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Decision adopted by the Committee under the Optional Protocol, concerning communication No. 4166/2022*, **

<i>Communication submitted by:</i>	U.I. (represented by counsel, Ekens Azubuike, of Ekens Foundation International)
<i>Alleged victim:</i>	The author
<i>State Party:</i>	Canada
<i>Date of communication:</i>	6 June 2022 (initial submission)
<i>Substantive issue:</i>	Deportation to Nigeria

1. The author of the communication is U.I., a national of Nigeria born on 16 April 1972. He claims that the State Party would violate his rights under article 7 of the Covenant if it deported him to Nigeria. The author applied for refugee status in Canada and his application was rejected. The author asked the Committee to request that the State Party take interim measures to halt his deportation to Nigeria because of a risk of irreparable harm, owing to a fear of torture or extrajudicial execution, his intellectual disability and a risk of suicide. The Optional Protocol entered into force for the State Party on 19 August 1976. The author is represented by counsel.

2. On 10 June 2022, the Committee, acting through its Special Rapporteurs on new communications and interim measures, requested that the State Party take interim measures.

3. On 24 November 2022, the State Party requested that the Committee suspend its consideration of the communication, as the author's application for permanent residence in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, submitted on 13 December 2019, had been approved in principle on 13 October 2022, thereby passing the first stage of consideration. On 30 November 2022, the Committee, acting through its Special Rapporteurs on new communications and interim measures, suspended its consideration of the communication pending the outcome of the author's application for permanent residence, despite the counsel's opposition to the State Party's request. The Committee's request that the State Party take interim measures remained in place.

4. On 16 June 2025, the State Party submitted a request to the Committee that it discontinue its consideration of the communication, as the author had been granted permanent residence in Canada on 20 July 2024.

5. On 16 June 2025, the State Party's request was transmitted for comments to counsel, who indicated that he would consult the author. On 3 July 2025, a final reminder for

* Adopted by the Committee at its 144th session (23 June–17 July 2025).

** The following members of the Committee participated in the examination of the communication: Wafaa Ashraf Moharram Bassim, Rodrigo A. Carazo, Yvonne Donders, Carlos Ramón Fernández Liesa, Laurence R. Helfer, Konstantin Korkelia, Dalia Leinarte, Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Hernán Quezada Cabrera, Akmal Saidov, Ivan Šimonović, Soh Changrok, Teraya Koji, Hélène Tigroudja and Imeru Tamerat Yigezu.



comments was sent to counsel. On 7 July 2025, counsel confirmed that the author had been granted permanent residence in Canada, and that the author agreed with the State Party's request that the Committee discontinue its consideration of the communication.

6. At a meeting on 17 July 2025, the Committee, in the light of the fact that the author had been granted permanent residence in Canada on 20 July 2024, decided to discontinue the consideration of communication No. 4166/2022.
