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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING SUB-COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA, UNITED KINGDOM AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON ARTICLES 24 AND 25 OF
THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON HUMAN
RIGHTS (E/600)

Article 24

In the case of a Federal State, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) With respect to any Articles of this Covenant which the federal government regards as wholly or in part appropriate for federal action, the obligations of the federal governments shall, to this extent, be the same as those of parties which are not federal states;
- (b) In respect of Articles which the federal government regards as appropriate under its constitutional system, in whole or in part, for action by the constituent States, Provinces or Cantons, the federal government shall bring such provisions, with a favourable recommendation, to the notice of the appropriate authorities of the States, Provinces or Cantons at the earliest possible moment.

Article 25

A State party to this Covenant may at the same time of its accession thereto or at any time thereafter by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations declare that this Covenant shall extend to any of the territories for the international relations of which it is responsible, and the Covenant shall extend to the territories named in the notification as from the thirtieth day after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the notification. The Contracting States undertake, with respect to these territories on behalf of which they do not accede to this Covenant at the time of their accession, to seek the consent at the earliest possible moment of the Governments of such territories to the application of this Covenant to such territories and to accede forthwith on behalf of and in respect of each such territory, if and when its consent has been obtained.

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