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The Dutch Emancipation Council recently commissioned Mr. Thomas Spijkerboer of the University of Nijmegen to conduct a study into the legal status of refugee women. Mr. Spijkerboer has come to the conclusion that in order to ensure equal treatment of women and men in asylum procedures, a reform of the UN Refugee Convention and the inclusion of 'sex' as a separate ground of persecution is not necessary. Furthermore, the Refugee Convention as it stands offers sufficient possibilities by which to do justice to legitimate claims from women refugees.

His report, published in English (with a Dutch summary) and entitled *Women and Refugee Status: Beyond the Public/Private Distinction*, is now available, free of charge, to those who may be interested. Copies of the report are available from:

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