**Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities**

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***Article 1.***

1. States shall protect the existence and the national or ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic identity of minorities within their respective territories and shall encourage conditions for the promotion of that identity.

2. States shall adopt appropriate legislative and other measures to achieve those ends.

***Article 5.***

National policies and programmes shall be planned and implemented with due regard for the legitimate interests of persons belonging to minorities.

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