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DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST WOMEN

Working paper submitted by the Philippines and the
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POLITICAL RIGHTS

Article 9

States parties shall undertake all appropriate measures to ensure to women on equal terms with men, without any discrimination, the opportunity to participate in the political and public life of the country, and in particular:

- (a) To vote in all elections and be eligible for election to all publicly elected bodies;
- (b) To participate in the formulation of government policy and the administration thereof and to hold public office at the national and local levels;
- (c) To vote in all public referenda;
- (d) To participate in non-governmental organizations and associations.

Article 10

1. States parties shall grant women the same rights as men to acquire, change or retain their nationality and require, in particular, that neither the celebration nor the dissolution of a woman's marriage to an alien nor the change of nationality, by her alien husband during marriage does not automatically change her nationality, does not render her stateless and does not force upon her the nationality of her husband.

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2. Each State party agrees that a woman of foreign nationality who is married to a national of its country may, at her request, acquire her husband's nationality through appropriate procedures.

3. States parties agree that women shall have equal rights with men to transmit their nationality to their children.
