

Expert Meeting on the Concept of Stateless Persons in International Law

Monash University Prato Centre
27 and 28 May 2010

Agenda*

Thursday, 27 May 2010

- 09:00 – 09:30 Registration
- 09:30 – 10:00 Opening remarks
UNHCR will briefly outline why it is focusing on development of guidance on the definition of stateless persons as contained in article 1(1) of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and on the concept of de facto stateless persons. UNHCR will, in particular, set out why a common understanding of the meaning of statelessness in international law is central to the Office’s mandate to prevent and reduce statelessness and to protect stateless persons.
- 10:00 – 11:00 Article 1(1) of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
- **National**
- 11:00 – 11:30 Break
- 11:30 – 12:15 Article 1(1) of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
- **National** (cont.)
- 12:15 – 13:00 Article 1(1) of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
- **State**
- 13:00 – 14:15 Lunch break
- 14:15 – 16:30 Article 1(1) of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
- **“Not considered as...under the operation of its law”**
- 16:30 – 17:00 Break
- 17:00 – 18:00 Article 1(1) of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
- **“Not considered as...under the operation of its law”** (cont.)

* Timing is indicative and subject to modification based on progress in discussions.

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- 09:00 – 11:00 *De facto* statelessness
- **What is the basis for establishing *de facto* statelessness?**
 - Persons who do not enjoy the rights attached to their nationality
 - Persons devoid of protection and whether they can be inside their State
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Break*
- 11:30 – 13:00 *De facto* statelessness
- **Persons unable to establish their nationality or of undetermined nationality**
- 13:00 – 14:15 *Lunch break*
- 14:15 – 16:00 *De facto* statelessness
- **Persons unable to establish their nationality or of undetermined nationality (cont.)**
- 16:00 – 16:30 *Break*
- 16:30 – 17:00 Concluding remarks and closure of the meeting