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STATELESSNESS

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE DRAFT
PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF STATELESS PERSONS

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith the communication received from the Government of Sweden in reply to the letter addressed by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 629 (VII) of 6 November 1952 to all the governments invited to the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Status of Refugees and Stateless Persons (held at Geneva in July 1951) with a view to obtaining their comments on the draft protocol relating to the status of stateless persons.

SWEDEN

Letter dated 20 May 1953 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

New York, 20 May 1953

By note of December 1, 1952, the Secretary-General requested the comments of the Swedish Government on the draft protocol regarding the legal status of stateless persons.

With reference to this request I have the honour, acting upon instructions, to convey the information contained in the enclosed note.

(Signed) O. THORSING
Permanent Representative

The consideration of the question of Sweden's ratification of the international convention, signed 28 July 1951, in Geneva, regarding the status of refugees has not been carried to a point, where a decision could be taken by the Swedish authorities. It is however possible that the Government may submit a proposal for ratification to the Swedish Riksdag next year.

Before the preparatory work for a Swedish ratification are intensified it is further impossible to indicate what reservations may prove to be necessary in connexion herewith. For this reason the Swedish Government regrets not to be able at this stage to state to what extent the above-mentioned convention might possibly on the part of Sweden be applied also to stateless persons. The delay, caused thereby, should not, in the judgment of the Swedish Government, entail any significant disadvantage in view of the fact that as yet it seems impossible to foresee, when the convention may enter into force. On the contrary some considerable time will probably elapse before the required six ratification instruments are lodged with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
