



COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERS

Community Housing Partners

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February 9, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
National Energy Technology Lab
3610 Collins Ferry Road
P.O. Box 880
Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Community Housing Partners, I would like to voice support to AEP and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program – Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740. Advanced Distribution Management System (“ADMS”) with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System (“DERMS”) projects being established in service areas by AEP will have wide reaching benefits on the residents in the area. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit our communities within AEP’s service territory.

Many of our constituents in this area currently suffer from sustained outages due to a manual and time-consuming process for fault location, isolation, and grid restoration in event of an outage. We regularly see the impacts of extended periods of time without power on the lives of citizens in southwest Virginia. AEP’s technology implementation and its efforts to connect the underserved will provide both long-term support and opportunity for the Disadvantaged Communities that it serves.

AEP has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfilling its customer’s power needs. We are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS technologies. With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders. We wholly support AEP and hope that the Department of Energy will fulfill this vital infrastructure funding request.

Sincerely,

Mark Jackson
Vice President



February 14, 2023

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COUNTY of BLAND

Board of Supervisors

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Keith Costello
Supervisor
Rocky Gap District

RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application
Topic Area 2

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the constituents of the County of Bland, Virginia, I would like to voice support to AEP and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program – Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740. Advanced Distribution Management System (“ADMS”) with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System (“DERMS”) projects being established in service areas by AEP will have wide reaching benefits on the residents in the area. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit our communities within AEP’s service territory.

Many of our constituents in this area currently suffer from sustained outages due to a manual and time-consuming process for fault location, isolation, and grid restoration in event of an outage. We regularly see the impacts of extended periods of time without power on the lives of our citizens in the County of Bland. AEP’s technology implementation and its efforts to connect the underserved will provide both long-term support and opportunity for the Disadvantaged Communities that it serves.

AEP has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfilling its customer’s power needs. We are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS technologies. With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders. We wholly support AEP and hope that the Department of Energy will fulfill this vital infrastructure funding request.

Thank you,

Eric R. Workman, Ed.D.
County Administrator

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February 16, 2023

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RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the constituents of the County of Grayson, I would like to voice support to AEP and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program – Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740. Advanced Distribution Management System (“ADMS”) with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System (“DERMS”) projects being established in service areas by AEP will have wide reaching benefits on the residents in the area. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit our communities within AEP’s service territory.

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Sincerely,

Mitchell L. Smith



February 10, 2023

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RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership
Application Topic Area 2

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Region 2 Planning and Development Council, I support AEP's grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program – Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740. Distribution Automation Circuit Reconfiguration ("DACR") projects being established in service areas by AEP will have wide reaching benefits on the residents in the area. Investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit our communities within AEP's service territory.

Many customers currently suffer sustained outages when an electrical fault occurs along their electrical feeder line. These outages could be prevented with Distribution Automation switches applied to the line, granting it the ability to sectionalize the fault. AEP's technology implementation and its efforts to connect the underserved will provide both long-term support and opportunity for the Disadvantaged Communities that it serves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris M. Chiles".

Chris Chiles
Executive Director

Jeffrey Lusk
Chairman

Christopher M. Chiles
Executive Director

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Development Council*

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February 18, 2023

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RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area
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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the people we serve at the United Way of Central West Virginia, I would like to voice support to AEP and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program – Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740. Advanced Distribution Management System (“ADMS”) with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System (“DERMS”) projects being established in service areas by AEP will have wide reaching benefits on the residents in the area. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit our communities within AEP’s service territory.

Many of the families we serve in this area currently suffer from sustained outages due to a manual and time-consuming process for fault location, isolation, and grid restoration in event of an outage. We regularly see the impacts of extended periods of time without power on the lives of our citizens in and around central West Virginia. AEP’s technology implementation and its efforts to connect the underserved will provide both long-term support and opportunity for the Disadvantaged Communities that it serves.

AEP has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfilling its customer’s power needs. We are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS technologies. With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders. We wholly support AEP and hope that the Department of Energy will fulfill this vital infrastructure funding request.

