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Article 1

1. For the purposes of the present Convention, a child means every human being who has not attained the age of 18 years.
2. No provision of the present Convention shall be applied to a child who has attained the age of [15] years and who no longer is a minor, where the application would be manifestly incompatible with the legal status of that child.
- [3. In terms of paragraph 2 of this article, a child who no longer is a minor means a child who:
  - (a) has full legal capacity; or
  - (b) has become emancipated in all matters relating to his or her person; or
  - (c) has the right to determine his or her own residence; or
  - (d) has the capacity to enter into certain contractual relationships; or
  - (e) has the capacity to dispose of certain parts of his or her property.]