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I. Introduction

1. Article 28 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women provides that the Secretary-General shall receive and circulate to all States the texts of reservations made by States at the time of ratification of, or accession to, the Convention. The present report contains information on the declarations, reservations, objections and notifications of withdrawal of reservations made by S

B. Text of declarations and reservations**Syrian Arab Republic**

[Original: Arabic]
[28 March 2003]

Reservations

Subject to reservations to article 2, article 9, paragraph 2, concerning the grant of a woman's nationality to her children, article 15, paragraph 4, concerning freedom of movement and of residence and domicile, article 16, paragraphs 1 (c), (d), (f) and (g), concerning equal rights and responsibilities during marriage and at its dissolution with regard to guardianship, the rights to choose a family name, maintenance and adoption, article 16, paragraph 2, concerning the legal effect of the betrothal and the marriage of a child, in as much as this provision is incompatible with the provisions of the Islamic Shariah, and article 29, paragraph 1, concerning arbitration between States in the event of a dispute.

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The Government of Denmark has examined the reservations made by the Government of Bahrain upon accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women regarding article 2, parag

Nations as one of the purposes of the Organization, as well as in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.

The Government of Denmark finds that these reservations made by the Government of the

The Government of Estonia recalls that according to article 28, paragraph 2, of the Convention, a reservation incompatible with the objec

Objection by Finland to the reservations made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon accession

[Original: English]

[17 June 2003]

With regard to the reservations made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon accession:

The Government of Finland has carefully examined the contents of the reservations made by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to artic

The reservations to article 9, paragraph 2, and article 15, paragraph 4, if put into practice, would inevitably result in discrimination against women on the basis of sex, which is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention.

According to article 28, paragraph 2, of the Convention reservations incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.

Therefore, the Government of Germany object

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It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become party are respected, as to their ob

Objection by Norway to the reservations made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon accession

[Original: English]

[5 April 2004]

With regard to the reservations made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon accession:

The Government of Norway has examined the reservations made by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic upon access

Objection by Spain to the reservations made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon accession

[Original: English]

[31 July 2003]

With regard to the reservations made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon accession:

The Government of Spain has examined the reservations made by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to article 2, article 9, paragraph 2, article 15, paragraph 4, and article 16, paragraphs 1 (c), (d), (f) and (g) and article 16, paragraph 2 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, upon acceding to the Convention.

The Government of Spain deems the above-m

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be become parties are respected as to their object and purpose, by all parties, and that States are prepared to undertake any legislative changes necessary to comply with their obligations under the treaties.

The Government of Sweden therefore objects to the aforesaid reservations made by the Syrian Arab Republic to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Syrian Arab Republic and Sweden. The Convention enters into force in its entirety between the States, without the Syrian Arab Republic benefiting from its reservations.

Objection by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the reservations made by Bahrain upon accession



[Original: English]
[26 June 2003]

With regard to the reservations made by Bahrain upon accession:

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has examined the reservations made by the Government of Bahrain to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 18 December 1979) on 18 June 2002 in respect of article 2, in order to ensure its implementation within the bounds of the provisions of the Islamic Shariah, and article 16, in so far as it is incompatible with the

choose a family name, maintenance and adoption and article 16, paragraph 2, concerning the legal effect of the betrothal and the marriage of a child, inasmuch as this provision is incompatible with the provisions of the Islamic Shariah.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland notes that the reservation of the Syrian Arab Republic specifies particular provisions of the Convention articles to which the reservation is addressed. Nevertheless, this reservation does not clearly define for the other States parties to the Convention the extent to which the reserving State has accepted the obligations of the Convention. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland therefore objects to the aforesaid reservations made by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the ~~Syrian~~ Arab Republic.

D. Notifications of withdrawal of certain reservations

Belgium

In a communication received on 8 July 2002, the Government of Belgium informed the Secretary-General that it has decided to withdraw

“The Government of Ireland further notes that the reservation to paragraph 2 of article 9 of the Convention aims to exclude an obligation of non-discrimination, which is the object of the Convention.

“The Government of Ireland considers that the obligations contained in paragraph (f) of article 2 and paragraph 2 of article 9 are so central to the aims of the Convention as to render the aforesaid reservations contrary to its object and purpose.”

Annex I**Status of declarations, reservations, objections and
notifications of withdrawal of reservations by States parties
related to articles of the Convention, as at
1 June 2004***State party**Articles for which declarations or reservations
have been made* *S*

