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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND MEASURES OF IMPLEMENTATION

United Kingdom: revised amendment to article 28

Replace the existing text of article 28 by the following:

"The States Parties to the Covenant recognize:

- (1) The right of everyone to access to educational facilities;
- (2) That primary education shall be compulsory, within appropriate limits of age, and shall be available free to all whose parents or guardians choose that they shall attend State schools;
- (3) That secondary education, in its different forms, including technical and professional secondary education, shall be generally available and shall be made progressively free;
- (4) That higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit and shall be made progressively free;
- (5) That in the exercise of any functions which the State assumes in the field of education it shall have respect for the liberty of parents or guardians to send their children at their own expense to schools other than those established by the State, which conform to such minimum standards as may have been laid down or approved by the State, and to ensure the religious education of their children in conformity with their own convictions."