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UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Draft Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination
against Women

Texts adopted by the Working Group on the Draft Convention
on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women at its
7th meeting held on 11 November 1977

Preamble

Paragraph 3: Adopted by consensus as amended by the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics. The text reads as follows:

"Noting that under the International Covenants on Human Rights,
States Parties have the obligation to secure the equal right of men
and women to enjoy all economic, social, cultural, civil and
political rights,"

Paragraph 7: Deleted. After its deletion, the representative of Tunisia
made a reservation.

Paragraph 10: Adopted by consensus with the understanding that it will
be presented to the Third Committee together with the amendment
introduced by Mexico contained in CRP.2. The text reads as follows:

"Bearing in mind the great contribution of women to the development
of society, so far not fully recognized, the social significance of
maternity and of the role of parents in the family and in the rearing
of children,"

Amendment by Mexico: Add the following at the end of the paragraph:

"... and aware that the role of women in procreation should not be a basis for discrimination but that, instead, the rearing of children requires a sharing of responsibility between men and women and society as a whole,"

Article 2

Subparagraph (c): The discussion was postponed.

Subparagraph (d): Adopted by consensus. The text reads as follows:

"Each State Party undertakes not to engage in any act or practice of discrimination against women and to ensure that public authorities and institutions shall act in conformity with this obligation;"

Subparagraph (e): The discussion was postponed.