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United States of America: amendment to article 78

Article 78: Implementation of the Convention

Paragraph 1

It is proposed to include the following note in the *travaux préparatoires* in relation to paragraph 1:

"The *travaux préparatoires* will indicate that the term 'fundamental principles of its domestic law' includes the principle of federalism. Thus, a federal State may declare at the time of signature, ratification or accession that it assumes and will implement its obligations under chapters II and III of the Convention consistent with the fundamental principles governing the relationship between its central Government and constituent territorial entities."

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