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PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

South Africa* (on behalf of the States members of the Movement of
Non-Aligned Countries and China): draft resolution

2000/... Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

The Commission on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind that among the purposes of the United Nations are those of developing friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and taking other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace, as well as achieving international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling its resolution 1999/68 of 28 April 1999 and General Assembly resolution 54/181 of 17 December 1999,

Reaffirming that dialogue among religions, cultures and civilizations, including in the field of human rights, could contribute greatly to the enhancement of international cooperation in this field,

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

Emphasizing that further progress in the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights is essential for the full achievement of the purposes of the United Nations, including the effective promotion and protection of all human rights,

Emphasizing also the need for further progress in the promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms through, in particular, international cooperation,

Underlining that mutual understanding, dialogue, cooperation, transparency, and confidence-building are important elements in all the activities for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Taking note of the adoption of resolution 1998/28 of 26 August 1998 of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, entitled “Promotion of dialogue on human rights issues”,

1. Reaffirms that it is one of the purposes of the United Nations and the responsibility of all Member States to promote, protect and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms through, inter alia, international cooperation;

2. Considers that international cooperation in this field, in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, should make an effective and practical contribution to the urgent task of preventing violations of human rights and of fundamental freedoms for all;

3. Reaffirms that the promotion, protection and full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms should be guided by the principles of universality, non-selectivity, objectivity and transparency, in a manner consistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. Decides to continue consideration of this question, as a matter of priority, at its fifty-seventh session.
