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THE SENATE

MOTIONS

**United Nations Convention
Relating to the Status of Refugees**

SPEECH

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Speaker Bernardi, Sen Cory

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Senator BERNARDI (South Australia) (16:03): I, and also on behalf of Senator Hanson, move:

That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) 20 June 2017 is World Refugee Day,
- (ii) the United Nations 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees is irretrievably broken,
- (iii) people smuggling is a crime and nations must secure their borders, and
- (iv) national security must always come before accepting refugees; and

(b) calls upon the Government to:

- (i) withdraw from the Refugee Convention immediately; and
- (ii) reflect upon incidents of domestic terror and foreign fighters, and the refugee history of those persons, and strengthen national security and immigration policies accordingly.