

**STATELESS PERSONS AND THEIR RECOGNITION AS  
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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

1. **CEDAW**; Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
2. **CERD**; Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
3. **CNMW**; Convention on the Nationality of Married Women
4. **CRC**; Convention on the Rights of the Child
5. **ECOSOC**; United Nations Economic and Social Council
6. **IACHR**; Inter-American Court of Human Rights
7. **ICERD**; International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
8. **ICJ**; The International Court of Justice
9. **OAR**; Office for Asylum and Refugees
10. **OFPRA**; French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons
11. **OHCHR**; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
12. **UDHR**; Universal Declaration of Human Rights
13. **UN**; United Nations
14. **UNGA**; United Nations General Assembly
15. **UNHCR**; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



## **ABSTRACT**

This research project is related to the recognition of stateless persons under international law, how stateless persons are identified, what causes statelessness and the outcomes of statelessness. It begins with discussing what statelessness is and what are the types of statelessness. It is followed by drawing out differences between a refugee, an internally displaced person, an asylum seeker, a migrant and a stateless person. The thesis work examines the international legal frameworks and briefly analyzes the two conventions, in addition it also points out specific provisions found in other existing international instruments. The research then talks about the responsibilities of States towards the stateless community and what should be done in order to prevent and reduce statelessness. The research concludes that the right to a nationality is a fundamental human right and that States need to consider individual choice concerning citizenship issues. However, if such choices are not considered and individuals are deprived of a nationality and all the rights that come with it, they will be performing a disservice and will be in breach of Article 15 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights.