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THIRD COMMITTEE
Agenda item 35

DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

India: amendment to article 19 of the draft Covenant on
Civil and Political Rights 1/

Article 19: Replace paragraphs 2 and 3 by the following:

"2. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to gather, receive and impart without governmental interference, save as provided in paragraph 3, and regardless of frontiers, information and opinions orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art or by duly licensed visual or auditory devices.

"3. The exercise of the rights provided for in the foregoing paragraph carries with it duties and responsibilities. It may, however, be subject only to such necessary restrictions as are clearly defined by law and applied in accordance with the law in respect of: national security and public order (ordre public); systematic dissemination of false reports harmful to friendly relations among nations and of expressions inciting to war or to national, racial or religious hatred; attacks on founders of religions; incitement to violence and crime; public health and morals; the rights, honour and reputation of others; and the fair administration of justice."

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, eighteenth session, Supplement No. 7, Annex I (E/2573).