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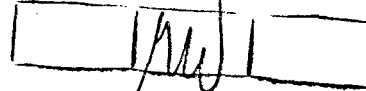
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RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL RESPECT FOR THE SELF-DETERMINATION  
OF PEOPLES

United States of America: amendments to draft resolution A proposed  
by the Commission on Human Rights (A/2165)  
and transmitted by the Economic and Social Council

1. Delete the first two preambular paragraphs.
2. After the third preambular paragraph, which would become the first, add the following preambular paragraphs:

"Whereas the Charter of the United Nations recognizes that certain Members of the United Nations are responsible for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government and affirms the principles which should guide them,

"Whereas every Member of the United Nations, in conformity with the Charter, should respect the maintenance of the right of self-determination in other States,".

3. In the first operative paragraph replace the last two words, "their independence" by the words "The independence of all States".
4. In the second operative paragraph replace everything after the phrase "The States Members of the United Nations shall recognize and promote the realization of the right of self-determination of the peoples of" by the following:

"all territories or nations under their control; shall grant this right to the peoples of such territories or nations, as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each territory or nation and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned, by ascertaining the wishes of the peoples through United Nations or other plebiscites or other democratic means; and shall respect the maintenance of this right in other States".

NOTE: If the above amendments are adopted, the resolution will read as follows:

"Whereas the Charter of the United Nations under Articles 1 and 55 aims to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the equal rights and self-determination of peoples in order to strengthen universal peace,

"Whereas the Charter of the United Nations recognizes that certain Members of the United Nations are responsible for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government and affirms the principles which should guide them,

"Whereas every Member of the United Nations, in conformity with the Charter, should respect the maintenance of the right of self-determination in other States,

"The General Assembly recommends that:

"1. The States Members of the United Nations shall uphold the principle of self-determination of peoples and nations and respect the independence of all States,

"2. The States Members of the United Nations shall recognize and promote the realization of the right of self-determination of the peoples of all territories or nations under their control; shall grant this right to the peoples of such territories or nations, as may be appropriate to the particular circumstances of each territory or nation and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned, by ascertaining the wishes of the peoples through United Nations or other plebiscites or other democratic means; and shall respect the maintenance of this right in other States."

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