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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 Iran 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.

IRAN

Note of 4 June 1953 to the Secretary-General from  
the representative of Iran to the United Nations

The representative of Iran to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to communicate the information just received from the competent authorities of the Iran Government concerning the Secretary-General's letter No. SOA/5/05(1) of 1 December 1952 on statelessness.

1. Since the Iran Government did not take part in the Conference held at The Hague in 1930, it did not sign the conventions and protocols produced by that Conference;

2. The question of changes in territorial sovereignty raised in the sixth paragraph of Economic and Social Council resolution 319 B (XI) does not apply to Iran;

3. With regard to the seventh paragraph of the same resolution, all applications for naturalization are considered on their merits, without special reference to the nationality or lack of nationality of the applicant.

The Iran Government is at present revising its nationality laws, and would like to assure the Secretary-General that it will bear the question of statelessness in mind and in due course communicate any decisions adopted on the subject.

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