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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF
ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Note by the Secretary-General

(Addendum)

Supplement to Annex IV

The comments of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are as follows:

Her Majesty's Government continue to attach importance to the problem of eliminating all forms of racial discrimination wherever they may still persist in the world today. To this end Her Majesty's Government will participate actively in the preparation of a Convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination.

Her Majesty's Government are of the opinion that a Convention on this subject should take into account the terms of the universal declaration on human rights, and should not contain provisions infringing upon any of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in this instrument.

Her Majesty's Government consider that a Convention, in order to be universally applicable, should be so framed as to ensure that it can be accepted by all Member States of the United Nations which can accept its substantive provisions, and that it should not embody provisions which would effectively prevent a large number of States from becoming parties to it.
