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Article 18.

"Everyone has the right to a nationality.

All persons who do not enjoy the protection of any Government shall be placed under the protection of the United Nations. This protection shall not be accorded to criminals nor to those whose acts are contrary to the principles and aims of the United Nations."

COMMENT: It is recommended that the United Nations should give early consideration to the implementation of the principles laid down in this Article, in consultation with specialized agencies at present assuming the protection of some categories of persons not enjoying the protection of any Government, and that due regard should be paid to the relevant international agreements and conventions.