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**REVISED DRAFT OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT
ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

**Letter from the Chairperson-Rapporteur, Catarina de Albuquerque, to the
members of the Open-ended Working Group on an optional protocol to the
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

Corrigendum

1. Page 1

The title of document A/HRC/8/WG.4/2/Corr.1 should read as above.

2. Annex I, article 24, paragraph 1, second sentence

For the existing text *substitute*

Denunciation shall take effect [one year] after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary-General.

3. Annex II, paragraph 25

For the existing text *substitute*

25. With regard to another suggestion made to establish time limits for the Committee to decide on the admissibility and merits of a communication, I would like to note that the rules of procedure of some treaty bodies establish that, in the pre-admissibility stage, they

may set time limits for the submission of additional information, clarifications and observations “with a view to avoiding undue delay” (see Committee Against Torture (CAT), rule 109, para. 6, Human Rights Committee (HRC) rule 86, para. 2, and CERD rule 84, para. 2). If deadlines are not kept either by the State party or by the author, the treaty body may decide the question of admissibility “in light of available information” (see CAT rule 109, para. 7, and CERD rule 92, paragraph 6).
