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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

**Pakistan and Russian Federation[[1]](#footnote-2)\*: amendment to draft resolution A/HRC/44/L.21**

**44/…Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and girls**

1. **Eighth preambular paragraph**

The paragraph *should read*

*Expressing profound concern* at the backlash against progress made by States, international and regional organizations and civil society, including women’s rights and community-based organizations, feminist groups, women human rights defenders, trade unions and girl- and youth-led organizations, to respect, protect and fulfil all human rights, and recognizing that these retrogressions can be linked to economic crisis and inequality, racial discrimination, negative social norms and gender stereotypes, retrogressive lobbies, ideological views or misuse of culture or religion to oppose the struggle for women’s and girls’ equal rights,

1. **Paragraph 8**

The paragraph *should read*

8. *Also urges* States to develop, support and protect an enabling environment for the full, effective, meaningful and equal participation of civil society, including women’s rights organizations, feminist groups and women human rights defenders and girl- and youth-led organizations in the creation, design, implementation and monitoring of all legislation and policies relevant to achieving substantive gender equality;

1. \* State not a member of the Human Rights Council. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)