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Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Cuba, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka: proposed amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.50/Rev.1

A. Preamble

1. Add a new preambular paragraph after the first preambular paragraph

Recalling the principle enshrined in Article 2, paragraph 7, of the Charter of the United Nations,

2. Add at the end of the second preambular paragraph

and to accord priority to the search for solutions to the mass and flagrant violations of human rights,

3. Add a new preambular paragraph after the fourth preambular paragraph

Reaffirming its support for and adherence to the Charter and urging all States to abide by its provisions, in particular, to respect the principles of sovereign equality, political independence and territorial integrity of States and non-intervention in internal affairs, to refrain from the threat or use of force, to settle disputes peacefully, to adhere to the principles of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and co-operation among States, and to comply in good faith with their obligations assumed in accordance with the Charter,

4. Add a new preambular paragraph after the fifth preambular paragraph

Recognizing the legitimacy of the struggles against apartheid, racial discrimination in all its forms, foreign occupation and domination,

5. Redraft the sixth preambular paragraph as follows

Recalling the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty contained in its resolution 2131 (XX) adopted on 21 December 1965, which declared that "no State shall organize, assist, foment, finance, incite or tolerate subversive, terrorist or armed activities directed towards the violent overthrow of the régime of another State, or interfere in civil strife in another State,

B. Operative part

1. Replace operative paragraphs 1 and 2 by the following

1. Calls upon all States to respect the right to freedom of expression and the right of peaceful assembly in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

2. Also calls upon all States to support the just struggles against apartheid, racial discrimination, in all its forms, foreign occupation and domination through various means, including peaceful assemblies and demonstrations;

2. Add three new operative paragraphs after operative paragraph 2

3. Condemns the Israel authorities' use of force against the Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation, who carried on non-violent and peaceful demonstrations;

4. Condemns the policy of apartheid that deprives the majority of the South African population of their dignity, fundamental freedoms and human rights, including the right of freedom of expression and the right of peaceful assembly;

5. Reaffirms that no State shall organize, assist, foment, finance, incite or tolerate subversive, terrorist or armed activities directed towards the violent overthrow of the régime of another State, or interfere in civil strife in another State;

3. Renumber the remaining operative paragraph accordingly.

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