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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Recapitulation of amendments to article 20
of the draft Declaration (E/800)

(In the chronological order of their submission to the Committee)

Article 20: (Text adopted by the Commission on Human Rights)

Everyone, as a member of society, ~~has~~ the right to social security and is entitled to the realization, through national effort and international co-operation, and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights set out below.

AMENDMENTS:

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (E/800)

Replace the text as adopted by the following:

"It is the duty of the State and society to take all the necessary measures, including legislative measures, to ensure for every individual a real opportunity to enjoy all the rights mentioned in the Declaration. In view of the special importance of the economic, social and cultural rights enumerated in articles 21 to 26 of the Declaration and, in particular, of the right to social security, it is considered desirable that they be implemented by means of both national efforts and international co-operation, due regard being had to the social, economic and political organization and resources of each State."

Argentina (A/C.3/251)

Substitute the following:

"Every person has the right to social security which will protect him from the consequences of unemployment, old age and any disabilities arising from causes beyond his control that make it physically or mentally impossible for him to earn a living."

New Zealand (A/C.3/267)

Delete the following words:

"has the right to social security and"

(Compare proposed New Zealand amendment to article 22).

Panama (A/C.3/280)

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Panama (A/C.3/280)

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Add after the words social security the phrase from the cradle to the grave, so that the article will read as follows:

"Article 20: Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security from the cradle to the grave, and is entitled to the realization, through national effort and international co-operation, and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights set out below."

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