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OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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Article I

1. For the purpose of this Convention, the term "racial discrimination" shall mean any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, national or ethnic origin, which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the equality of treatment or opportunity in respect of the human rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. Nothing in this Convention shall be interpreted as implying any right to discriminate on any basis other than those listed above, such as sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, social origin, property, birth or other status.
3. A Contracting State may take special concrete measures in appropriate circumstances in order to secure adequate development or protection of individuals belonging to certain racial groups with the object of ensuring the full enjoyment by such individuals of human rights and fundamental freedoms. These measures shall in no circumstances have as a consequence the maintenance of unequal or separate rights for different racial groups.
4. Nothing in this Convention shall require the granting of equal political rights to nationals and non-nationals of a Contracting State, nor does it entitle a group of different racial ethnic or national origin to political autonomy in a Contracting State.

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