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INVITATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO NON-MEMBER
STATES TO PERMIT THEM TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE

Report by the Secretary-General

1. In resolution 260 (III), adopted on 9 December 1948, the General Assembly approved the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and proposed it for signature and ratification or accession in accordance with Article XI of the Convention.
2. Under the provisions of the aforesaid Article XI, the Convention is open until 31 December 1949 for signature and after 1 January 1950 for accession on behalf of any Member of the United Nations and of any non-member State to which an invitation to sign has been addressed by the General Assembly. After that date the States aforesaid may accede to the Convention.
3. It therefore rests with the General Assembly to designate the non-member States which it wishes to invite to become parties to the Convention on the prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

* Article XI

The present Convention shall be open until 31 December 1949 for signature on behalf of any Member of the United Nations and of any non-member State to which an invitation to sign has been addressed by the General Assembly.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

After 1 January 1950, the present Convention may be acceded to on behalf of any Member of the United Nations and of any non-member State which has received an invitation as aforesaid.

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