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THE PROBLEM OF STATELESSNESS

Information transmitted by States in pursuance of Economic
and Social Council resolution 352 (XII) relating
to the problem of statelessness

The Secretary-General has the honour to circulate the following communication dated 9 November 1951 which he has received from the Permanent Delegation of Egypt to the United Nations:

"The Permanent Delegation of Egypt to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his note No. (S04325/04) dated April 5, 1951 concerning the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on March 13, 1951 concerning the problem of stateless persons, has the honour to submit herewith, the observations of the Royal Government of Egypt in relation with its attitude towards stateless persons residing now in Egypt. The Egyptian Delegation expects that these observations will be included in the report which will be presented to the Economic and Social Council in its forthcoming fourteenth Session."

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"There is now in Egypt a considerable number of foreigners of undetermined nationality; most of whom have disposed of their original nationality through their own personal efforts - thus the Egyptian Government is experiencing great difficulty in sending them to their country of origin.

Moreover, notwithstanding the fact that Egypt is today overcrowded with its inhabitants, the Egyptian Government grants to a certain extent, the Egyptian nationality to a considerable number of foreigners. The number estimated to have obtained the said nationality this year is 1369. It likewise gives all possible assistance to persons desirous to emigrate and

settle permanently abroad; i.e. it issues to them travel documents to facilitate their travel and also exempts them from customs dues.

As for foreigners who desire to remain in the country without obtaining the Egyptian nationality, the Egyptian Government gives them all possible conveniences during their séjour in Egypt.

With regard to persons of unknown nationality (apatrides), the Egyptian Government is of the opinion that the problem of such persons can easily be solved by sending them to the countries where their services are required, in order that they may not be a burden to the country where they are now living."
