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CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON THE STATUS OF REFUGEES  
AND STATELESS PERSONS

Comments of Governments on the draft Convention relating to the  
Status of Refugees and the draft Protocol relating to the  
Status of Stateless Persons

I. PAKISTAN

The Government of Pakistan are of the opinion that Article 26 of the  
Convention should be revised as follows:

"The contracting States may at their discretion exempt from  
penalties on account of his illegal entry or presence a refugee  
who enters or who is present in their territory without authorization,  
and who presents himself without delay to the authorities and shows  
good cause for his illegal entry or presence."

As regards Article 35 they think that the Convention should be made binding  
on all contracting parties both in regard to their metropolitan as well as  
Colonial possessions. If this is accepted, paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article  
will disappear.

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