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DRAFT DECLARATION AND DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION  
OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

Mr. Titov: suggestions

1. Religious or atheistic convictions are a private matter of conscience of every person. Genuine and complete freedom of conscience can only be ensured when religion is separated from the State and the School is separated from the Church. Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda are recognized for all citizens.

2. Since everyone has the right to profess any religion or no religion at all, any attempt which aims at or results in the taking away or abridgement of this right is condemned as a violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Persons holding religious convictions and persons holding atheistic convictions have the same rights and obligations. Any preferential, restrictive, discriminatory, exceptional or prohibitory treatment on account of a person's convictions constitutes a violation of human rights and is condemned. All limitations of rights relating to the professing of any faith or of no faith at all shall be abolished.

3. All Churches, all religious creeds and movements are equal before the law, irrespective of the number of their adherents, and no Church or faith has

or may be given any privileges in its activities. The domination, whether in name or in fact, of a particular faith or religion shall be eliminated.

4. Complete equality of rights for all citizens, irrespective of their religious or atheistic affiliation, shall be established, and applied in practice, in all spheres of economic, political, cultural and public life.

5. The freedom to hold religious or non-religious convictions, and the rights and obligations of persons holding different convictions, shall not be exploited for political ends or for the purpose of inciting enmity and hatred between peoples. Persons of all convictions shall act in the interests of strengthening universal peace and security, and friendship and co-operation between peoples and States.

6. The freedom to hold religious or non-religious convictions is incompatible with the infringement or elimination of the rights and freedoms of others, breaches of public order, and impairment of morals or of the spiritual and physical worth of the human person.