

PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UN, GENEVA

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
20TH SESSION (18th June to 6 July 2012)**

**Action on Resolution A/HRC/20/L.8 on the Right to a Nationality: Women and
Children
(5 July 2012)**

Statement by India

Madam President,

India believes that the responsibility of States is paramount when it comes to issues of citizenship and nationality. Neither an international organization nor any stakeholder of a third State can pronounce on laws related to nationality of a State. While we agree with the broad principles and objectives of this Resolution being considered for action, India maintains that nationality can only be granted in accordance with national laws, including to foundlings in its territory. Keeping this caveat in mind, in the interest of cooperation, India will go along with the consensus.

Thank you, Madam President.
