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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Text of Article 20

"Every people and every nation shall have the right to national self-determination. States which have responsibilities for the administration of non-self-governing territories shall promote the fulfilment of this right, guided by the aims and principles of the United Nations in relation to the peoples of such territories.

The State shall ensure to national minorities the right to use their native tongue and to possess their national schools, libraries, museums and other cultural and educational institutions."

The former Article 20 to become Article 21 of the draft Covenant.