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Dual DistributionCONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES  
ON THE STATUS OF REFUGEES AND  
STATELESS PERSONS

(Item 6 of the agenda)

DRAFT CONVENTION RELATING  
TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEESText of an Article adopted by the Conference  
on 12 July 1951Article 23 - Travel documents

1. The Contracting States shall issue to refugees lawfully resident in their territory travel documents for the purpose of travel outside their territory, unless imperative reasons of national security or public order otherwise require, and the provisions of the Schedule to this Convention shall apply with respect to such documents. The Contracting States may issue such a travel document to any other refugee in their territory and shall give sympathetic consideration to refugees in their territory who are unable to obtain a travel document from the country of their lawful residence.
2. Travel documents issued to refugees under previous international agreements by parties thereto shall be recognized and treated by the Contracting States in the same way as if they had been issued pursuant to this article.