State party

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<i>State party</i>	<i>Articles for which declarations or reservations have been made</i>	<i>States parties that have raised objections</i>	<i>Articles for which reservations have been withdrawn</i>
	9, para. 2	Austria Denmark Finland France Germany Netherlands Norway Portugal Spain Sweden	
Egypt	29, para. 1 2	Germany Netherlands Sweden	
	9, para. 2	Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden	
	16	Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden	
	29, para. 1	Mexico	
El Salvador	29, para. 1		
Ethiopia	29, para. 1		
Fiji	[5, para. (a), and 9]	Netherlands	5, para. (a), and 9
France	[5, para. (b)] [7] 14, paras. 2 (c) and (h) [15, paras. 2 and 3] [16, paras. 1 (c), (d) and (h)] 16, para. 1 (g) 29, para. 1		5, para. (b) 7 15, paras. 2 and 3 16, paras. 1 (c), (d) and (h)
Germany	General declaration [7, para. (b)]		7, para. (b)
Hungary	[29, para. 1]		29, para. 1
India	5, para. (a) 16, para. 1 16, para. 2 29, para. 1	Netherlands Netherlands Netherlands	
Indonesia	29, para. 1		

<i>State party</i>	<i>Articles for which declarations or reservations have been made</i>	<i>States parties that have raised objections</i>	<i>Articles for which reservations have been withdrawn</i>
Iraq	2, paras. (f) and (g)	Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden	
	9, para. 1	Germany Israel Mexico Netherlands Sweden	
	9, para. 2	Germany Israel Mexico Netherlands	
	16	Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden	
	29, para. 1	Sweden	
Ireland	[9, para. 1]		9, para. 1
	[11, para. 1]		11, para. 1 (part)
	[13, para. (a)]		13, para. (a) (part)
	13, paras. (b) and (c)		
	[15, para. 3]		
	[15, para. 4]		15, para. 3
Israel	16, paras. 1 (d) and (f)		15, para. 4
	7, para. (b)		
	16		
Italy	29, para. 1 n		
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<i>State party</i>	<i>Articles for which declarations or reservations have been made</i>	<i>States parties that have raised objections</i>	<i>Articles for which reservations have been withdrawn</i>
		Netherlands Norway Portugal Sweden	
	9, para. 2	Denmark Finland Netherlands Norway Sweden	
	16, para. 1 (f)	Austria Belgium Denmark Finland Netherlands Norway Portugal Sweden	
	29, para. 1		P/PP
Lebanon	9, para. 2 16, paras. 1 (c), (d), (f) and (g)r		

<i>State party</i>	<i>Articles for which declarations or reservations have been made</i>	<i>States parties that have raised objections</i>	<i>Articles for which reservations have been withdrawn</i>
Malawi	16, para. 1 (g) [5]	Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden	5
Malaysia	[29, para. 2] [2, para. (f)] 5, para. (a) 7, para. (b) 9 11 16, paras. 1 (a), (c), (d), (f) and (g) 16, para. 2	Denmark Finland France Germany Netherlands Norway	29, para. 2 2, para. (f)
Maldives	7, para. (a) 16	Austria Canada Denmark Finland Germany Netherlands Norway Portugal Sweden	
Malta	11, para. 1 13 15 16, para. 1 (e)		
Mauritania	General reservation	Austria Denmark Finland Germany Netherlands Norway Portugal Sweden United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
Mauritius	[11, para. 1 (b) and (d)]	Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden	11, paras. 1 (b) and (d)

<i>State party</i>	<i>Articles for which declarations or reservations have been made</i>	<i>States parties that have raised objections</i>	<i>Articles for which reservations have been withdrawn</i>
	[16, para. 1 (g)]	Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden	16, para. 1 (g)
Mexico	29, para. 1 (General declaration upon signature)		
Mongolia	[29, para. 1]		29, para. 1
Morocco	2	Netherlands	
	9, para. 2	Netherlands	
	15, para. 4	Netherlands	
	16	Netherlands	
	29		
Myanmar	29		
Netherlands	General declaration		
New Zealand (Cook Islands, Niue)	Reservation [11, para. 2 (b)]		11, para. 2 (b)
(Cook Islands)	2, para. (f)	Mexico Sweden	
	5, para. (a)		
(Cook Islands and Niue)	11, para. 2 (b)		
Niger	2, paras. (d) and (f) 5, paras. (a) and (b) 15, para. (4) 16, paras. 1 (c), (e) and (g)	Denm	

<i>State party</i>	<i>Articles for which declarations or reservations have been made</i>	<i>States parties that have raised objections</i>	<i>Articles for which reservations have been withdrawn</i>
Republic of Korea	[9] 16, paras. 1 [(c), (d), (f)] and (g)	Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden Germany Mexico Netherlands Sweden	9 16, paras. 1 (c), (d) and (f)
Romania	[29, para. 1]		29, para. 1
Russian Federation	[29, para. 1]		29, para. 1
Saudi Arabia	General reservation 9, para. 2	Austria Denmark Finland Fr	

<i>State party</i>	<i>Articles for which declarations or reservations have been made</i>	<i>States parties that have raised objections</i>	<i>Articles for which reservations have been withdrawn</i>
	[11, para. 1 (b)]	Ge	

<i>State party</i>	<i>Articles for which declarations or reservations have been made</i>	<i>States parties that have raised objections</i>	<i>Articles for which reservations have been withdrawn</i>
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of: British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Isle of Man, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, and Turks and Caicos Islands	declarations 1, 2, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16		
Venezuela	29, para. 1		
Viet Nam	29, para. 1		
Yemen	29, para. 1		

