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

RATIFICATION WITH RESERVATIONS BY BURMA

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I am directed by the Secretary-General to inform you that, on 14 March 1956, the instrument of ratification by the Government of Burma of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1948, was deposited with the Secretary-General in accordance with Article XI of the Convention.

This instrument was made subject the following reservations:

"(1) With reference to Article VI, the Union of Burma makes the reservation that nothing contained in the said Article shall be construed as depriving the Courts and tribunals of the Union of jurisdiction or as giving foreign Courts and tribunals jurisdiction over any cases of genocide or any of the other acts enumerated in Article III committed within the Union territory.

"(2) With reference to Article VIII, the Union of Burma makes the reservation that the said Article shall not apply to the Union".

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

By resolution 598 (VI) on Reservations to Multilateral Conventions, adopted on 12 January 1952, the General Assembly 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 this advisory opinion.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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