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Article 7, paragraph 3 to be replaced by the following:

3. Subject to the following provisions, a person shall not lose his nationality, so as to become stateless, on the ground of departure, stay abroad, failure to register, or on any similar ground.
4. A naturalised person may lose his nationality on account of residence abroad for a period of not less than seven consecutive years, to be specified by the law of the Contracting State, if he fails to declare to the appropriate authorities his intention to retain his nationality.
5. In regard to a national who is born outside the territory of the Contracting State concerned and has never resided in the territory of that State, the legislation of that State may make the retention of its nationality from a date one year after the person's coming of age conditional upon registration.