**Comments from the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Ms Nazila Ghanea**

Concerns paras. 8.1 and 15.1, respectively, “religion” should be changed to “religion or belief” (in line with the standard terms):

**“Article 8**

**General obligations of States Parties**

1. States Parties shall respect, protect and fulfil the right to development for all, without discrimination of any kind on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion **or belief**, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth, age or other status, in accordance with obligations set forth in the present Convention.

[…]

**“Article 15**

**Specific and remedial measures**

1. States Parties recognize that certain individuals, groups and peoples, owing to their marginalization or vulnerability because of race, colour, sex, language, religion **or belief**, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth, age or other status, may need specific and remedial measures to accelerate or achieve de facto equality in their enjoyment of the right to development. Specific and remedial measures may include enabling the full, effective, appropriate and dignified participation of such individuals, groups and peoples in decision-making processes, programmes and policymaking that affect their full and equal enjoyment of the right to development, without subjecting them to structural, environmental or institutional constraints or barriers.