

ANNEX A — ANNEXE A

No. 2545. CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES. SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 28 JULY 1951¹

ACCESSION

Instrument deposited on:

25 August 1981

ZIMBABWE

(With effect from 23 November 1981. Adopting alternative (b) under article 1 (B).)

With the following declaration and reservations:

“1. The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe declares that it is not bound by any of the reservations to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees,² the application of which had been extended by the Government of the United Kingdom to its territory before the attainment of independence.

2. The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe wishes to state with regard to article 17, paragraph 2, that it does not consider itself bound to grant a refugee who fulfills any of the conditions set out in subparagraphs (a) to (c) automatic exemption from the obligation to obtain a work permit. In addition, with regard to article 17 as a whole, the Republic of Zimbabwe does not undertake to grant to refugees rights of wage-earning employment more favourable than those granted to aliens generally.

3. The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe wishes to state that it considers article 22 (1) as being a recommendation only and not an obligation to accord to refugees the same treatment as it accords to nationals with respect to elementary education.

4. The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe considers articles 23 and 24 as being recommendations only.

5. The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe wishes to state with regard to article 26 that it reserves the right to designate a place or places of residence for refugees.”

Registered ex officio on 25 August 1981.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, p. 137; for subsequent actions, see references in *Cumulative Indexes* Nos. 2 to 14, as well as annex A in volumes 917, 995, 1015, 1018, 1023, 1051, 1065, 1073, 1079, 1081, 1098, 1102, 1108, 1119, 1122, 1155, 1165, 1172, 1182, 1207, 1225, 1236, 1241 and 1247.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 189, p. 137.