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THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

CONSIDERING that the General Assembly of the United Nations has declared in its resolution dated 1 December 1946 (resolution 96 (I)), that genocide is a crime under international law, contrary to the spirit and aims of the United Nations and which the civilized world condemns;

RECCGNIZING that at all periods of history genocide has inflicted great losses on humanity; and

BEING CONVINCED that, in order to liberate mankind from such an odious scourge, international co-operation is required;

HEREBY AGREE AS THEREINAFTER PROVIDED: