resources.
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