



CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES
ON THE STATUS OF REFUGEES AND
STATELESS PERSONS
(Item 6 of the agenda)

Dual Distribution

DRAFT CONVENTION RELATING
TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES

ISRAEL: Proposal concerning the Preamble

The Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Status of Refugees and Stateless Persons convened in Geneva on 2 July 1951 under resolution 429 (V) of the General Assembly

- (1) Considering that the Charter of the United Nations reaffirmed faith in fundamental human rights and that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was proclaimed on 10 December 1948;
- (2) Considering that the exercise of the right of asylum may place unduly heavy burdens on some countries, and that a satisfactory solution of a problem of which the United Nations has recognized the international scope and nature cannot therefore be achieved without international co-operation;
- (3) Considering that the United Nations has, on various occasions, manifested its profound concern for refugees and endeavoured to assure refugees the widest possible exercise of these fundamental rights and freedoms;
- (4) Desiring to revise and consolidate previous international agreements relating to the protection of refugees and to extend the scope of and the protection accorded by such instruments by means of a new agreement;
- (5) Noting that the High Commissioner for Refugees is charged with the task of supervising international conventions providing for the protection of refugees, and recognizing that the effective co-ordination of measures taken to deal with this problem will depend upon the co-operation of States with the High Commissioner;