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DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Text of Articles adopted by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session

CIVIL AND FAMILY RIGHTS

Article 14

The States Parties shall adopt all necessary measures to ensure the full equality of women with men in all matters relating to marriage and family relations, including:

- (a) The same right as men to enter into the marriage state;
- (b) The same right as men to free choice of a spouse and to enter into marriage only with their free and full consent;
- (c) Equal rights and responsibilities with men during marriage and at its dissolution;
- (d) Women, whether married or not, have equal rights and responsibilities with men in matters relating to their children. In all cases the interests of children shall be paramount;
- (e) The equal rights of men and women to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of their children and to have access to the information, education and means to enable them to exercise this right;
- (f) Recognition of equal rights and responsibilities to be guardians and trustees and also of an equal right to adopt children;
- (g) Recognition of the equal personal rights of husband and wife including the right to choose a family name, a profession and an occupation;
- (h) Recognition of equal rights of both spouses in respect of the ownership, acquisition, management, administration, enjoyment, disposition - whether free of charge or for a valuable consideration - or inheritance of property, whether it be property owned by one spouse or joint property.

2. The betrothal and the marriage of a child shall be prohibited and effective action, including legislation, shall be taken to specify a minimum age for marriage and to make the registration of marriages in an official registry compulsory.

3. To eliminate discrimination against single parents and to give effect to the principle proclaimed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child that all children shall be protected irrespective of the circumstances of their birth, the States Parties shall provide that all children shall enjoy equal rights and equal legal and social protection.