Sincerely,



Margaret Ann O’Neal
President



February 28, 2023

Dr. Brian Anderson
U.S. Department of Energy
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Morgantown, WV 26507-0880

RE: Letter of Support - Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dr. Anderson:

On behalf of the Mingo County Redevelopment Authority ("MCRA"), I write this letter in support of American Electric Power's ("AEP") grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships ("GRIP") program – Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740. Advanced Distribution Management System ("ADMS") with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System ("DERMS") projects being established in service areas by AEP will have wide reaching benefits for both residents and businesses in Mingo County. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the electric power system's flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit the business and industry sectors within AEP's service territory.

The MCRA is Mingo County's lead economic development agency. The cornerstone of our mission is to promote and encourage the economic and civic welfare of Mingo County by attracting and retaining businesses, industries and commerce that create employment opportunities, increase the county's tax base, and improve the livelihood of our citizens. Likewise, AEP's ADMS and DERMS application objective directly aligns with our development initiatives by minimizing the catastrophic consequences that affect the quality of life, economic development activity, national security, and critical-infrastructure operations in Mingo County and the region. The MCRA strongly encourages grid reliance which is critical to attracting new businesses to our economically distressed communities.

Many of the area residents and businesses currently suffer from sustained outages due to a manual and time-consuming process for fault location, isolation, and grid restoration in the event of an outage. We regularly see the impacts of extended periods of time without power on the lives of our citizens in Mingo County. AEP's technology implementation and its efforts to connect the underserved will provide both long-term support and opportunity for the disadvantaged communities in Mingo County that are served by AEP.

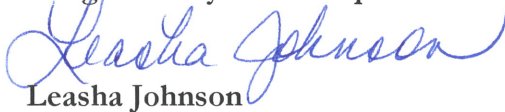
Dr. Brian Anderson
February 28, 2023
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With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders, AEP has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfilling its customers' power needs. We are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS technologies, and we, therefore, wholly support AEP's GRIP application and trust that the Department of Energy will approve this vital infrastructure funding request.

Should you have questions or require additional information in this regard, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mingo County Redevelopment Authority



Leasha Johnson
Executive Director



MINGO COUNTY COMMISSION

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March 1, 2023

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RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dear Dr. Anderson:


On behalf of the constituents of Mingo County, West Virginia, the Mingo County Commission would like to express its support for American Electric Power ("AEP") and its grant application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships program – Funding Opportunity Number DE-FOA-0002740. Advanced Distribution Management System ("ADMS") with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System ("DERMS") projects being established in service areas by AEP will have wide reaching benefits for all of Mingo County. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the electric power system's flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit our communities within AEP's service territory.

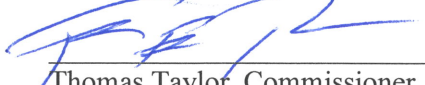
Many of our constituents currently suffer from sustained outages due to a manual and time-consuming process for fault location, isolation, and grid restoration in the event of an outage. Regularly, we see the impacts of extended power outages on the lives of our citizens in Mingo County. AEP's technology implementation and its efforts to solve these issues for the underserved will provide both long-term support and opportunity for the disadvantaged communities in Mingo County that are served by AEP.

With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders, AEP has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfill its customers' power needs, and we are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS technologies. We wholly support AEP's application and hope that the Department of Energy will approve this vital infrastructure funding request.

Sincerely,


Nathan Brown, President


Diann Hannah, Commissioner


Thomas Taylor, Commissioner

Rod Roberson
Mayor



Office of Mayor Rod Roberson
229 S. Second St.
Elkhart, Indiana 46516

March 3, 2023

RE: Letter of Commitment for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Elkhart fully supports American Electric Power Service Corporation's ("AEP") application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership - Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740 BIL ("GRIP"). Please accept this letter as our letter of commitment in connection with AEP's Advanced Distribution Management System ("ADMS") with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System ("DERMS") project. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit communities within AEP's service territory.

