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AMENDMENTS TO DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES (A/CONF.70/4)

Amendments submitted to the preamble

1. Algeria

(a) At the end of the second preambular paragraph the following should be added:

"particularly in the developing countries where most of the globe's population lives".

(b) After the fourth preambular paragraph, the following new paragraph should be added:

"Noting that the inequality of the development process, domination situations and the lack of equity in international economic relations have made the problem of human settlements, affecting the greater part of the population of the developing countries, particularly alarming,"

(c) The order of the first two subparagraphs of the sixth (new seventh) preambular paragraph should be reversed and the words underlined should be inserted as follows:

"Unbalanced economic development reflected in the wide disparities in wealth which now exist between nations and within nations and which condemn millions of people to a life of poverty, often without satisfying the basic necessities of food and shelter;

"Population growth which will nearly double the numbers of mankind in the next 25 years, thereby more than doubling over the next 25 years the need for food, shelter and all other requirements for life and human dignity, which are already inadequately met;"

(d) Replace the fifth subparagraph of the sixth preambular paragraph by the following:

"Economic, social, ecological and environmental conditions which are exemplified, at the national and international levels, by inequalities in living conditions, social segregation, the breakdown of traditional social relationships

and cultural values and the increasing degradation of life-supporting resources by air, water and land."

2. Belgium

(a) In the first subparagraph of the sixth preambular paragraph, after the words "population growth" add "(especially among the most disadvantaged population groups)".

(b) Delete the fourth subparagraph of the sixth preambular paragraph.

3. Indonesia

Delete the fourth subparagraph of the sixth preambular paragraph.

4. Iraq

Add to the sixth preambular paragraph a new subparagraph as follows:

"Involuntary migration, politically motivated relocation and expulsion of people from their national homeland."

5. Philippines

(a) Add a new fifth preambular paragraph to read as follows:

"Recognizing that the field of human settlements integrates such global issues as the human environment, population, food, the status of women and the establishment of a new international economic order,"

(b) Add a new seventh preambular paragraph to follow the present sixth preambular paragraph as follows:

"Reaffirming that the individual human being is the central focus of efforts to improve the quality of life,"

6. Trinidad and Tobago

Add a new final paragraph to the preamble as follows:

"The Conference accordingly urges that the existing conditions of human settlements be seen not merely as problems to be solved, but be accepted as opportunities to improve and enhance the quality of life of all people."

7. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The sixth preambular paragraph should be replaced by the following:

"Recognizes that the circumstances of life for vast numbers of people in human settlements are unacceptable, but that it is within their power to create places in which to live abundant lives if positive action is taken at national and international levels to find and implement solutions to the problems of:"

Amendments submitted to part I, paragraph 1

Algeria

Add a new subparagraph (a):

"(a) Promoting in all countries an economic and social development policy capable of ensuring a decent life for all".

In subparagraph (a) add after "Adopting" the words "within the framework of a comprehensive and planned approach".

In subparagraph (c) insert between "effective participation by all people" and "the planning" the words "in the process of decision-making and supervision of".

In subparagraph (d) reword the second line as follows:

"settlement programmes through more intensive and more appropriate use of science and technology, particularly in the developing countries and in an international context of transfer of technology suited to development requirements".

Belgium

In subparagraph (c) replace the word "Creating" by "Opening up" and the words "by all people" by "by the people".

In subparagraph (d) replace the words "more appropriate use of science and technology" by "use of science and technology better suited to human aspirations".

Canada

The words "economic development" should be replaced by the words "socio-economic development".

The following subparagraph should be inserted after subparagraph (c), necessitating the renumbering of the subsequent subparagraphs:

"(d) Promoting the physical well-being and mental health of all people through enhancement of the environment and appropriate management of natural resources;"

Cyprus

The following subparagraph should be inserted after subparagraph (c), necessitating the renumbering of the subsequent subparagraphs:

"(d) Ensuring that ecological tolerance of the environment to absorb man-made development is respected;"

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Trinidad and Tobago

Replace paragraph 1 by the following text:

"The Conference accordingly affirms its conviction that these problems pose a formidable challenge to human understanding, imagination, ingenuity and resolves that these solutions demand a new political commitment in mobilizing the necessary resources both human and financial and in incorporating a qualitative dimension to economic development, and that in the years to come, man will not be daunted by the scale of the task ahead but will grasp every available opportunity which these problems provide to improve the living conditions of all people by:

(a) Adopting bold, meaningful and effective human settlement policies and strategies realistically adapted to local conditions;

(b) Creating more livable, attractive and efficient settlements which recognize human scale and provide social justice for every individual;

(c) Creating possibilities for effective participation by all people in the planning, building and management of human settlements;

(d) Establishing more appropriate and flexible measures for the transfer and use of science and technology in formulating and implementing settlement programmes;

(e) Evolving innovative approaches in the mobilization, allocation and use of human and financial resources;

(f) Utilizing unprecedented means of communications for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of human settlements;

(g) Strengthening bonds of international co-operation, both regionally and globally."

