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DESIGNATION OF NON-MEMBER STATES TO WHICH A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ACT FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES
SHALL BE COMMUNICATED BY THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCESSION TO THIS ACT

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by resolution 268 (III) of 28 April 1949, adopted certain amendments to the General Act of 26 September 1928 for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, with a view to restoring to the General Act its original efficacy.
2. Article 43, paragraph 1, of the Revised General Act provides as follows:
"The present General Act shall be open to accession by the Members of the United Nations, by the non-member States which shall have become parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice or to which the General Assembly of the United Nations shall have communicated a copy for this purpose".
3. To this end, article 46 instructs the Secretary-General to transmit a certified true copy of the Revised General Act to each of the non-member States designated by the General Assembly.
4. The Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly at its fourth session a report (A/941) drawing attention to the fact that it rested with the General Assembly to give the Secretary-General such instructions as it might deem fit in this matter.
5. After discussion in its Sixth Committee, the General Assembly adopted, on 3 December 1949, resolution 372 (IV) by which it noted that no State Member of the United Nations had as yet adhered to the Revised General Act, and therefore decided to defer to a later date the consideration of the question relating to non-member States.
6. As required by article 43, paragraph 3, of the Revised General Act, the Secretary-General has included in his Annual Report on the Work of the

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Organization* the following information regarding the current status of accessions to the Revised General Act:

ACCESSIONS

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All the provisions of the Act (chapters I, II, III and IV)	Provisions relating to conciliation and judicial settlement (chapters I and II) together with the general provisions dealing with these procedures (chapter IV)	Provisions relating to conciliation (chapter I) and the general provisions concerning that procedure (chapter IV)
Belgium ... 23 December 1949	Sweden 22 June 1950 With the reservation provided in article 39, paragraph 2 (a) with the effect of excluding from the procedure described in the present Act disputes arising out of facts prior to the accession	None

7. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of its article 44, the Revised General Act comes into force on the ninetieth day following the receipt by the Secretary-General of the second instrument of accession, that of Sweden. The Act thus comes into force on 20 September 1950.

8. In the light of the entry into force of the Revised General Act, the Secretary-General submits the present report on the assumption that the General Assembly may now wish to designate the non-member States to which a certified copy of the Revised General Act should be communicated.

9. In this connexion, attention is invited to General Assembly resolution 368 (IV) of 3 December 1949, concerning invitations to non-member States to become parties to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The relevant passage of that resolution recorded the decision of the General Assembly as follows:

"Considering that it is desirable to send invitations to those non-member States which have expressed a desire to advance international co-operation,

* See Official Records of the fifth session of the General Assembly, Supplement No. 1, page 123.

"1. Decides to request the Secretary-General to dispatch the invitations above-mentioned to each non-member State which is or hereafter becomes an active member of one or more of the specialized agencies of the United Nations".
