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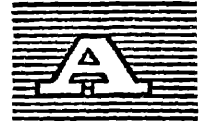
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For article 4 substitute the following article:

1. A Party shall grant its nationality to a person who is not born in the territory of a Party and who would otherwise be stateless, if his parents' nationality at the time of the person's birth was that of the Party. If the parents had not the same nationality at the time of the person's birth, the national law of the Party shall decide whether the national status of the person shall follow that of the father or that of the mother. Nationality granted in accordance with this paragraph shall be granted either

- (a) at birth by operation of law, or
- (b) upon a declaration being lodged with the appropriate authority either by or on behalf of the person.

2. A Party may make the acquisition of its nationality in accordance with paragraph 1 conditional on the person concerned lodging with the appropriate authority, before he attains the age of 23 years, a declaration in that behalf, and on his being normally resident in the territory of the Party at the time of the lodging of the declaration and for a period the required duration of which shall not exceed three years immediately preceding that time.