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Supplementary report submitted by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to communicate to the Economic and Social Council the text of the additional reply of the Government of Turkey<sup>1/</sup> to the questionnaire on slavery and servitude.<sup>2/</sup>

Note dated 19 March 1954 to the Secretary-General from the  
Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the United Nations

"The Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note of 13 July 1953, No. SOA 321/02 (1), requesting replies to the questionnaire addressed to Governments in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 8 of the operative part of the Economic and Social Council resolution 475 (XV) on slavery, has the honour to submit to him herewith the replies supplied by the competent Turkish authorities to this questionnaire."

<sup>1/</sup> The text of a previous reply from the Government of Turkey has been circulated as document E/AC.33/10/Add.49.

<sup>2/</sup> The text of the United Nations questionnaire on slavery and servitude will be found in the report of the second session of the Ad Hoc Committee on Slavery (E/1660, paragraph 12).

1. The Convention for the prohibition of slavery and the abolition of the slave trade by land and sea signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926 was ratified by Turkey on 5 June 1933 in virtue of Act No. 2273.
2. In view of its nature there seems no need to express an opinion on recommendation B, which lays down the general lines for a proposed supplementary Convention which would broaden the bases of this Convention.
3. (a) The institution of slavery as defined in article 1 of the International Slavery Convention of 1926 does not exist in Turkey.  
(b) The slave trade as defined in this Convention does not exist in Turkey.  
(c) No practices which are restrictive of the liberty of the person and which tend to subject that person to a state of servitude exist in Turkey.  
(d) Measures which have been introduced since the ratification by Turkey of the Convention to eliminate slavery, the slave trade and practices restrictive of liberty include the Turkish Civil Code, the Debt Code and the Penal Code.

Because these codes are in force, slavery and the slave trade do not exist in any form.

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