



## Expert Meeting on Statelessness Determination Procedures & Statelessness Status at the National Level

CICG Conference Center, Room 5, 3d Floor  
Geneva, Switzerland  
6 and 7 December 2010

### Agenda\*

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#### Monday, 6 December 2010

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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 determination of statelessness, in particular under the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.*

10:00 – 11:00 DETERMINATION PROCEDURES

- Form and location of statelessness determination procedures, including in relation to refugee status determination procedures

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 DETERMINATION PROCEDURES (cont.)

- Contact with foreign authorities regarding nationality status
- Procedural guarantees: decision-making, suspensive effect, and appeal/review
- Procedures for determining *de facto* statelessness

13:00 – 14:15 Lunch break

14:15 – 16:00 ISSUES PERTAINING TO EVIDENCE

- Burden and standard of proof
- Forms of evidence

16:00 – 16:15 Break

16:15 – 17:30 ISSUES PERTAINING TO EVIDENCE (cont.)

18:00 – 19:00 Cocktail (Location: UNHCR Building, MBT04)

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

Each item will be briefly introduced by the author of the discussion paper, followed by discussion.



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**Tuesday, 7 December 2010**

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- 09:00 – 09:45* STANDARDS OF TREATMENT OF STATELESS PERSONS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW: INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW  
*Note: Throughout the morning, discussion will take into account differences in treatment based on circumstances such as whether individuals are inside or outside “their own country,” as well as different causes of statelessness*
- 09.45 - 11.00* STATELESSNESS STATUS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN STATES PARTY TO THE 1954 CONVENTION
- Graduation of rights in the 1954 Convention based on degree of attachment between the stateless individual and the contracting State
    - Standards of treatment for stateless persons prior to and during determination procedures
    - Standards of treatment for stateless persons post-recognition
  - Right of residence
  - Application of 1954 Convention standards in contracting states that do not have determination procedures
- 11:00 - 11:30* *Break*
- 11:30 - 13:00* STATELESSNESS STATUS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN STATES PARTY TO THE 1954 CONVENTION (cont.)
- 13:00 - 14:15* *Lunch break*
- 14:15 – 15:45* STATELESSNESS STATUS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL
- Value of the standards set out in the 1954 Convention in non-States parties
  - Implications of 1954 Convention standards for status of *de facto* stateless persons
- 15:45 - 16:15* *Break*
- 16:15 - 17:00* Concluding remarks and closure of the meeting