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Case name (in original language) : Arrêt no. C.06.0427

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State: Belgium

Court / UN Treaty Body: Court of Cassation

Language(s) the decision is available in: Dutch, French

Applicant's country of birth: Palestine

Applicant's country of residence: Palestine

Legal instruments: 1954 Statelessness Convention

Key aspects: Statelessness determination

Relevant Legislative Provisions:

Art. 1 of the 1954 Convention

Decision & Reasoning

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Decision documents

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Outcome

The decision of the Court of Appeal excluding the applicant of the benefits of the 1954 Convention is cancelled, and the case is sent to another Court of Appeal.