



**CERD General Recommendation VIII Concerning the Interpretation and
Application of Article 1, Paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Convention
Identification with a Particular Racial or Ethnic Group**

*Adopted at the Thirty-eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial
Discrimination, on 22 August 1990
(Contained in Document A/45/18)*

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.