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invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to become a party to the convention, as follows : until 31 October 1961 at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Austria and subsequently, until 31 March 1962, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Article 49

The present convention is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 50

The present convention shall remain open for accession by any State belonging to any of the four categories mentioned in article 48. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 51

1. The present convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the convention after the deposit of the twenty-second instrument of ratification or accession, the convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 52

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States belonging to any of the four categories mentioned in article 48 :

- (a) Of signatures to the present convention and of the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession, in accordance with articles 48, 49 and 50;
- (b) Of the date on which the present convention will enter into force, in accordance with article 51.

Article 53

The original of the present convention, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States belonging to any of the four categories mentioned in article 48.

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

DONE AT VIENNA, this eighteenth day of April one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

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Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations

OPTIONAL PROTOCOL CONCERNING
ACQUISITION OF NATIONALITY

The States Parties to the present protocol and to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, hereinafter referred to as "the convention", adopted by the United Nations Conference held at Vienna from 2 March to 14 April 1961,

Expressing their wish to establish rules between them concerning acquisition of nationality by the members of their diplomatic missions and of the families forming part of the household of those members,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

For the purpose of the present protocol, the expression "members of the mission" shall have the meaning assigned to it in article 1, sub-paragraph (b), of the convention — namely "the head of the mission and the members of the staff of the mission".

Article II

Members of the mission not being nationals of the receiving State, and members of their families forming part of their household, shall not, solely by the operation of the law of the receiving State, acquire the nationality of that State.

Article III

The present protocol shall be open for signature by all States which may become parties to the convention, as follows : until 31 October 1961 at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Austria and subsequently, until 31 March 1962, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Article IV

The present protocol is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article V

The present protocol shall remain open for accession by all States which may become parties to the convention. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article VI

1. The present protocol shall enter into force on the same day as the convention or on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification or accession to the Protocol with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, whichever date is the later.

2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the present protocol after its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, the protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article VII

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States which may become parties to the convention :

- (a) Of signatures to the present protocol and of the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession, in accordance with articles III, IV and V;
- (b) Of the date on which the present protocol will enter into force, in accordance with article VI.

Article VIII

The original of the present protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are

equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States referred to in article III.

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

DONE AT VIENNA, this eighteenth day of April one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

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Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations

OPTIONAL PROTOCOL CONCERNING
THE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The States parties to the present protocol and to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention", adopted by the United Nations Conference held at Vienna from 2 March to 14 April 1961,

Expressing their wish to resort in all matters concerning them in respect of any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention to the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, unless some other form of settlement has been agreed upon by the parties within a reasonable period,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

Disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the convention shall lie within the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and may accordingly be brought before the Court by an application made by any party to the dispute being a party to the present protocol.

Article II

The parties may agree, within a period of two months after one party has notified its opinion to the other that a dispute exists, to resort not to the International Court of Justice but to an arbitral tribunal. After the expiry of the said period, either party may bring the dispute before the Court by an application.

Article III

1. Within the same period of two months, the parties may agree to adopt a conciliation procedure before resorting to the International Court of Justice.

2. The conciliation commission shall make its recommendations within five months after its appointment. If its recommendations are not accepted by the parties to the dispute within two months after they have been delivered, either party may bring the dispute before the Court by an application.

Article IV

States parties to the convention, to the Optional Protocol concerning Acquisition of Nationality, and to the present protocol may at any time declare that they will extend the provisions of the present protocol to disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the Optional Protocol concerning Acquisition of Nationality. Such declarations shall be notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article V

The present protocol shall be open for signature by all States which may become parties to the convention, as follows : until 31 October 1961 at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Austria and subsequently, until 31 March 1962, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Article VI

The present protocol is subject to ratification. The instrument of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article VII

The present Protocol shall remain open for accession by all States which may become parties to the Convention. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article VIII

1. The present protocol shall enter into force on the same day as the convention or on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification or accession to the Protocol with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, whichever day is the later.

2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the present protocol after its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, the Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article IX

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States which may become parties to the convention :

- (a) Of signatures to the present protocol and of the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession, in accordance with articles V, VI and VII;
- (b) Of declarations made in accordance with article IV of the present protocol;
- (c) Of the date on which the present protocol will enter into force, in accordance with article VIII.

Article X

The original of the present protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States referred to in article V.

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

DONE AT VIENNA, this eighteenth day of April one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

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Resolutions adopted by the Conference

I. — SPECIAL MISSIONS

The United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities,

Recalling that the General Assembly of the United Nations, by its resolution 1504 (XV) of 12 December 1960,