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### **Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

#### **Brazil, India and South Africa: draft resolution**

### **The universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing nature of all human rights and fundamental freedoms**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the purposes and principles set out in the Charter of the United Nations, including developing friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and 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,

*Acknowledging* that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system and the foundations for collective security and well-being, and recognizing that development, peace and security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

*Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>1</sup> and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,<sup>2</sup> and recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,<sup>3</sup> the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>3</sup> and other human rights instruments,

*Recognizing* that, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the ideal of free human beings enjoying civil and political freedom and freedom from fear and want can be achieved only if conditions are created whereby

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>2</sup> A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

<sup>3</sup> See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.



everyone may enjoy her or his civil and political rights as well as her or his economic, social and cultural rights,

*Recognizing* that, while development facilitates the enjoyment of all human rights, the lack of development may not be invoked to justify the abridgement of internationally recognized human rights,

*Recalling* that the work of the Human Rights Council is to be guided by the principles of universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity, constructive international dialogue and cooperation, with a view to enhancing the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development,

*Stressing* the importance of taking necessary steps to ensure equal and fair treatment for all human rights,

1. *Reaffirms* that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development, must be treated in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis;

2. *Recalls*, in this regard, the importance of ensuring the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues;

3. *Stresses* that democracy, development and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing;

4. *Acknowledges* that good governance and the rule of law at the national and international levels are essential for sustained economic growth, sustainable development and the eradication of poverty and hunger;

5. *Stresses* that the existence of widespread extreme poverty inhibits the full and effective enjoyment of all human rights, and reaffirms that States should take steps to eliminate obstacles to development resulting from failure to observe civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights;

6. *Encourages* States to integrate the promotion and protection of all human rights into national policies, including those for international cooperation, taking into account the universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing nature of all human rights;

7. *Strongly appeals* to all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

8. *Urges* the United Nations system to take into account the universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing nature of all human rights when mainstreaming human rights into its activities, with a view to ensuring equal treatment and practical enjoyment of all human rights;

9. *Invites* civil society actors, including non-governmental organizations, to take into account the universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing nature of all human rights within their activities relating to the promotion and protection of all human rights;

10. *Invites* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, treaty bodies, special procedures of the Human Rights Council and other mandate holders

to continue and enhance their efforts to take into account the universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing nature of all human rights in the fulfilment of their mandates;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly, at its sixty-eighth session, on concrete actions that would increase the attention paid to the universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing nature of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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