<i>Article</i>	<i>State party</i>
16, para. 1 (f)	Kuwait, United Kingdom on behalf of: British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, and Turks and Caicos Islands
16, para. 1 (g)	France, Luxembourg, Republic of Korea
16, paras. 1 (g) and (h)	Switzerland
16, para. 1 (h)	Bahamas
16, para. 2	India, Malaysia, Syrian Arab Republic
29, para. 1	Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Brazil, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon,

Annex III

States parties that maintain reservations to the Convention, as at 1 June 2004

Country	Article 1	Article 2	Article 3	Article 4	Article 5	Article 6	Article 7	Article 8	Article 9	Article 10	Article 11	Article 12	Article 13	Article 14	Article 15	Article 16	Article 29
Algeria		2							9.2						15.4	16	29
Argentina																	29.1
Australia											11.2 (b)						
Austria											11 (f)						
Bahamas		2 (a)							9.2							16.1 (h)	29.1
Bahrain		2							9.2						15.4	16	29.1
Bangladesh		2														16.1 (c)	
Brazil																	29.1
China																	29.1
Cuba																	29.1
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		2 (f)							9.2								29.1
Egypt		2							9.2							16	29.1
El Salvador																	29.1
Ethiopia																	29.1

<i>Country</i>	<i>Article 1</i>	<i>Article 2</i>	<i>Article 3</i>	<i>Article 4</i>	<i>Article 5</i>	<i>Article 6</i>	<i>Article 7</i>	<i>Article 8</i>	<i>Article 9</i>	<i>Article 10</i>	<i>Article 11</i>	<i>Article 12</i>	<i>Article 13</i>	<i>Article 14</i>	<i>Article 15</i>	<i>Article 16</i>	<i>Article 29</i>
																(d), (f), (g)	
Lesotho		2 (e)															
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		2															16.1 (c), (d)
Liechtenstein	1																
Luxembourg							7										16.1 (g)
																	16.1 (a), (c), (d), (f), (g)
Malaysia					5 (a)		7 (b)		9		11						16.2
Maldives							7 (a)										16
Malta											11.1		13		15		16.1 (e)
Mauritania ^a																	
Mauritius																	29.1
Morocco		2							9.2						15.		

<i>Country</i>	<i>Article 1</i>	<i>Article 2</i>	<i>Article</i>
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<i>State</i>	<i>Date of signature</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession or succession</i>
Burkina Faso		14 October 1987 ^a
Burundi	17 July 1980	8 January 1992
Cambodia	17 October 1980	15 October 1992 ^a
Cameroon	6 June 1983	23 August 1994 ^a
Canada	17 July 1980	10 December 1981
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<i>State</i>	<i>Date of signature</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession or succession</i>
El Salvador	14 November 1980	19 August 1981
Equatorial Guinea		23 October 1984 ^a
Eritrea		5 September 1995 ^a
Estonia		21 October 1991 ^a
Ethiopia	8 July 1980	

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of signature</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession or succession</i>
Italy	17 July 1980	10 June 1985
Jamaica	17 July 1980	19 October 1984
Japan	17 July 1980	25 June 1985
Jordan	3 December 1980	1 July 1992
Kazakhstan		26 August 1998 ^a
Kenya		9 March 1984 ^a
Kiribati		17 March 2004 ^a
Kuwait		2 Septe

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of signature</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession or succession</i>
Tuvalu		6 October 1999 ^a
Uganda	30 July 1980	22 July 1985
Ukraine	17 July 1980	12 March 1981
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	22 July 1981	7 April 1986
United Republic of Tanzania	17 July 1980	20 August 1985
United States of America	17 July 1980	
Uruguay	30 March 1981	9 October 1981
Uzbekistan		19 July 1995 ^a
Vanuatu		8 September 1995 ^a
Venezuela	17 July 1980	2 May 1983
Viet Nam	29 July 1980	17 February 1982
Yemen ^e		30 May 1984 ^a
Zambia	17 July 1980	21 June 1985

Succession. With effect from 1 October 1990, the German Democratic Republic (which ratified the

<i>State party</i>	<i>Acceptance date</i>
Maldives	7 February 2002
Mali	20 June 2002
Malta	5 March

<i>State party</i>	<i>Date of signature</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession</i>
Denmark	10 December 1999	31 May 2000
Dominican Republic	14 March 2000	10 August 2001
Ecuador	10 December 11	

<i>State party</i>	<i>Date of signature</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession</i>
Mongolia	7 September 2000	28 March 2002
Namibia	19 May 2000	26 May 2000
Nepal	18 December 2001	
Netherlands ^f	10 December 1999	22 May 2002
New Zealand ^g	7 September 2000	7 September 2000
Nigeria	8 September 2000	
Norway	10 December 1999	5 March 2002
Panama	9 June 20	

<i>State party</i>	<i>Date of signature</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession</i>
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3 April 2000	17 October 2003
Timor-Leste		16