



STATELESSNESS

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Date of decision: 06/06/2008

State: Belgium

Court / UN Treaty Body: Court of Cassation

Language(s) the decision is available in: French

Applicant's country of birth: Romania

Applicant's country of residence: Romania

Legal instruments: 1954 Statelessness Convention

Key aspects: Standard of proof, Statelessness determination

Decision & Reasoning

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Decision documents

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Outcome

The judgment of the Court of Appeal refusing to recognise the applicant as stateless was annulled and the case was sent back to the court.