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C.N.71.1954.TREATIES

14 May 1954

CONVENTION OF 9 DECEMBER 1948 ON THE PREVENTION
AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE

RATIFICATION WITH RESERVATIONS BY THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary-General to inform you that, on 3 May 1954, the instrument of ratification, with the following reservations which had already been made at the time of signature on 16 December 1949, by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, was deposited with the Secretary-General in accordance with Article XI of the Convention:

(Translation) As regards Article IX: The Soviet Union does not consider as binding upon itself the provisions of Article IX which provides that disputes between the Contracting Parties with regard to the interpretation, application and implementation of the present Convention shall be referred for examination to the International Court at the request of any party to the dispute, and declares that, as regards the International Court's jurisdiction in respect of disputes concerning the interpretation, application and implementation of the Convention, the Soviet Union will, as hitherto, maintain the position that in each particular case the agreement of all parties to the dispute is essential for the submission of any particular dispute to the International Court for decision.



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As regards Article XII: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics declares that it is not in agreement with Article XII of the Convention and considers that all the provisions of the Convention should extend to non-self-governing territories, including trust territories.

This notification is made in accordance with article XVII (a) of the said Convention.

By its resolution 598 (VI) the General Assembly on 12 January 1952 recommended to all States that they be guided in regard to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide by the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice of 28 May 1951, and requested the Secretary-General, in relation to reservations to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, to conform his practice to the Advisory Opinion of the Court.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Stavropoulos', written over a large, faint 'COPY' watermark.

Constantin A. Stavropoulos
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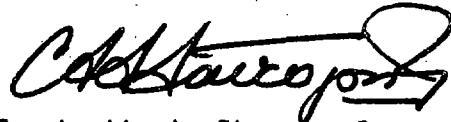
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