ARTICLE 8

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The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. During the period under review, there was no change in the application or the interpretation of Article 8. The material relevant to the Article is dealt with in the General Survey. There was no new development to report under the heading "Analytical Summary of Practice".

I. GENERAL SURVEY

2. As has been reported, the Economic and Social Council, by resolution 1132 (XLI) of 26 July 1966, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session, in 1968, and biennially thereafter, a report on the political rights of women. Accordingly, the Secretary-General submitted such a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session. This report inter alia contained information on a country basis, on high level posts held by women in government, judiciary and diplomatic missions, as well as in the United Nations and the specialized agencies.

3. During the period under review, the General Assembly, by resolution 2263 (XXII) of 7 November 1967, adopted a Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Under article 4 of that Declaration, the Assembly inter alia declared that all appropriate measures should be taken to ensure to women, on equal terms with men without any discrimination, the right to hold public office and to exercise all public functions, and that such right should be guaranteed by legislation.

II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

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1 See Repertory, Supplement No. 3, vol. 1, under Article 8, para. 4.
2 A/7197 of 14 November 1968, Table 6 (mimeographed).