

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

SUCCESSION

Notification received on :

12 June 1972

Fiji

With the following declaration :

“ The first and fourth reservations made by the United Kingdom² are affirmed but have been redrafted as more suitable to the application of Fiji in the following terms :

“ 1. The Government of Fiji understands articles 8 and 9 as not preventing them from taking in time of war or other grave and exceptional circumstances 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 Fiji from exercising any rights over property and 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 this Convention on behalf of Fiji were under the control of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or of the Government of Fiji respectively by reason of a state of war which existed between them and any other State.

“ 2. The Government of Fiji cannot undertake to give effect to the obligations contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 25 and can only undertake to apply the provisions of paragraph 3 so far as the law allows.

“ *Commentary* : No arrangements exist in Fiji for the administrative assistance for which provision is made in article 25 nor have any such arrangements been found necessary in the case of refugees. Any need for the documents or certifications mentioned in paragraph 2 of that article would be met by affidavits.

“ All other reservation made by the United Kingdom to the above-mentioned Convention is withdrawn.”

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, p. 137; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 2 to 9, as well as annex A in volumes 655, 674, 691, 699, 720, 723, 724, 737, 751, 764, 771, 784, 790, 808 and 820.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 189, p. 202.