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## INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, German Democratic Republic, Guatemala, Guinea, Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Morocco and Viet Nam: revised draft resolution

Need to ensure a healthy environment for the well-being of individuals

The General Assembly,

**Recalling** that in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ "everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family",

**Recognizing** the need to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and freedoms in all their aspects,

**Considering** that a better and healthier environment can help to contribute towards the full enjoyment of human rights by all,

**Recalling** the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, 2/ adopted on 16 June 1972, which states that "both aspects of man's environment, the natural and man-made, are essential to his well-being",

1/ Resolution 217 A(III).

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.11.A.14 and corrigendum), chap. I, para. 1.

**Referring also** to the 1987 report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, **3/** which **recognizes** that the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment brought together the **industrialized** and dsveloping countries to tackle **the** queationa related to a healthy and productive environment,

**Considering** that meeting the aspiration8 of individuals for a better and **healthier environment** plays an important role for the full **realization** of economic and social rights,

1. **Recognizes** that every individual is entitled to live in an environment adequate for the health **and** well-being of himself/herself and **of** his/her family;

2. **Calls upon Member States** and intergovernmental and non-governmental **organizations** dealing with environmental questions to endeavour to **ensure** a better and healthier **environment**;

3. **Invites** the **Commission on Human Rights**, through its Sub-Commission, to consider studying the **effects** of environmental degradation on the **full** enjoyment of the right to a standard of living adequate for **the** health and well-being of individuals and to report on it to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social **Council**;

4. **Decides** to consider **this** question at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations **system** for improving the **effective** enjoyment **of** human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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3/ See A/42/427, annex.