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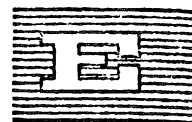


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RIGHT OF ASYLUM

France: DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT OF ASYLUM

1. All members of the international community, represented by the United Nations, shall grant asylum to those persons who seek it.
2. Everyone whose life, person or liberty is threatened, in violation of the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, shall be regarded as entitled to seek asylum.
3. No State shall incur any international responsibility by granting asylum in accordance with Articles 1 and 2. Asylum granted by that State shall be respected by all other States.
- 4.(a) Independently of the action taken by certain States, the United Nations shall, in a spirit of international solidarity, consult with States as to the most effective means of providing help and assistance for the persons referred to in Article 2.
(b) With the object of lightening the burden assumed by countries granting asylum in the first instance, other States shall examine in the same spirit of solidarity the appropriate measures to be taken, particularly the admission to their territory of a certain number of persons granted asylum in the first instance by another State.
5. No one shall be expelled from a country granting him asylum, or shall be driven back from, or refused permission to cross, the frontier of such a country, in circumstances which would result in his being obliged to return to or remain in a country where his life, person or liberty would be threatened, in violation of the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

This principle shall not apply in cases where there are good grounds for considering a person seeking asylum as likely to endanger the security of the country which admits him, or where such a person, having been convicted of a crime or a particularly serious offence, would threaten the wellbeing of the country concerned.