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**PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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

**2002/... 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* the adoption of the United Nations Millennium Declaration on 8 September 2000, Commission resolution 2001/67 of 25 April 2001 on enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights and General Assembly resolution 56/149 of 19 December 2001,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 54/113 of 10 December 1999 on the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, and welcoming the proclamation of the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/6 of 9 November 2001,

*Welcoming* the adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held at Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001, and its role in the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights,

*Reaffirming* its commitment to promoting and enhancing genuine international cooperation in the field of human rights among Member States, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 1, paragraph 3, as well as relevant provisions of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/23),

*Emphasizing* that 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,

*Underlining* that tolerance and respect for diversity and the universal promotion and protection of human rights are mutually supportive, and recognizing that tolerance and respect for diversity effectively promote and are supported by, inter alia, the empowerment of women,

*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,

*Emphasizing* 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,

*Bearing in mind* that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and thus should be equally treated in the course of international cooperation,

*Recalling* resolution 2000/22 of 18 August 2000 of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, concerning the promotion of dialogue on human rights issues, adopted by the Sub-Commission at its fifty-second session, and noting that the Sub-Commission will give further consideration to the question of a dialogue among civilizations at its fifty-fourth session,

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 set out in 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;

4. *Urges* all actors on the international scene to build an international order based on inclusion, justice, equality and equity, human dignity, mutual understanding and promotion of and respect for cultural diversity and universal human rights, and to reject all doctrines of exclusion based on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

5. *Calls upon* Member States, specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations to continue to carry out a constructive dialogue and consultations for the enhancement of understanding and the promotion and the protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages non-governmental organizations to contribute actively to this endeavour;

6. *Invites* States and relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to continue to pay attention to the importance of mutual cooperation, understanding and dialogue in ensuring the promotion and protection of all human rights;

7. *Recalls with appreciation* the decision of the General Assembly to proclaim the year 2001 the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations and reaffirms that dialogue among cultures and civilizations facilitates the promotion of a culture of tolerance and respect for diversity;

8. *Decides* to continue its consideration of this question, as a matter of priority, at its fifty-ninth session.

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