

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

ACCESSION

Instrument deposited on:

10 October 1968

FINLAND

(To take effect on 8 January 1969.)

The instrument stipulates that the accession to the Convention is subject to the following reservations:

"1) a general reservation to the effect that the application of those provisions of the Convention which grant to refugees the most favourable treatment accorded to nationals of a foreign country shall not be affected by the fact that special rights and privileges are now or may in future be accorded by Finland to the nationals of Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden or to the nationals of any one of those Countries;

"2) a reservation to article 7, paragraph 2, to the effect that Finland is not prepared, as a general measure, to grant refugees who fulfil the conditions of three years residence in Finland an exemption from any legislative reciprocity which Finnish law may have stipulated as a condition governing an alien's eligibility for same right or privilege;

"3) a reservation to article 8 to the effect that that article shall not be binding on Finland;

"4) a reservation to article 12, paragraph 1, to the effect that the Convention shall not modify the rule of Finnish private international law, as now in force, under which the personal status of a refugee is governed by the law of his country of nationality;

"5) a reservation to article 24, paragraph 1 (b) and paragraph 3 to the effect that they shall not be binding on Finland;

"6) a reservation to article 25, to the effect that Finland does not consider itself bound to cause a certificate to be delivered by a Finnish authority, in the place of the authorities of a foreign country, if the documentary records necessary for the delivery of such certificate do not exist in Finland;

"7) a reservation with respect to the provisions contained in paragraph 1 of article 28. Finland does not accept the obligations stipulated in the said paragraph, but is prepared to recognize travel documents issued by other Contracting States pursuant to this article."

Furthermore, the instrument of accession contains a declaration made pursuant to section B.(1) of article 1 of the Convention that the words "events occurring before 1 January 1951" in section A of that article shall, for the purpose of the obligations of the Finnish Government under the Convention, be understood to mean "events occurring in Europe or elsewhere before 1 January 1951".

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 189, p. 137; for subsequent actions relating to this Convention, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 2 to 7, as well as Annex A in volumes 562, 572, 584, 607, 613, 614, 633 and 645.