

**Thirty-eighth session (1990)\***

**General recommendation VIII concerning the interpretation and application of article 1, paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Convention**

*The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,*

*Having considered* reports from States parties concerning information about the ways in which individuals are identified as being members of a particular racial or ethnic group or groups,

*Is of the opinion* that such identification shall, if no justification exists to the contrary, be based upon self-identification by the individual concerned.

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\* Contained in document A/45/18.