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Draft convention on the rights of the child

Amendments submitted by Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait,
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Article 2

1. Paragraph 1 should be amended to read as follows:
"The child shall have the right from his birth to know and belong to his parents, as well as the right to a name and to acquire a nationality".
2. Paragraph 2 should be amended to read as follows:
"The States Parties to the present Convention shall diligently endeavour to grant their nationality, in accordance with their laws, to a child born in their territory if, at the time of the child's birth, he is not granted nationality by any other State".

Article 7 bis

1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 should be combined to read as follows:
"The State Parties to the present Convention shall respect the right of the child to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, as well as his right to have access to education in the matter of religion or belief, subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by national laws and legislation and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health and morals".
2. Paragraphs 3 and 4 remain unchanged.

Article 8

In paragraph 1, the word "similar" should be deleted and replaced by the word "complementary".

Article 10

The word "guardianship" should be inserted after the word "adoption" in the middle of paragraph 2.

Article 11

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article should be deleted and replaced by the following paragraph:

"The States Parties to the present Convention shall endeavour, in accordance with their domestic laws and legislation, to provide an alternative family for a child who does not have a natural family".