

Human Rights Council Section 2

Topic: Freedom of Religion or Belief

Co-Sponsors: Syria, South Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Azerbaijan, Cuba, Georgia, Venezuela, Vietnam, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Peru, Singapore,

Norway, Qatar, Iraq, Swiss Confederation, Ghana, Costa Rica, Greece, Myanmar, Poland, Libya, Jordan, Cambodia, Netherlands, Botswana, Israel, El Salvador, Bosnia, Colombia, Serbia, Benin, Zimbabwe, Nigeria.

Aware of the bias against all religions in both developing and developed countries,

<u>Believing</u> that educating the populous will greatly decrease the amount of bias towards other religions,

<u>Deeply concerned</u> about disorderly conduct that comes as a direct result of religious discrimination,

<u>Seeking</u> a better understanding of all religions for people of the state by teaching about religions in schools for children up to 18 years old, as well as adults out of school,

Emphasizing that the countries would have control of the religion as long as it does not violate the declaration of human rights,

<u>Realizing</u> the necessity of funding from NGO's and donations to pay for the informative religious classes,

1. Encourages sanctioning of unnecessary or superfluous items if governments fail to adhere to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, specifically article 18;

- 2. Calls upon the UN to provide teachers with necessary knowledge about religion to teach the religious diversity in the state to the general population;
- 3. Further requests the countries, in allegiance with the UN, to provide the teachers for the schools;
- 4. Further recommends the UNHCR to provide support for refugees leaving the country because of religious discrimination;
- 5. Supports advertising within each country to encourage citizens to attend religious awareness classes;
- 6. Calls upon each country to allow places for every religion where the practices of that religion can practice in peace; and
- 7. Requests that after completion of a mandatory orientation, parents can then enroll their children in further classes.