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Addendum 1 to Part I. - Information supplied by the Governments.

Irish Free State.

By a letter dated August 29th, 1934, the Irish Free State has supplied the following information:

"No legislation has yet been passed by the Parliament of Saorstát Eireann on the subject of citizenship. A Citizenship Bill was, however, introduced in Dáil Eireann on June 27th, 1934, containing the proposals of the Government on the subject of the acquisition and loss of citizenship and providing for the regulation of citizenship generally. The Bill purposes to give effect, as far as possible, to the principle of the equality of the sexes in the domain of nationality law in accordance with Recommendation No.VI of the Hague Codification Conference. The Bill will recommend to Parliament proposals in the following terms:

"1. That, in principle, the marriage of a national and a non-national shall not of itself affect the nationality of either party.

"2. That, in the case of a marriage between a national and a non-national who intend to reside permanently in Saorstát Eireann after the marriage, the party to the marriage who is not a national at the date thereof may, at any time during six months after the marriage, elect for citizenship of Saorstát as his or her post-nuptial citizenship, and may be accorded such citizenship subject to compliance with the law.

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"3. That, in the case of a marriage between a national and a non-national who intend to reside permanently outside Saorstát Eireann after the marriage, the party to the marriage who is a national at the date thereof may, at any time within twelve months after the marriage, elect to retain citizenship of Saorstát Eireann.

"4. That (a), the acquisition of citizenship of Saorstát Eireann by any person shall not of itself confer such citizenship on the wife or husband of such person, (b) the loss of citizenship of Saorstát Eireann by a person shall not of itself deprive the wife or husband of such person of such citizenship, and (c) the acquisition by a person of citizenship of a country other than Saorstát Eireann shall not of itself deprive the wife or husband of such person of citizenship of Saorstát Eireann.

"The Citizenship Bill will be proceeded with in the forthcoming session of the Parliament of Saorstát Eireann, which opens on November 14th, 1934."