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OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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Article 1

1. In this Convention the term "racial discrimination" shall mean any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, national or ethnic origin (and in the case of States composed of different nationalities discrimination based on such difference) which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise of human rights and freedoms in political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life set forth inter alia in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. Measures giving preference to certain racial groups for the sole purpose of securing adequate development or protection of individuals belonging to them should not be deemed racial discrimination, provided however that such measures do not, as a consequence, lead to the maintenance of unequal or separate rights for different racial groups.

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