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INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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Whereas indifference toward the happiness and the welfare of the individual in any part of the world makes possible the spreading of suffering and of conflict between peoples;

Whereas it is obvious that international co-operation can be effective for the peace of the world only when based on the respect for the human person;

Whereas it is the purpose of the United Nations to assist the people of the world in obtaining freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom of thought and religion and freedom of speech and of the press.

This Declaration of Human Rights sets down the basic principles which all Nations, members of the United Nations, pledge themselves to respect in their relations with their own nationals as well as internationally.
