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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE PREAMBLE  
OF THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal rights of all the persons is the foundation of freedom, peace and justice in the world, and

WHEREAS the States, Members of the United Nations, reaffirming their recognition of that dignity and of those rights, have declared their purpose to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

NOW THEREFORE the General Assembly recommends the following Declaration as a common standard of achievement for the United Nations in the performance of its obligation to promote universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion.

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