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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, an agency to act, when it deems appropriate, on behalf of stateless persons before Governments, international organizations and the tribunal referred to in paragraph 2.
2. The Contracting States 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 paragraph 1 on behalf of a person claiming to have been denied nationality in violation of the provisions of this Convention.
3. If, within two years after the entry into force of this Protocol, the agency or the tribunal referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 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 agency or tribunal.
4. Until the tribunal referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 has been established, any dispute between Contracting States relating to its interpretation or application, which cannot be settled by other means, shall be referred to the International Court of Justice at the request of any one of the parties to the dispute.

Article 2

1. At the time of signature, ratification or accession any State may make a reservation with respect to the tribunal referred to in article 1
2. Any State making a reservation in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article may at any time withdraw the reservation by a communication to that effect addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 3

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 4

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 reservations and withdrawals of reservations in accordance with article 2;
- c) of the date on which this Protocol will come into force;
- d) of the establishment of the agency and of the tribunal referred to in article 1;
- e) 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.