Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,

Now, Therefore THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY proclaims THIS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.
Sixty Years of Human Rights: Implementation and Innovation

9:00 am-11:00 am
Introduction and Panel 1:

The Challenge of Implementation: International Human Rights at the State Level
Chair and Discussant:
Jacqueline Bhabha, Director of the Harvard University Committee on Human Rights Studies and Jeremiah Smith Jr. Lecturer in Law, Harvard Law School

11:15 am-12:45 pm
Panel 2:

The Importance of Innovation: Social and Cultural Aspects of Human Rights
Chair and Discussant:
Homi Bhabha, Anne F. Rothenberg Professor of the Humanities and Director of the Humanities Center at Harvard

2:00 pm-3:30 pm
Panel 3:

Translating Innovation into Implementation: The Role of Pedagogy in Human Rights
Chair and Discussant:
Martha Minow, Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

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