

It was not the intention of those who designed the Convention to work a hardship on any group of people.

The acceptance of social legislation of this kind presents unique problems in many regions of the world today, where age-old customs and traditional ways of life are difficult to alter. For this reason my Delegation thinks it particularly important that the Convention should be a flexible one - flexible enough to take into account the wide divergence of view which prevails - without destroying its effectiveness as a legal instrument to meet the purposes for which it is intended. These are the general considerations which will guide us when we come to consider the various amendments.