

humanitarian requirements, the Byelorussian Delegation, recognizing that the said Convention makes satisfactory provision for the protection of the civilian population in occupied territory and in certain other cases, declares that it is authorized by the Government of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to sign the present Convention with the following reservations :

Article 11: " The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic will not recognize the validity of requests by the Detaining Power to a neutral State or to a humanitarian organization, to undertake the functions performed by a Protecting Power, unless the consent of the Government of the country of which the protected person are nationals has been obtained.

Article 45: " The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic will not consider as valid the freeing of a Detaining Power, which has transferred protected persons to another Power, from responsibility for the application of the Convention to the persons transferred, while the latter are in the custody of the Power accepting them."

BRAZIL

Mr. PINTO DA SILVA, Consul-General of Brazil at Geneva, made the following reservations to the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War :

" On signing the Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, Brazil wishes to make two express reservations—in regard to Article 44, because it is liable to hamper the action of the Detaining Power, and in regard to Article 46, because the matter dealt with in its second paragraph is outside the scope of the Convention, the essential and specific purpose of which is the protection of persons and not of their property."

BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

Mr. Kosta B. SVETLOV, Bulgarian Minister in Switzerland, made the following declaration :

" In my capacity as representative of the Government of the Bulgarian People's Republic, I have the pleasant duty of expressing here its satisfaction at having been able to take part in drawing up a humanitarian instrument of the highest international importance—a group of conventions for the protection of war victims.