

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

ACCESSION

Instrument deposited on:

22 December 1960

PORTUGAL

(To take effect on 22 March 1961.)

In the letter accompanying the instrument of accession, the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, upon instructions of his Government, stated the following :

"I have been instructed by my Government to declare, in accordance with the terms of article 1, section B (1) of the Convention, that for the purpose of its obligation under the Convention the words 'events occurring before 1 January 1951' in article 1, section A shall be understood to mean 'events occurring in Europe before January 1, 1951'.

"Furthermore, on behalf of my Government, I am stating that, in accordance with the provisions of article 42 No. 1 of the Convention, this accession is made under the following reservations :

"(1) Due to the special nature of the relationship between Portugal and Brazil, the treatment conferred to Brazilian citizens shall in no case be considered for the purpose of interpretation of any clause stipulating the granting to refugees of the most favoured treatment accorded to nationals of foreign countries.

"(2) The Portuguese Government safeguards the principles of a constitutional nature covering the same matters as the provisions of this Convention related to the exemption of reciprocity.

"The above-stated declaration and reservations are incorporated in the Portuguese Law 43.201 of October 1, 1960, approving the accession to this Convention."

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 189, p. 137 ; Vol. 190, p. 385 ; Vol. 191, p. 409 ; Vol. 199, p. 357 ; Vol. 200, p. 336 ; Vol. 201, p. 387 ; Vol. 202, p. 368 ; Vol. 215, p. 376 ; Vol. 223, p. 377 ; Vol. 230, p. 440 ; Vol. 237, p. 335 ; Vol. 252, p. 354 ; Vol. 253, p. 365 ; Vol. 254, p. 412 ; Vol. 261, p. 404 ; Vol. 270, p. 398 ; Vol. 278, p. 282 ; Vol. 346, p. 338 ; Vol. 354, p. 402 ; Vol. 363, p. 404 ; Vol. 366, p. 414, and Vol. 380, p. 428.