

Standing Committee on the General Status and Operation of the Convention

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South Africa statement on article 8

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to express our appreciation to Canada for the work they have put into the paper to focus our consideration on the operationalisation of article 8. The paper outlines all the important facets that should and could be considered in this regard as well as drawing attention to some future options and responsibility.

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We would also like to point out that more work and consultation is required on the attached template for the roster of experts. It is accepted that experts nominated by States would have appropriate skills and it is therefore not necessary to include this listing, all be it, as a guide. South Africa's preference is for appropriate geographic representation and the right of sovereign States Parties to nominate their experts: attaching a CV of such an expert should be sufficient regarding the skills possessed by nominated experts.

Thank you.