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Article I

For the purpose of the present Convention, the following definitions are agreed upon :

(1) Slavery is the status or condition of a person over whom any or all of the powers attaching to the right of ownership are exercised.

(2) The slave trade includes all acts involved in the capture, acquisition or disposal of a person with intent to reduce him to slavery; all acts involved in the acquisition of a slave with a view to selling or exchanging him; all acts of disposal by sale or exchange of a slave acquired with a view to being sold or exchanged, and, in general, every act of trade or transport in slaves.

Article 2

The High Contracting Parties undertake, each in respect of the territories placed under its sovereignty, jurisdiction, protection, suzerainty or tutelage, so far as they have not already taken the necessary steps :

(a) To prevent and suppress the slave trade;

¹ Came into force on 7 July 1955, the date on which the amendments to the Convention, as set forth in the annex to the Protocol of 7 December 1953 (see Vol. 182, p. 51), entered into force in accordance with paragraph 2 of article III of the Protocol.

States Parties to the Convention as amended by the Protocol :

Afghanistan
Australia
Austria
Canada
Cuba
Denmark
Egypt
Finland
India
Iraq
Italy
Liberia
Mexico

Monaco
Netherlands, for the Kingdom in Europe,
Surinam, the Netherlands Antilles and
Netherlands New Guinea
New Zealand
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria
Turkey
Union of South Africa
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland
Yugoslavia

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. LX, p. 253; Vol. LXIX, p. 114; Vol. LXXII, p. 485; Vol. LXXXIII, p. 416; Vol. LXXXVIII, p. 356; Vol. XCVI, p. 192; Vol. C, p. 221; Vol. C1V, p. 511; Vol. CVII, p. 491; Vol. CXXX, p. 444; Vol. CXXXVIII, p. 440; Vol. CLII, p. 296; Vol. CLX, p. 342; Vol. CLXXII, p. 410; Vol. CLXXVII, p. 393; Vol. CLXXXV, p. 387, and Vol. CC, p. 502.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 182, p. 51; Vol. 183, p. 378; Vol. 185, p. 408; Vol. 187, p. 466; Vol. 191, p. 408; Vol. 196, p. 361; Vol. 198, p. 406; Vol. 199, p. 356; Vol. 201, p. 381; Vol. 202, p. 361; Vol. 207, p. 365; Vol. 210, p. 336, and p. ... of this Volume.