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**Convention internationale relative à la répression de la traite  
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sous sa forme amendée par le Protocole conclue à Lake  
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No. 772. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION<sup>1</sup> FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN OF FULL AGE, CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 11 OCTOBER 1933<sup>2</sup>, AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL SIGNED AT LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, ON 12 NOVEMBER 1947<sup>3</sup>

*Article 1*

Whoever, in order to gratify the passions of another person, has procured, enticed or led away even with her consent, a woman or girl of full age for immoral purposes to be carried out in another country, shall be punished, notwithstanding that the various acts constituting the offence may have been committed in different countries.

Attempted offences, and within the legal limits, acts preparatory to the offences in question, shall also be punishable.

For the purposes of the present Article, the term "country" includes the colonies and protectorates of the High Contracting Party concerned, as well as territories under his suzerainty and territories for which a mandate has been entrusted to him.

*Article 2*

The High Contracting Parties whose laws are at present inadequate to deal with the offences specified in the preceding Article agree to take the necessary steps to ensure that these offences shall be punished in accordance with their gravity.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 April 1950, the date on which the amendments to the Convention, as set forth in the annex to the Protocol of 12 November 1947, entered into force in accordance with paragraph 2 of article V of the said Protocol.

*States Parties to the Convention as amended by the said Protocol:*

Afghanistan	Netherlands
Australia	Nicaragua
Belgium	Norway
Brazil	Sweden
Czechoslovakia	Turkey
Finland	Union of South Africa
Hungary	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Mexico	

<sup>2</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume CL, page 431; Volume CLX, page 439; Volume CLXIV, page 421; Volume CLXVIII, page 239; Volume CLXXII, page 427; Volume CLXXVII, page 464; Volume CLXXXI, page 423; Volume CLXXXV, page 411; and United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 1, page 269; Volume 11, page 425 and Volume 15, page 452.

<sup>3</sup> See page 13 of this Volume.

### Article 3

The High Contracting Parties undertake to communicate to each other in regard to any person of either sex who has committed or attempted to commit any of the offences referred to in the present Convention or in the Conventions of 1910<sup>1</sup> and 1921<sup>2</sup> on the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, the various constituent acts of which were, or were to have been, accomplished in different countries, the following information (or similar information which it may be possible to supply under the laws and regulations of the country concerned):

(a) Records of convictions, together with any useful and available information with regard to the offender, such as his civil status, description, fingerprints, photograph and police record, his methods of operations, etc.

(b) Particulars of any measures of refusal of admission or of expulsion which may have been applied to him.

These documents and information shall be sent direct and without delay to the authorities of the countries concerned in each particular case by the authorities named in Article I of the Agreement concluded in Paris on May 18th, 1904, and, if possible, in all cases when the offence, conviction, refusal of admission or expulsion has been duly established.

### Article 4

If there should arise between the High Contracting Parties a dispute of any kind relating to the interpretation or application of the present Convention or of the Conventions of 1910 and 1921, and if such dispute cannot be satisfactorily settled by diplomacy, it shall be settled in accordance with any applicable agreements in force between the Parties providing for the settlement of international disputes.

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<sup>1</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume III, page 278; Volume XI, page 429; Volume XXIV, page 207; Volume XXXV, page 335; Volume CIV, page 545; Volume CVII, page 556; Volume CXI, page 419; Volume CXVII, page 334; Volume CLX, page 453; Volume CLXIV, page 445; Volume CLXXII, page 437; and Volume CXCVII, page 426. See also Protocol amending the above Convention: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 30, page 23.

<sup>2</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume IX, page 415; Volume XV, page 311; Volume XIX, page 283; Volume XXIV, page 163; Volume XXVII, page 419; Volume XXXV, page 301; Volume XXXIX, page 167; Volume XLV, page 99; Volume L, page 160; Volume LIV, page 388; Volume LXIII, page 378; Volume LXXXIII, page 373; Volume XCII, page 367; Volume C, page 156; Volume CVII, page 462; Volume CXI, page 403; Volume CXVII, page 49; Volume CXXII, page 322; Volume CXXXIV, page 399; Volume CXXXVIII, page 417; Volume CXLVII, page 319; Volume CLVI, page 182; Volume CLX, page 330; Volume CLXXII, page 391; Volume CLXXVII, page 384; and Volume CXCVI, page 404; and United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 11, page 424; and Volume 15, page 450. See also Convention as amended, page 39 of this Volume.

In case there is no such agreement in force between the Parties, the dispute shall be referred to arbitration or judicial settlement. In the absence of agreement on the choice of another tribunal, the dispute shall, at the request of any of the Parties, be referred to the International Court of Justice, if all the Parties to the dispute are Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, and if any of the Parties to the dispute is not a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, to an arbitral tribunal constituted in accordance with the Hague Convention of October 18th, 1907, for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes.

#### *Article 5*

The present Convention, of which the English and French texts are both authoritative, shall bear this day's date, and shall, until April 1st, 1934, be open for signature on behalf of any Member of the League of Nations, or of any non-member State which was represented at the Conference which drew up this Convention or to which the Council of the League of Nations shall have communicated a copy of the Convention for this purpose.

#### *Article 6*

The present Convention shall be ratified. As from 1 January 1948 the instruments of ratification shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall notify their receipt to all Members of the United Nations and to non-member States to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of the Convention.

#### *Article 7*

Members of the United Nations may accede to the present Convention. The same applies to non-member States to which the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations may decide officially to communicate the present Convention.

The instrument of accession shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall notify their receipt to all Members of the United Nations and to non-member States to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of the Convention.

#### *Article 8*

The present Convention shall come into force sixty days after the Secretary-General of the League of Nations has received two ratifications or accessions.

It shall be registered by the Secretary-General on the day of its entry into force.

Subsequent ratifications or accessions shall take effect at the end of sixty days after their receipt by the Secretary-General.

*Article 9*

The present Convention may be denounced by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Such denunciation shall take effect one year after its receipt, but only in relation to the High Contracting Party who has notified it.

*Article 10*

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall communicate to all the Members of the United Nations and to the non-member States to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of the Convention, the denunciations referred to in Article 9.

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