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Subject: Establishment of a Statelessness Determination Procedure to support implementation of commitments under the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons

Your Excellency,

We are writing on behalf of the undersigned members of the Global Alliance and its Thematic Working Group on protecting the rights of stateless person. Our Alliance comprises a diverse range of 150+ members including governments, regional organisations, civil society organisations, and stateless-led groups.

We commend your Government's accession to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons ('1954 Convention') in *[date of accession]* as a positive step towards ensuring that the rights of stateless individuals are upheld.

To support your Government to identify stateless persons in a migratory context who are on your territory so that they may enjoy their rights under the 1954 Convention, we encourage your Government to establish a dedicated statelessness determination procedure (SDP). To date, over thirty countries that are party to the 1954 Convention have established such procedures.

UNHCR's [Handbook on the Protection of Stateless Persons](#) is a valuable resource that provides guidance on establishing SDPs that enable States to recognize and grant protection status to stateless persons. UNHCR has also published a [Good Practices Paper – Action 6: Establishing Statelessness Determination Procedures](#) to Protect Stateless Persons. This good practices paper sets out the key elements of an SDP and draws on real examples to illustrate successful implementation of these elements.

We look forward to supporting your Government in establishing an SDP and stand ready to provide any additional support you may require.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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