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Article 1

1. The Contracting States, parties to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, hereafter quoted as the Convention, undertake to establish, within the framework of the United Nations, a tribunal which shall be competent to decide any dispute between them concerning the interpretation and application of this Convention, which cannot be settled by other means, and to decide complaints presented by the agency referred to in article 11 of the Convention on behalf of a person claiming to have been denied nationality in violation of the provisions of this Convention.

2. If, within two years after the entry into force of this Protocol, the tribunal referred to in paragraph 1 has not been established by Contracting States, any of these States shall have the right to request the General Assembly of the United Nations to establish such tribunal.

Article 2

Articles of the Convention shall apply also to this Protocol, provided however, that this Protocol only shall come into force on the ninetieth day following the day of deposit of the sixth instrument of ratification or accession relating to this Protocol.

Article 3

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all Members of the United Nations and non-member States referred to in article of the Convention:

- a) of signatures, ratification and accessions relating to this Protocol;
- b) of the date on which this Protocol will come into force;
- c) of the establishment of the tribunal referred to in article 1;
- d) of denunciations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto by their respective governments, have signed this Protocol.

DONE AT GENEVA, this                                    day of April one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine in a single copy, of which the ..... texts are equally authentic and which shall remain deposited in the archives of the United Nations, and certified copies of which shall be delivered, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to all Members of the United Nations and to the non-member States referred to in article 19 of the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.