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The cornerstone of the human rights provision in a constitution concerns the definition of personhood. The new constitution will be meaningful only if the term "personhood" is clearly defined. We, therefore, recommend that the concept of personhood be enshrined in the Human Rights provision of the constitution since without such a definition the provisions cannot be understood or applied.

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