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Agenda item 72 (b)

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

**China, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Sierra Leone\*: amendment to draft  
resolution [A/C.3/70/L.46/Rev.1](#)**

**Recognizing the role of human rights defenders and the need for  
their protection**

Amend the seventeenth preambular paragraph to read:

*Welcoming* the steps taken by some States, including in follow-up to the universal periodic review under the Human Rights Council, special procedures, treaty bodies and regional human rights mechanisms, towards the improvement of dialogue between authorities and civil society and towards the adoption of national policies and legislation that serve to create a safe and enabling environment and to protect human rights defenders, in particular from being prosecuted, in contravention of States' obligations under international human rights law, for peaceful activities, and against threats, harassment, intimidation, duress, arbitrary detention or arrest, enforced disappearance, violence and attacks by State and non-State actors,

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

