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WORKING GROUP ON A NEW INSTRUMENT OR
INSTRUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW TO
ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN
Item 4 of the agenda

DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

EGYPT AND FINLAND: Amendments to articles 16 and 17 of
the Working Paper submitted by the Philippines and the
USSR (E/CN.6/AC.1/L.4/Add.3)

Make articles 16 and 17 into a new article 16 as follows:

Article 16

1. The States parties shall accord to women equality with men before the law.
2. The States parties shall accord to women equal civil and legal capacity with men in all phases of procedure in courts and tribunals.
3. The States parties agree that all contracts directed at restricting the legal capacity of women shall be deemed null and void.
4. The States parties shall accord men and women the same rights with regard to the law on the movement of persons and the freedom to choose their residence.