

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

NOTIFICATION by JAMAICA

By a communication received on 30 July 1964, the Government of Jamaica notified the Secretary-General that it considers itself bound by the above-mentioned Convention, the application of which had been extended to its territory before the attainment of independence.

The Government of Jamaica has also notified the Secretary-General that it confirms and maintains the following reservations, which were made when the Convention was extended to Jamaica by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

“(i) The Government of the United Kingdom understand articles 8 and 9 as not preventing the taking by the above-mentioned territory, in time of war or other grave and exceptional circumstances, of measures in the interests of national security in the case of a refugee on the ground of his nationality. The provisions of article 8 shall not prevent the Government of the United Kingdom from exercising any rights over property or interests which they may acquire or have acquired as an Allied or Associated Power under a Treaty of Peace or other agreement or arrangement for the restoration of peace which has been or may be completed as a result of the Second World War. Furthermore, the provisions of article 8 shall not affect the treatment to be accorded to any property or interests which, at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the above-mentioned territory, are under the control of the Government of the United Kingdom by reason of a state of war which exists or existed between them and any other State.

“(ii) The Government of the United Kingdom accept paragraph 2 of article 17 in its application to the above-mentioned territory with the substitution of ‘four years’ for ‘three years’ in sub-paragraph (a) and with the omission of sub-paragraph (c).

“(iii) The Government of the United Kingdom can only undertake that the provisions of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 1 of article 24 and of paragraph 2 of that article will be applied to the above-mentioned territory so far as the law allows.

“(iv) The Government of the United Kingdom cannot undertake that effect will be given in the above-mentioned territory to paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 25 and can only undertake that the provisions of paragraph 3 will be applied in the above-mentioned territory so far as the law allows.”

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 189, p. 137; for subsequent actions relating to this Convention, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 2 to 4, as well as Annex A in volumes 405, 410, 411, 413, 415, 418, 423, 424, 435, 437, 442, 443, 453, 454, 456, 463, 466, 471, 494 and 495.