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Agenda item 5

REVISION OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL RELATING
TO THE STATUS OF STATELESS PERSONS

REVISED TEXT OF ARTICLES AS PROPOSED
BY THE STYLE COMMITTEE

NOTE: In the present paper, the text of those Articles in which the Style Committee, at its first meeting held on 21 September 1954 at 9 p.m., decided to recommend extensive changes, is reproduced. The text of the whole draft Convention proposed by the Style Committee will be circulated separately to the Conference in document E/CONF.17/L.24 and Add. 1.

ARTICLE 1

Definition of the Term "Stateless Person"

1. For the purpose of this Convention, the term "stateless person" means a person who is not considered as a national by any State under the operation of its law.
2. Nothing in this Convention shall prevent any State from applying the provisions thereof to any person residing in its territory who, for reasons recognized as valid by that State has renounced the protection of the State of which he is a national.
3. This Convention shall not apply to a person who is recognized by the competent authorities of the country in which he has taken residence as having the rights and obligations which are attached to the possession of the nationality of that country.

4. The provisions of this Convention shall not apply to any person with respect to whom there are serious reasons for considering that:

- (a) he has committed a crime against peace, a war crime, or a crime against humanity, as defined in the international instruments drawn up to make provision in respect of such crimes;
- (b) he has committed a serious non-political crime outside the country of his residence prior to his admission to that country;
- (c) he has been guilty of acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

NOTE: The Conference at its eleventh meeting postponed its decision on whether or not to include in Article 1 of the Convention Section D of Article 1 of the 1951 Convention. The Style Committee does not, therefore, propose a text corresponding to Section D of Article 1 of the 1951 Convention at this stage.

ARTICLE 35

Signature, Ratification and Accession*

1. This Convention shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the United Nations until 31 December 1955.
2. It shall be open for signature on behalf of:
 - (a) any State Member of the United Nations;
 - (b) any other State invited to attend the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Status of Stateless Persons; and
 - (c) any State to which an invitation to sign or to accede may be addressed by the General Assembly of the United Nations.
3. It shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
4. It shall be open for accession by the States referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

* Corresponds to Article 39 of the 1951 Convention and is based on Danish alternative A in document E/CONF.17/L.14.