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Recapitulation of amendments to article 23 of the draft
Declaration (E/800)

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

Article 23

(Text adopted by the Commission on Human Rights)

1. Everyone has the right to education. Elementary and fundamental education shall be free and compulsory and there shall be equal access on the basis of merit to higher education.
2. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality, to strengthening respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to combatting the spirit of intolerance and hatred against other nations and against racial and religious groups everywhere.

Amendments:

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (E/800)

Add in paragraph 1 after the first sentence:

"Access to education must be open to all without any distinction as to race, sex, language, material status or party allegiance."

✓ Denmark (A/C.3/250)

Add as paragraph 3:

"All persons belonging to a racial, national, religious or linguistic minority have the right to establish their own schools and receive teaching in the language of their own choice."

✓ Argentina (A/C.3/251)

Substitute the following:

"Every person has the right to an education, which should be based on the principles of liberty, ethics and human solidarity.

"Furthermore, every person has the right to an education that will prepare him to lead a decent life, to raise his standard of living, and to be a useful member of society.

The right to an education includes the right to equality of opportunity in every case, in accordance with natural talents, merit, and the desire to utilize the resources that the State or the community is in a position to provide.

"Every person has the right to receive free primary education."

Australia (A/C.3/254)

For the second sentence substitute the following:

"Everyone is entitled to free elementary and fundamental education and to equal access on the basis of merit to higher education."

Lebanon (A/C.3/260)

Add a new paragraph, which will become paragraph 2 and would read as follows:

"Parents have a priority right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children."

Paragraph 2 of the text would become paragraph 3.

Cuba (A/C.3/261)

Break up and amend this article as follows:

"1. Every person has the right to education.

"2. Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality, to strengthening respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to combatting the spirit of intolerance and hatred against other nations and against racial and religious groups everywhere.

"3. The right to education includes the right to equality of opportunity in every case, in accordance with natural talents, merit, and the desire to utilize the resources that the State or the community is in a position to provide.

"4. Every person has the right to receive, free, at least a primary education."

Netherlands (A/C.3/263)

Paragraph 2 to read as follows:

"The primary responsibility for the education of the child rests with the family. Parents have the right to determine the kind of education their children should have."

Paragraph 2 of the present draft would become paragraph 3.

Mexico (A/C.3/266)

Add at the end of paragraph 2, after "religious groups everywhere", the following phrase:

"; education shall promote, by every possible means, understanding and friendship among all peoples, as well as an effective support of the /pacifist activities

pacifist activities of the United Nations."

✓ New Zealand (A/C.3/267)

(a) Substitute the following two paragraphs for the present text of paragraph 1:

"1. Everyone has the right to education.

"2. Education shall be free and universal with equal access, on the basis of merit, to higher education."

✓ (b) Delete paragraph 2 of the present text.

Turkey (A/C.3/273)

After the words "higher education", add: "which should as far as possible be free of charge".