The proposed project meets the eligibility criteria set forth by GRIP as it would implement ADMS and DERMS technologies in Elkhart. AEP shares the City of Elkhart's goal of providing unparalleled service to their customers. Funding for this project would provide a significant boost to AEP's and Elkhart's goals to enhanced system capabilities; increase in the capacity of transmission facilities, prevent faults or other system disturbances, integrate renewable energy resources, safety, cost reduction, and much more.

The people and business of Elkhart have benefited from previous investments in AEP's infrastructure. We look forward to the completion of this project as it will provide an even higher level of service to our growing city.

AEP has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfilling its customer's power needs. We are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS. With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders. We wholly support AEP and hope that the Department of Energy will fulfill this vital infrastructure funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. Roberson", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Rod Roberson
City of Elkhart

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CITY OF SOUTH BEND JAMES MUELLER, MAYOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ERIC HORVATH, DIRECTOR

February 27, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Letter of Commitment for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of South Bend Department of Public Works fully supports American Electric Power Service Corporation's ("AEP") application for funding through the Grid Resilience and innovation Partnership – Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740 BIL ("GRIP"). Please accept this letter as our letter of commitment in connection with AEP's Advanced Distribution Management System ("ADMS") with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System ("DERMS") project. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit communities within AEP's service territory.

The proposed project meets the eligibility criteria set forth by GRIP as it would implement ADMS and DERMS technologies in the City of South Bend. Funding for this project would provide a significant boost to AEP's and the City of South Bend's goals to enhanced system capabilities; increase in the capacity of transmission facilities, prevent faults or other system disturbances, integrate renewable energy resources, safety, cost reduction, and much more.

AEP has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfilling its customer's power needs. We are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS. With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders. We wholly support AEP and hope that the Department of Energy will fulfill this vital infrastructure funding request.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Horvath, PE
Executive Director Public Works
City of South Bend, Indiana



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JAMES MUELLER
Mayor

AARON PERRI
Executive Director

February 28, 2023

RE: Letter of Commitment for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of South Bend Venues Parks & Arts Department fully supports American Electric Power Service Corporation's ("AEP") application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership - Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740 BIL ("GRIP"). Please accept this letter as our letter of commitment in connection with AEP's Advanced Distribution Management System ("ADMS") with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System ("DERMS") project. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit communities within AEP's service territory.

The proposed project meets the eligibility criteria set forth by GRIP as it would implement ADMS and DERMS technologies in the South Bend region. Funding for this project would provide a significant boost our community's shared goals to enhanced system capabilities; increase in the capacity of transmission facilities, prevent faults or other system disturbances, integrate renewable energy resources, safety, cost reduction, and much more.

The Department of Venues Parks & Arts oversees major economic attractions in the city. Combined, we host more than 3 million visitors annually and we rely upon having modern, safe, and reliable power to operate our high-profile facilities. Some of our venues additionally serve as critical emergency municipal infrastructure – and a resilient electrical service is vital.

AEP has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfilling its customer's power needs. We are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS. With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders. We wholly support AEP and hope that the Department of Energy will fulfill this vital infrastructure funding request.

Sincerely,

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Aaron Perri
Executive Director





March 6, 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam:

RE: Letter of Commitment for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce fully supports American Electric Power Service Corporation's ("AEP") application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership - Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740 BIL ("GRIP"). Please accept this letter as our letter of commitment in connection with AEP's Advanced Distribution Management System ("ADMS") with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System ("DERMS") project.

We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit communities within AEP's service territory.

The proposed project meets the eligibility criteria set forth by GRIP as it would implement ADMS and DERMS technologies in the communities of Bangor, St. Joseph, Hagar Township and Benton Charter Township. Funding for this project would provide a significant boost to AEP's goals to enhance system capabilities; increase in the capacity of transmission facilities, prevent faults or other system disturbances, integrate renewable energy resources, safety, cost reduction, and much more.

