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STATELESSNESS

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF STATELESS PERSONS

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith the communication received from the Government of Finland in reply to the letter addressed by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 629 (VII) of 6 November 1952, to all the governments invited to the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Status of Refugees and Stateless Persons (held at Geneva in July 1951) with a view to obtaining their comments on the draft protocol relating to the status of stateless persons.

FINLAND

Note dated 4 March 1953 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland to the Secretary-General

"The Minister for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note of 1 December 1952, No.SOA 325/5/05 (1), regarding the draft protocol prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on Statelessness and Related Problems established by the Economic and Social Council, with the object of making applicable to stateless persons who are not refugees certain provisions of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951.

"In reply, the Minister wishes to inform that, although the Government of Finland has not yet become party to the said Convention, it has no objection that the certain provisions of the Convention, as mentioned in the draft protocol, be in general applied, mutatis mutandis, to persons being stateless and yet not refugees."

Helsinki, 4 March 1953.