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A list of proposals recorded in regard to paragraph 14

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, at its 8th meeting on 29 April 1993.

	To be inserted between paragraphs 13 and 14
12. France	The World Conference affirms that extreme poverty and social exclusion constitute a violation of human dignity and that urgent steps are necessary to put an end to them. It is essential for States to foster participation by the poorest people in decision-making by the community in which they live, the promotion of human rights and efforts to combat extreme poverty.

Paragraph 14:

The World Conference recognizes the significant achievement in the codification and progressive development of international human rights standards. The universal acceptance of the major human rights treaties is imperative, in particular the International Covenants on Human Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Amended by	Amendment
1. Netherlands	<p>1. <u>Add a full stop after "imperative" in the fourth line and delete the rest of the paragraph.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Add the following sentences: "The World Conference strongly appeals to States which have not adhered to those instruments to do so. Reservations to these and all other human rights treaties must be kept to a minimum."</u></p>
2. Venezuela	<u>Add, after the words "the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination" the words "Convention on Torture and the Convention on the Rights of the Child".</u>
3. Iran	<u>Replace in second sentence the words: "the universal acceptance of" by the words: "searching appropriate ways to achieve universality for".</u>

4. Indonesia	<p><u>In second sentence replace the words "is imperative" with the words "should be further encouraged".</u></p>
7. China	<p><u>Replace the first four lines with the following: "The World Conference welcomes the progress made in the codification of human rights instruments and urges those States which have not yet done so to accede to the international human rights instruments, in particular the ...".</u></p>
8. Cyprus	<p>1. <u>In second sentence, replace the words "International Covenants on Human Rights", with "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights".</u> 2. <u>Add the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the list.</u></p>
10. USA	<p><u>In second sentence, either delete specific reference to CERD and CEDAW, or add reference to Torture Convention.</u></p>
11. Malaysia	<p><u>1st sentence, after the words "human right standards" add: "which is a dynamic and evolving process".</u></p>
13. Kuwait	<p><u>In second sentence after the words: "... the universal acceptance of the major human rights treaties" replace the words "is imperative" with the words: "should be further encouraged, ..."</u></p>
14. Canada	<p><u>Add a new second sentence: "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, having become a fundamental element of customary international law, embodies solemn obligations for all members of the international community."</u> <u>In second sentence, which becomes third:</u> (a) <u>After the words "International Covenants on Human Rights" add "the Optional Protocol to the ICCPR".</u> (b) <u>After the words "human rights treaties" add "keeping the level of reservations to a minimum".</u></p>

15. Sweden	<p>1. <u>Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph:</u> "In addition, the universal acceptance of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty would contribute to enhancing human dignity and progressive development of human rights.</p> <p>2. <u>Possible additional text:</u> "In accordance with international treaty law, any reservations to and declarations about human rights treaties must be fully compatible with the objects and purposes of the treaties concerned."</p>
17. Austria	<p><u>In the 2nd sentence replace the word "acceptance" with the word "adherence"</u></p>
Pakistan	<p><u>A reference should be added to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, following the one on the Convention on Discrimination against Women.</u></p>
Proposed by	<p>New text (to be transferred higher in order)</p>
6. Belgium	<p>The universal acceptance of the major treaties is imperative, and more specifically the International Covenants on Human Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and all other significant treaties. Reservations to human rights treaties must be kept to a strict minimum.</p>
9. Ethiopia	<p>The World Conference recognizes the significant achievement in the codification and progressive development of international human rights standards. States are urged to make every effort to accede to the major human rights treaties.</p>