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RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL RESPECT  
FOR THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES

Text of resolution adopted at the 260th and 261st meetings of  
the Commission on 21 April 1952

The Commission on Human Rights

Resolves to insert in the draft Covenants on Human Rights, the following article on the right of peoples and nations to self-determination:

1. All peoples and all nations shall have the right of self-determination, namely, the right freely to determine their political, economic, social and cultural status.
2. All States, including those having responsibility for the administration of non-self-governing and trust territories and those controlling in whatsoever manner the exercise of that right by another people, shall promote the realization of that right in all their territories, and shall respect the maintenance of that right in other States, in conformity with the provisions of the United Nations Charter.
3. The right of the peoples to self-determination shall also include permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources. In no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence on the grounds of any rights that may be claimed by other States.

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