Amendment submitted to part I, paragraph 2

Belgium

Replace first sentence by "Human settlements must be seen as one of the components of human development."

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Amendment submitted to part II. General principles

United Kingdom

It is suggested that the order of presentation of the principles be amended as follows:

- 1-2 General
- 3 and 8 Economic
- 4-6, 10 Rights
- 7 Environmental

Amendments submitted to part II, paragraph 1

Belgium

Insert the word "dignity" after "the basic needs of".

Canada

The following sentence should be added at the end of this paragraph:

"In this context, the fundamental and vital role of women in human settlement policy, planning and development must be recognized."

Zaire

After the word "dignity", add "education and training, and".

Amendments submitted to part II, paragraph 2

Algeria

Reword the second line as follows:

"least advantaged nations and social categories".

Belgium

Replace the word "people" by the words "human groups".

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Amendments submitted to part II, paragraph 3

Belgium

Replace the part of the sentence after the words "human needs" by the following: "; the more equitable distribution of the benefits which result from such development is a necessary and even indispensable means towards achieving a better quality of life."

Canada

The words "economic development" should be replaced by the words "socio-economic development".

Cyprus

The following words should be added at the end of this paragraph: "and it is subordinate to the development and fulfilment of man".

Amendments submitted to part II, paragraph 4

Belgium

Replace the last sentence by "It is therefore the duty of all people to join in the struggle against any form of alienation."

Cyprus

A new paragraph should be inserted after paragraph 4, necessitating the renumbering of the remaining paragraphs:

"5. The right of free movement and the right of each individual to choose the place of settlement within the domain of his own country should be recognized and safeguarded."

Amendments submitted to part II, paragraph 5

Belgium

Delete paragraph 5.

Peru

Delete paragraph 5 and renumber accordingly.

Amendments submitted to part II, paragraph 6

Algeria

Replace the first line by the following: "Taking into account, on the one hand, their responsibilities in the preparation of conditions of well-being for their people and, on the other hand, their rights and duties as members of the international ...".

Belgium

Reword paragraph 6 as follows:

"Every nation has the right to exercise sovereignty over its natural resources and economic activities with due regard to the protection, preservation and enhancement of the environment and taking into account their duties as members of the international community."

United States of America

Delete the opening phrase "Taking into account", and substitute for it "Subject to".

Amendments submitted to part II, paragraph 7

Algeria

Replace "All human acts" by "All acts by nations".

Belgium

Replace the words "life itself" by "man's own life".

Philippines

The last sentence should be reworded as follows:

"Special attention should be given to preventing the waste and misuse of resources through war and armaments, with the goal of using the resources thus released to achieve a better quality of life."

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United Kingdom

This paragraph should be divided into two separate paragraphs as follows, necessitating the renumbering of the remaining paragraphs:

"7. The environment is the common concern of mankind. All human acts must be guided by a deep respect for the protection of the environmental resources upon which life itself depends. Nations should avoid major and undesirable disturbances of the biosphere and oceans.

"8. All nations should join in the effort to end the irresponsible exploitation and waste of resources which may become either physically exhausted or lose their capacity to regenerate. Special attention should be given to the waste and misuse of resources through war and armaments with the goal of using the resources thus released to achieve a better quality of life."

Zaire

Add after "of mankind" the words "and human settlements must be seen as an integral part of the environment, in which the man-made and natural elements cannot be dissociated".

Amendment submitted to part II, paragraph 8

Philippines

After "the Declaration and Programme of Action" insert "on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order".

Amendment submitted to part II, paragraph 9

Cyprus

The following should be added at the end of this paragraph:

"... and especially by the act of foreign aggression. In the latter case the international community should exert strong pressure on the parties involved to allow the return of displaced persons to their homes and to give them the right to possess and enjoy their properties and belongings without interference."

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Amendments submitted to part II, paragraph 10

Belgium

Paragraph 10 should now read "Women, whose role in habitat is paramount, must be fully involved in efforts to improve the quality of life and participate fully in decisions relating thereto."

Canada

This paragraph should be deleted.

Philippines

Replace paragraph 10 with the following text:

"Women and youth must be fully involved in efforts to improve the quality of life, particularly in the context of human settlements. Women should have equal opportunity to participate actively in all activities directed toward this broad objective."

United States

Delete the entire paragraph and substitute for it the following:

"Women specifically and all social groups generally must be fully integrated in efforts to improve the quality of life and should participate actively in all decisions and activities affecting the quality of human settlements."

Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 1

Algeria

Replace "human well-being" by "the well-being of all mankind".

Belgium

The first paragraph should be replaced by "It is an essential government responsibility to define human settlement policies. Such policies are an essential component of an over-all development strategy; within that strategy, such policies must be linked and harmonized with policies on industrial, agricultural and social development and on the protection of the environment and cultural heritage for a progressive improvement in human well-being."

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Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 2

Belgium

In the French text, replace the words "et la distribution de la population" by "et la répartition des populations".

