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Substitute for Article 8 the following:

Article 8

1. Subject to the provisions of this article, a Contracting State shall not deprive a person of its nationality if such deprivation would render him stateless.
2. When a person has obtained the nationality of a Contracting State by false representation or fraud, he may on that ground be deprived of his nationality, notwithstanding that such deprivation renders him stateless.
3. A person may be deprived of the nationality of a Contracting State notwithstanding that such deprivation renders him stateless, in the circumstances in which, under paragraphs (4) and (5) of article 7, it is permissible that he should lose his nationality, that is to say on the grounds:
  - (a) in the case of a naturalized person, that he has resided abroad for a period, not less than seven consecutive years, specified by the law of the Contracting State and has failed to declare his intention to retain his nationality, or
  - (b) in the case of any national of a Contracting State, born outside its territory, that after the expiry of one year from his attaining his majority he has failed to comply with a requirement of the law of that State as to residence at that time in its territory or as to registration with the appropriate authority.
4. Subject, in the case of a national other than a naturalized person, to the limitation contained in paragraph 5 of this article, a person may be deprived of

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3. This Convention shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

4. This Convention shall be open for accession by the States referred to in paragraph 2 of this article. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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