With over 100 years of proven ability to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders, we are confident that AEP can effectively implement ADMS and DERMS. We fully support their efforts and encourage the Department of Energy to fulfill this vital infrastructure funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur A. Havlicek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Arthur Havlicek
President & CEO
Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber



March 14, 2023

Mrs. Maria Duaime Robinson
Director, Grid Deployment Office
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dear Mrs. Robinson,

OSI, an Aspen Technology Business (NASDAQ: AZPN) fully supports American Electric Power Service Corporation's ("AEP") application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership - Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0002740 BIL ("GRIP"). Please accept this letter as our letter of commitment in connection with AEP's Advanced Distribution Management System ("ADMS") with an operational Distributed Energy Resource Management System ("DERMS") project. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to support technology solutions that increase the flexibility, efficiency, reliability, and resilience of the electric power system. Smart grids and grid resilience would significantly benefit communities within AEP's service territory.

The proposed project meets the eligibility criteria set forth by GRIP as it would implement ADMS and DERMS technologies in AEP's service territory. Funding for this project would provide a significant boost to AEP's and OSI's goals to enhanced system capabilities; increase in the capacity of transmission facilities, prevent faults or other system disturbances, integrate renewable energy resources, safety, cost reduction, and much more.

For over 30 years, OSI has been providing a best-in-class portfolio of utility Operational Technology (OT) solutions including SCADA, Generation Management, Transmission Management, Distribution Management, Distributed Energy Resource Management, and Microgrid Management applications. OSI is a committed partner in providing control solutions to AEP, with several ongoing tracks of work to further expand the existing OSI systems at AEP. OSI will be working with AEP to define, scope, and implement Advanced Distribution Management (ADMS) and Distributed Energy Management (DERMS) systems.

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Sincerely,

Sally Jacquemin
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March 10, 2023

Jason Walker
Muncie-Delaware County Black Chamber of Commerce
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RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dear IJIA Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Grant Committee

It is our pleasure to support Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power's ("AEP") application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership - Funding Opportunity Number: DE-DE-FOA-0002740 BIL ("GRIP") on behalf of the Muncie-Delaware County Black Chamber of Commerce. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to reduce the impact and frequency of interruptions to the electric grid.

Like any part of life evolutions and improvement is essential to succeed and lead. This funding request and the utilization of smart grid technology and grid strengthening initiatives would significantly benefit our community and enhance the quality of life in I&M's service territory.

The proposed project meets the eligibility criteria set forth by GRIP as it would install Distribution Automation Circuit Reconfiguration. in Muncie, Indiana. The reliability and resiliency of the grid in our community benefits the everyday life of everyone and We respectfully request a favorable decision on this grant request.

I&M is a valued partner in our community a seen in its leadership to promote economic growth, employee involvement, and growing our community. Our emphasis every day on those we serve is echoed in this request and I am pleased to support I&M and our community on this effort to ensure the continued excellence in delivery of services through enhanced I&M technology that power our lives 24/7.

I&M has demonstrated its commitment to safely and reliably fulfilling its customer's energy needs for over a century. We are confident that I&M can effectively implement Distribution Automation Circuit Reconfiguration.

Acceptance of this grant will continue I&M's proven efforts to build world-class infrastructure, coordinate community-wide efforts, and collaborate with local stakeholders. We wholly support I&M and hope that the Department of Energy will fulfill this vital infrastructure funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Walker".

Jason Walker, President



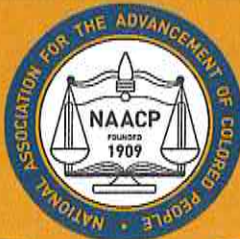
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March 10, 2023

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RE: Letter of Support for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Application Topic Area 2

Dear IJA Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Grant Committee

It is our pleasure to support Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power's ("AEP") application for funding through the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership - Funding Opportunity Number: DE-DE-FOA-0002740 BIL ("GRIP") on behalf of the NAACP Muncie Branch Unit #3063. We believe investing in this project would create significant opportunities to reduce the impact and frequency of interruptions to the electric grid.

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Sincerely,

Joseph Anderson, President

Mission: To ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.



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