

**Forty-second session (1993)\***

**General recommendation XII on successor States**

*The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,*

*Emphasizing* the importance of universal participation of States in the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,

*Taking into account* the emergence of successor States as a result of the dissolution of States,

1. *Encourages* successor States that have not yet done so to confirm to the Secretary-General, as depositary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, that they continue to be bound by obligations under that Convention, if predecessor States were parties to it;

2. *Invites* successor States that have not yet done so to accede to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination if predecessor States were not parties to it;

3. *Invites* successor States to consider the importance of making the declaration under article 14, paragraph 1, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, recognizing the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to receive and consider individual communications.

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\* Contained in document A/48/18.