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**Peru and Romania\*: amendment to draft resolution E/CN.4/2004/L.44**

*Insert as new operative paragraph 1:*

“1. *Declares* that the essential elements of democracy include respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, inter alia freedom of association and of peaceful assembly, freedom of expression and opinion and the right to take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives, and to vote and to be elected at genuine periodic free elections by universal and equal suffrage and by secret ballot guaranteeing the free expression of the will of the people, as well as a pluralistic system of political parties and organizations, respect for the rule of law, the separation of powers, the independence of the judiciary, transparency and accountability in public administration, and free, independent and pluralistic media;”

Remember the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

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

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