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THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND ITS INTERPLAY WITH PARLIAMENTS
AND OTHER DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED ASSEMBLIES FOR THE MATURING
AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY

First batch of amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted by the delegation of India

PREAMBLE

Preambular paragraph 7

Delete preambular paragraph 7

Preambular paragraph 10

Amend preambular paragraph 10 as follows:

(10) *Recognizing* the importance of creative interplay ~~and exchanges~~ between parliaments and civil society, especially in bridging gaps between various local groups and government bodies, public sector organizations, private business enterprises and the public,

Preambular paragraph 11

Amend preambular paragraph 11 as follows:

(11) *Conscious* of forces that can undermine democracy by suppressing or manipulating civil society, that may emanate from intolerant governments and also from ideologies from below, including religious intolerance and fundamentalism, terrorism and other anti-democratic ideologies, ~~old and new forms of~~ racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, fascism and extreme revolutionary engagement built on hate and violence,

OPERATIVE PART

Operative paragraph 1

Amend operative paragraph 1 as follows:

1. *Asserts* that the articulation of the interplay and exchanges between civil society and parliaments and other democratically elected assemblies will not only contribute to the eradication of poverty, but also empower **disadvantaged groups/sections of the society** ~~even the poorest of the poor to engage in general democratic life in their respective countries;~~

Operative paragraph 3

Amend operative paragraph 3 as follows:

3. *Calls upon* the world's parliamentarians to initiate and implement projects to facilitate public participation **and education for youth, women and men**, ~~including the involvement of young people and the ensuing education of women and men in democracy that such participation will engender~~, thereby training civil society in the operations and functions of legislatures and in the importance of civic participation in sustaining democracies;

Operative paragraph 4

Amend operative paragraph 4 as follows:

4. *Further calls upon* parliaments all over the world to put forward flexible social policies and legislation to promote civil society **interactions and exchanges** ~~and make it easier for voluntary organizations to register or to be incorporated, while at the same time guaranteeing the independence and diversity of non-governmental organizations and ensuring that civil society organizations whose support stems from ideologies based on fundamentalism and intolerance are not encouraged;~~

Operative paragraph 7

Amend operative paragraph 7 as follows:

7. *Strongly urges* parliaments to support and where necessary enhance all **legislative and constructive** channels of political expression, the promotion of human rights and investment in human capital, through legislation, policies and regulations that promote civil society;

Operative paragraphs 9 and 10

Delete operative paragraphs 9 and 10.

Operative paragraph 15

Delete operative paragraph 15.