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Article 1

Substitute for paragraph 2 the following:-

"(2) The national law of a Party may make the preservation of such nationality conditional on the person concerned lodging with the appropriate authority, within such period not exceeding twelve months after he attains the age of eighteen years as may be specified, a declaration of his intention to retain such nationality, and on his being normally resident in the territory of the Party at the time when the declaration is lodged."

Substitute for paragraph 3 the following two paragraphs:-

"(3) A person who, in consequence of the operation of such national law as is mentioned in paragraph (2), has become stateless shall, subject to paragraph (4), acquire -

(a) if he is legitimate, the nationality of one of his parents, or

(b) if he is illegitimate, the nationality of his mother, if such parent's nationality is that of a Party. In the case of a legitimate person, the nationality of the father shall prevail over that of the mother.

"(4) The national law of a Party may make the acquisition of its nationality in accordance with paragraph (3) conditional on the person concerned lodging with the appropriate authority, before he attains the age of twenty-one years, an application for such nationality, and on his being normally resident in the territory of the Party at the time when the application is lodged".

Article 3

For "For the purpose of article 1" substitute "For the purposes of article 1 and article 4".

For "State" in each place where it occurs, substitute "Party".

Article 4

Substitute for this article the following:-

"4 - (1) A person who is not born in the territory of a Party and would otherwise be stateless at birth shall acquire at birth -

(a) if he is legitimate, the nationality of one of his parents, or

(b) if he is illegitimate, the nationality of his mother, if such parent's nationality is that of a Party. In the case of a legitimate person, the nationality of the father shall prevail over that of the mother.

(2) The national law of a Party may make the preservation of such nationality conditional on the person concerned lodging with the appropriate authority, within such period after he attains the age of eighteen years as may be specified, a declaration of his intention to retain such nationality and on his being normally resident in the territory of the Party at the time when the declaration is lodged".