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PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

I. ADDITIONS TO ARTICLE 7 (FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION)

1. [Already adopted] The States Parties to the present Convention shall assure to the child who is capable of forming his [or her] own views the right to express his [or her] own opinion freely in all matters, the wishes of the child being given due weight in accordance with his [or her] age and maturity.

[Additional sentence] This right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of the child's choice.

2. [Additional paragraph] The exercise of this right may be subject to certain restrictions, but these shall only be such as are provided by law and are necessary:

(a) for respect of the rights and reputations of others; or

(b) for the protection of national security or of public order (order public), or of public health or morals.

3. [Additional paragraph] States Parties shall respect the rights and duties of parents and, where applicable, legal guardians, to provide direction to the child in the exercise of this right in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child.

II. ARTICLE 7 bis (FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION)

No changes, except the removal of gender-based language.

III. NEW ARTICLE 7 ter (FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY)

1. The States Parties to the present Convention recognize the right of the child to freedom of association and freedom of peaceful assembly.

2. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those imposed in conformity with the law and which are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security or public safety, public order (order public), the protection of public health or morals or the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

3. States Parties shall respect the rights and duties of parents and, where applicable, legal guardians, to provide direction to the child in the exercise of these rights in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child.

IV. NEW ARTICLE 7 quarter (RIGHT TO PRIVACY)

The States Parties to the present Convention recognize the right of the child not to be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his or her right to privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on his or her honour and reputation.