Philippines

Replace paragraph 2 with the following: "Human settlements require a total approach. Because of its multidisciplinary nature, a human settlement policy must seek harmonious integration or co-ordination of a wide variety of components, including, for example, organization of national space, population growth and distribution, employment, shelter, land use, infrastructure and services. Governments must create mechanisms and institutions as appropriate to develop and implement such a policy."

Zaire

Insert after "A human settlement policy must" the words "take account of the close connexion between the man-made environment and the natural environment of mankind".

Amendments to part III, paragraph 3

Algeria

Replace the first two lines (see French text) by "The demographic characteristics of many countries require an economic development strategy as part of a policy to orient ..." and replace the last two lines of that text by "arrange for rational occupation of rural space".

Belgium

Replace the words "and distribution of population" by "and dispersal of population".

United States

Delete the phrase "to minimize rural dispersion" and substitute for it "to achieve sound rural development".

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Canada

This paragraph should be replaced by the following:

"Health is essential to the survival of human beings and any human settlement policy must have as a first priority the provision of healthy living conditions. Once these are provided, the further goal of human settlement policies in this field should be to improve environmental health conditions and basic health services."

Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 7

Belgium

Renumber as paragraph 4.

United States

Add the word "all" before "its people" at the end of the paragraph.

Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 8

Algeria

Replace paragraph 8 by the following:

"Since a genuine human settlement policy requires the effective participation of the entire population, recourse must be had at all times to technical arrangements permitting the use of all human resources, both skilled and unskilled. This goal must be associated with a global training programme to facilitate the introduction and use of increasingly advanced technology capable of rapidly improving the standard of living and the opportunities available to all."

United States

Add "and regional" between "local" and "conditions".

Amendment submitted to part III, paragraph 9

United States

(a) Add the following at the end of the paragraph:

"An understanding of natural systems should guide all decisions related to land use. Where ecologically sensitive land is involved, strict conservation may be required."

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Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 4

Algeria

Add after "precisely defined targets" the words "at the national and international levels".

Belgium

Replace "define and strive for" by "aim at the definition and application of" and renumber as paragraph 6.

Canada

The following words should be added at the end of this paragraph: "and waste".

Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 5

Belgium

Replace the word "Adequate" by "Indispensable" and renumber as paragraph 7.

Philippines

Add the following at the end of the paragraph, "inter alia through the creation of better-balanced communities, which blend different social groups, occupations, housing and amenities".

Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 6

Algeria

Insert before "environmental health conditions" the words "nutrition, income, health education,".

Belgium

Renumber as paragraph 8 and replace the words "environmental health conditions and basic health services" by "health conditions and the appropriate health infrastructure".

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(b) Insert the following new paragraph after paragraph 9 and renumber accordingly:

"Water is necessary for life. Safe water and access to it are necessary elements in all human settlements. Governments and appropriate international organizations should work toward achieving improved water quality, increased water quantity, and the effective management of water supplies."

Amendment submitted to part III, paragraph 10

Algeria

Add at the end of paragraph 10:

"Such policies at the national level should be supplemented by policies designed to reduce disparities in the levels of living of countries within the framework of the new international economic order."

Addition of new paragraph

Greece

Between paragraphs 11 and 12, add the following new paragraph and renumber accordingly:

"While planning new human settlements or restructuring existing ones, a high priority should be given to the promotion of optimal and creative conditions of human coexistence. This implies the creation of a well structured urban space on a human scale, the close interconnexion of the different urban functions, the relief of urban man from intolerable psychological tensions due to overcrowding and perceptual chaos, the creation of chances of human encounters and the elimination of urban concepts promoting human isolation."

Amendment submitted to part III, paragraph 12

Philippines

Add the following sentence: "Research and academic institutions should contribute more fully to this effort by giving greater attention to human settlement problems."

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Addition of new paragraph

Philippines

Add a new paragraph 13 to read as follows: "Due attention should be given to implementation of conservation and recycling technologies. The development of low-cost sources of energy should be promoted."

Remember the following paragraphs accordingly.

Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 13

Algeria

In paragraph 13, replace the fourth line (see French text), by the following:

"... of life and development problems which affect it, starting with the high global priority represented by the transformation of the economic order at the national and international levels (sixth and seventh special sessions), the environmental impact ...".

Belgium

Replace "on women by housing and urban development (Mexico City)" by "on families by urban development and housing conditions (Mexico City)".

Philippines

Replace the four last lines with the following: "... given to the environmental impact of human settlements (Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment), the housing and sanitary ramifications of population growth (World Population Conference, Bucharest), rural development and the need to increase food supply (World Food Conference in Rome), and the effect on women of housing and urban development (International Women's Conference in Mexico City)."

Amendments submitted to part III, paragraph 14

Algeria

Add at the end: "In the mean time, assistance to developing countries must at least reach the percentages set in the International Development Strategy for the Second Development Decade."

Philippines

Replace paragraph 14 by the following text: "Guided by the foregoing principles, the international community must exercise its responsibility to support national efforts to meet the human settlement challenges facing them. Since resources at both national and international levels are and will be inadequate to meet all needs, the international community should provide the necessary financial and technical assistance, evolve appropriate institutional arrangements, and seek new and effective ways to promote the improvement of human settlements."

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