

Extract from the

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

The States Parties to the present Covenant,

Considering that, in accordance with the principles proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, **recognition of** the inherent dignity and of **the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family** is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Recognising that these rights derive from the inherent dignity of the human person,

Recognizing that, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the ideal of free human beings enjoying civil and political freedom and freedom from fear and want **can only be achieved if conditions are created whereby everyone may enjoy his civil and political rights,** as well as his economic and cultural rights,

Considering **the obligation of States under the Charter of the United Nations to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and freedom,**

Realizing that **the individual, having duties to other individuals and to the community to which he belongs, is under a responsibility to strive for the promotion and observance of the rights recognised in the present Covenant,**

Agree upon the following articles:

PART 1

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1. **All peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status** and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.
2. All peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic co-operation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit, and international law. In no case may a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence.
3. **The States Parties to the present Covenant, including those having responsibility for the administration of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories,** shall promote the realisation of the right of self-determination, and **shall respect that right,** in conformity with the provision of the Charter of the United Nations.