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**Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

**China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Gabon,\* Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia and Singapore: amendments to draft resolution [A/C.3/68/L.64/Rev.1](#)**

### **Promotion of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: protecting women human rights defenders**

1. Replace the fourteenth preambular paragraph with the following text:

*Mindful* that domestic law and administrative provisions and their application should enable the work of women human rights defenders, including by avoiding any criminalization or stigmatization of the important activities and legitimate role of women human rights defenders and the communities of which they are a part or on whose behalf they work, as well as avoiding impediments, obstructions, restrictions or selective enforcement thereof contrary to States' obligations under international human rights law,

2. Replace the eighteenth preambular paragraph with the following text:

*Underlining* the need for all appropriate measures to be taken to modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, with a view to achieving the elimination of prejudices and customary and other practices based on the idea of the inferiority or superiority of either of the sexes or on stereotyped roles for men and women, in accordance with States' obligations under international human rights law, thereby addressing harmful attitudes, customs, practices and gender stereotypes that underlie and perpetuate violence against women, including women human rights defenders,

\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.



3. Replace operative paragraph 9 with the following text:

*Further calls upon* States to ensure that the promotion and protection of human rights are not criminalized or met with limitations in contravention of States' obligations under international human rights law and that women human rights defenders are not prevented from enjoying universal human rights owing to their work, including by ensuring that all legislative and other measures affecting women human rights defenders, including those aimed at preserving public morals, are clearly defined, non-retroactive and compatible with relevant international human rights obligations;

4. Replace operative paragraph 10 with the following text:

*Underlines* the fundamental principle of the independence of the judiciary, and that procedural safeguards must be in place in accordance with States' obligations under international human rights law in order to protect women human rights defenders from unwarranted criminal action and sanction as a consequence of their work in line with the Declaration;

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