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DRAFT CONVENTION RELATING  
TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES

NOTE COMMUNICATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

With reference to the statement made by the representative of the I.L.O. on the question of refugee seafarers at the twelfth meeting of the Conference on 9 July 1951, the following text was submitted as a suggestion for consideration in connexion with article 23 :

"2. For the purpose of paragraph 1 of this Article, the Contracting States shall give sympathetic consideration, in the case of a refugee who is a bona fide seafarer, to the possibility of allowing such a refugee to reckon any period spent as a crew member on board a ship flying the flag of a Contracting State as residence in the territory of that State."