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Article 1

Replace article 1 by the following:

1. A Party shall grant its nationality to a person, who would otherwise be stateless and who is born in the territory of that Party, if that person either by himself or, if he is for reason of his age not capable to do so, by his legal representative, has lodged with the appropriate authority an application for such nationality.
2. The national law of a Party may make the acquisition of its nationality in accordance with paragraph (1) conditional
  - a. on the person concerned lodging the application before he attains the age determined to that effect by national legislation, provided such legislation leaves the person concerned at least one year during which he can lodge the application by himself, and
  - b. on the person concerned being resident in the territory of the Party at the time of and immediately preceding the lodging of the application for a period to be determined by national legislation, provided such legislation shall not require a period of residence longer than five years.
3. A Party shall grant its nationality to a person, who is stateless and who, in consequence of such national law as is mentioned in paragraph (2), cannot acquire the nationality of the State in which he is born,
  - a. if the person concerned is a legitimate child of a father who had the nationality of that Party at the time of birth of that person;
  - b. if the person concerned is an illegitimate child of a mother who had the nationality of that Party at the time of birth of that person.

4. The national law of a Party may make the acquisition of its nationality in accordance with paragraph (3) conditional on the person concerned lodging with the appropriate authority, before he attains the age of twenty-three years, an application for such nationality, and on his being resident in the territory of the Party at the time of and immediately preceding the lodging of the application for a period to be determined by national legislation, provided that such legislation shall not require a period of residence longer than five years.