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Recapitulation of amendments to article 19
of the draft Declaration (E/800)

(In the chronological order of their submission to the Committee)

Article 19

(Text adopted by the Commission on Human Rights)

1. Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through his freely chosen representatives.
2. Everyone has the right of access to public employment in his country.
3. Everyone has the right to a government which conforms to the will of the people.

Amendments:

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (E/800)

Include the following in paragraph 3:

"The State shall consider the will of the people as expressed in elections, which shall be conducted periodically and must be universal and equal and be held by secret ballot."

Yugoslavia (A/C.3/233)

After article 19, add the following:

A

"Any person has the right to the recognition and protection of his nationality and to the free development of the nation to which he belongs.

"National communities, which are in a state community with other nations, are equal in national, political and social rights.

B

"Any national minority, as an ethnical community, has the right to the full development of its ethnical culture and to the free use of its language. It is entitled to have these rights protected by the State.

C

"The rights proclaimed in this Declaration also apply to any person

belonging to the population of trust and non-self-governing territories.

Cuba (A/C.3/232)

Amend paragraph 1 to read as follows:

"Every person having legal capacity is entitled to participate in the government of his country, directly or through his representatives chosen by free and periodic elections, which shall be by secret ballot."

France (A/C.3/244)

Reword paragraph 3 as follows:

"The authority of the law and of any government is founded on the will of the people as expressed at free and genuine periodic elections."

Colombia and Costa Rica (A/C.3/248)

Add a fourth paragraph:

"4. Every man has the right to make opposition to the government of his country and to promote its replacement by legal means with equality of electoral opportunities and of access to the means of propaganda."

Sweden (A/C.3/252)

To make more clear how the will of the people shall find its right expression, so that one can be sure that this will is the real basis of the government, the Swedish delegation proposes to add the following words to the sentence in paragraph 3:

"Everyone... to the will of the people, manifested in general and free elections or in equivalent, free voting procedures."

Egypt (A/C.3/264)

Amend paragraph 3 as follows:

"Everyone has the right to a government which acts freely and conforms to the will of the people."

Uruguay (A/C.3/268)

This article is unacceptable in its present form:

1. This right does not belong to "everyone" and,
2. These acts cannot be performed in the territory of a foreign State.