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FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING: (b) THE IMPORTANCE OF
NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Surinam

The Government of Surinam agrees to the suggested guidelines for the structure and functioning of national institutions.

Syrian Arab Republic

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic submits the Arabic text of the Statutes of two Syrian associations: the League for the Defense of Human Rights and the League of the Association of Jurists. The following is the translation of the parts of these documents relating to the objectives of the two associations:

A. Statute of the League for the Defence of Human Rights

Chapter I - Designation and objectives

Article 1: There will be established in Syria an association designated under the name of "League for the Defence of Human Rights" with head office in Damascus. It may create branches in other Syrian cities.

Article 2: The League aims to consolidate in the minds of citizens the Human Rights Principles adopted by the United Nations in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights dated 10 January 1948 and agreed to by Syria, to promote and develop those principles, to secure human rights and basic freedoms and to defend them in words and practice.

Article 3: The League has no political, factional or confessional objectives. Its objectives are purely humanistic.

Article 4: In order to achieve its objectives, the League will have recourse to legal means, such as:

- . Lectures and written material.
- . Creating panels and cultural and educational institutions.
- . Issuing a periodical, pamphlets and publications subject to the competent authorities' approval according to the law.
- . Co-operating with individuals and similar bodies.
- . Constituting committees to defend all or part of these principles.

And whatever other means.

Chapters II (Membership), III (General Assembly), IV (Board of Directors), V (Financial means) and VI (Dissolution) are virtually the same as in any similar non-profit association.

B. Statute of the Association "The League of Jurists"

Chapter I - Name, place and objectives of the Association

Article 1: An association is hereby established in the city of Damascus (under the name of the League of Jurists), the activities of which shall cover the city and Governorate of Damascus.

Article 2: The Association aims to:

- (a) promote the concept of sovereignty of law and world peace;
- (b) defend the basic rights of the citizen and support the constitutional institutions;
- (c) support juridically the national issues and work towards Arab unity;
- (d) contribute to the revival of the Islamic juridical heritage;
- (e) raise the legal, cultural and social standards of Arab jurists,
- (f) strengthen relationship between the Association and other Arab and world jurists institutions.

Article 3: To achieve its objectives, the Association will have recourse to all legal means, such as issuing pamphlets or a newspaper subject to prior authorization, organizing conferences, parties and trips and using whatever means may be conducive directly or indirectly to the realization of its objectives.

Chapters II (Membership), III (General Assembly), IV (Board of Directors), V (Financial means), VI (Specialized Commissions), VII (Branches), VIII (Dissolution), IX (General Provisions) and X (Penalties) are virtually the same as in other non-profit associations.
