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Open-ended Working Group set up by the Commission on Human Rights
to consider the drafting of a declaration on the rights of persons
belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

Proposals relating to articles 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the draft declaration,
made by the following countries: Australia, Bulgaria, China, India and the
United States of America.

Australia

Article 2 (of the revised draft declaration contained in document E/CN.4/Sub.2/L.734)
In the third line replace the word "characteristics" by the word "identity".

Bulgaria

New article 1

"1. Paragraph 1:

Persons belonging to [national or] ethnic, religious or linguistic
minorities (hereinafter referred to as persons belonging to minorities) have
the right to life, liberty and security of person; to equality before the
law; to respect for their [national or] ethnic, religious or linguistic
identity; to enjoy their own culture; to profess and practise their own
religion; or to use their own language.

Persons belonging to minorities shall enjoy equal human rights and
fundamental freedoms without any discrimination as to [national or] ethnic
origin, religion or language with the rest of the population of the States
in which such minorities exist."

China

Article 3 (of the revised draft declaration contained in document E/CN.4/Sub.2/L.734)
Add the following sentence at the end of paragraph 3:

"These contacts and activities should be within the limits of the laws
of the countries in which they live."

India

Article 1 (new draft proposed by Bulgaria)

In the second line of paragraph 2 add the word "negative" between the words "any" and "discrimination".

Article 6 (of the revised draft declaration contained in document E/CN.4/Sub.2/L.734)

In the second line, replace the word "conditions" by the word "resources".

United States of America

Article 5 (of the revised draft declaration contained in document E/CN.4/Sub.2/L.734)

In the second line of paragraph 1, replace the word "non-interference" by the word "non-intervention".