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Recapitulation of amendments to article 13  
of the draft Declaration (E/800)

(In the chronological order of their submission to the Committee)

Article 13 - Text adopted by the Commission on Human Rights:

No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality or denied the right to change his nationality.

Amendments:

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (E/800)

The following wording is proposed:

"No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality, i.e. in any other manner or in any other case than as provided for in the laws of the country concerned."

Cuba (A/C.3/232)

Amend to read as follows:

"Every person has a right to the nationality to which he is entitled by law and the right to change it, if he so wishes, for the nationality of any other country that is willing to grant it to him."

France (A/C.3/244)

(a) Begin with a new paragraph 1 worded as follows:

"Every human being has the right to a nationality."

(b) The present paragraph 1 should become paragraph 2.

(c) Add a new paragraph 3 worded as follows:

"It is the duty of the United Nations to approach States for the purpose of preventing statelessness and, where necessary, to concern itself with the fate of stateless persons."

Lebanon (A/C.3/260)

At the beginning of the article add the words: "Everyone has the right to a nationality."

Egypt (A/C.3/264)

Replace this article by the following text:

"Everyone has the right to the nationality which legally belongs to him and has the right to acquire, if he so desires, the nationality of a country which is willing to grant it to him."

Alternative:

Replace the words "or denied the right to change his nationality" by the words: "or denied the right to acquire a new nationality."

Uruguay (A/C.3/268)

Amend to read as follows:

"1. Everyone has the right to a nationality."

2. (The present text of article 13 with the word "unjustly" substituted for "arbitrarily".)