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OF THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The following text is proposed in the place of Article 13 of the Geneva draft and the Sub-Committee's draft:

"All persons shall be equal before the law. Judges shall be independent and subject only to the law. Legal procedure in every State shall be based on democratic principles. The trial of cases in all courts shall be public, subject to exceptions prescribed by law for the protection of public morals and national security, and the accused person shall be assured the right of defence.

"When any person who does not know the national language is prosecuted, he shall be assured full knowledge of all the material in the case through an interpreter and shall also have the right to address the court in his native language."

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