

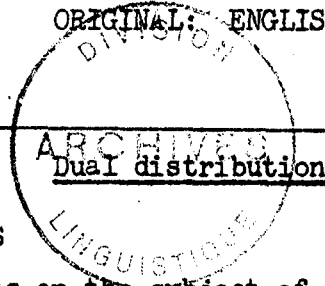
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STATELESSNESS

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 the Union of South Africa 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.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Letter dated 8 July 1953 from the Permanent Representative of  
the Union of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

"The Deputy Permanent Representative of the Union of South Africa to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General, and with reference to the latter's note No. SOA 325/5/05(1) of 1st December, 1952, in regard to the Draft Protocol on Stateless Persons and the question as to which provisions of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees Governments would be prepared to apply to the various categories of Stateless Persons, has the honour to advise that, as some of the provisions of the Final Act and Convention relating to the Status of Refugees would limit the Government of the Union of South Africa's power of action under the existing Immigration Laws in respect of stateless persons admitted to the Union and refugees who might in future find their way to the Union, the Union Government would find themselves unable to agree to the signature of the Protocol on Stateless Persons or accession to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees."