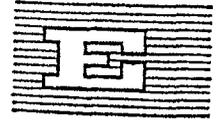


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OF INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON  
RELIGION OR BELIEF

Comments transmitted by the United Nations  
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The main conclusions reached during the deliberations at the twentieth session of the UNESCO General Conference which closed at the end of November have a bearing on this draft declaration. The Declaration on race and racial prejudice, adopted by acclamation on 27 November 1978 at the UNESCO General Conference, states in article 3:

"Any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, ethnic or national origin, or religious intolerance motivated by racist considerations, which destroys or compromises the sovereign equality of States and the right of peoples to self-determination, or which limits in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner the right of every human being and group to full development, is incompatible with the requirements of an international order which is just and guarantees respect for human rights; the right to full development implies equal access to the means of personal and collective advancement and fulfilment in a climate of respect for the values of civilizations and cultures, both national and world-wide."

The activities designed to contribute to the attainment of the objective "promotion of research on measures aimed at assuring human rights and fundamental freedoms both for individuals and for groups, on the manifestations, causes and effects of the violation of human rights, with particular reference to racialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and apartheid, as well as on the application of the right to education, science, culture and information, and the development of normative measures to further these rights" and the activities covered by programme resolution 20 C/3.1.1, approved by the General Conference for 1979/1980, include several research projects which should contribute to the consideration of this question in the United Nations and are therefore worth mentioning, especially:

- (a) Study of the place of human rights in cultural and religious traditions (20 C/5, para. 3021);
- (b) Study of the foundations of human rights (20 C/5, para. 3027); and to a lesser extent,
- (c) Examination of the effects of the return of migrants on the social structures in their country of origin (20 C/5, para. 3022); and
- (d) Study of the effects of international migrations of workers on the situation of women (20 C/5, para. 3027).

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