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### RULE 8

*Proposal by the Delegation of the Russian Federation*

The Delegation of the Russian Federation made the following proposal concerning Rule (8)(1) :

#### *Rule 8*

#### *Filing of Communications Under Article 8(1)*

(1) [*Communications Filed on Paper*] (a) During a period of [10] [5] years from the date of the entry into force of the Treaty, a Contracting Party shall permit the filing of communications on paper.

(b) After that period has expired, any Contracting Party may, subject to Articles 5(1) and 8(1)(d), exclude the filing of communications on paper.

(c~~b~~) Subject to Article 8(3), a Contracting Party may require that a communication on paper be filed on a form, or in a format, prescribed by that Contracting Party.

(d) Where the receiving or processing of communications on paper, due to their character, is deemed impracticable, a Contracting Party may, notwithstanding paragraph (1)(a), require the filing of communications in another form or by other means of transmittal of such communications.

[(e) A Contracting Party may, notwithstanding paragraph (1)(a), require the filing of communications in another form or by other means of transmittal of such communications, where a communication is filed by a national of its State or by a national of another State which has a relevant agreement with such Contracting Party.]

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