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Corrigendum

Paragraph 19, page 11

After the statement by the Syrian Arab Republic, insert the following:

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

"The United Kingdom supports the right of self-determination of all peoples and places great importance on the effective realization of this right. In Paragraph 1.3 of the draft declaration just adopted, the words that read 'and recognize the right of peoples to take legitimate action, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to realize their inalienable right of self-determination' clearly do not legitimize any unlawful use of force. As the General Assembly decided, by consensus, in the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, at its forty-ninth session, all acts, methods and practices of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whomever committed (resolution 49/60, annex, sect. I, para. 1)."

IRELAND

"My delegation welcomes the agreement that we have just reached on the draft declaration on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United

Nations, and we look forward to its adoption during the special commemorative meeting next Tuesday. In joining in the consensus, my delegation wishes to state that Ireland interprets the declaration, and notably the provisions relating to self-determination, in the light of the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which makes clear that borders may be changed, in accordance with international law, by peaceful means and by agreement."
