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**CHAPTER IV
HUMAN RIGHTS**

15 .a Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
New York, 13 December 2006

Entry into force : 3 May 2008, in accordance with article 13(1)

Registration : 3 May 2008, No. 44910

Status : Signatories : 90. Parties : 61

Text : Doc.A/61/611.

Note : The above Optional Protocol was adopted on 13 December 2006 during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly by resolution A/RES/61/106. In accordance with its article 10, the Optional Protocol shall be open for signature by all signatory States and regional integration organizations of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at United Nations Headquarters in New York as of 30 March 2007.

Participant	Signature	Formal confirmation(c), Accession(a), Ratification
Algeria	30 Mar 2007	
Andorra	27 Apr 2007	
Antigua and Barbuda	30 Mar 2007	
Argentina	30 Mar 2007	2 Sep 2008
Armenia	30 Mar 2007	
Australia		21 Aug 2009 a
Austria	30 Mar 2007	26 Sep 2008
Azerbaijan	9 Jan 2008	28 Jan 2009
Bangladesh		12 May 2008 a
Belgium	30 Mar 2007	2 Jul 2009
Benin	8 Feb 2008	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) ¹	13 Aug 2007	16 Nov 2009
Bosnia and Herzegovina	29 Jul 2009	12 Mar 2010
Brazil	30 Mar 2007	1 Aug 2008
Bulgaria	18 Dec 2008	
Burkina Faso	23 May 2007	23 Jul 2009
Burundi	26 Apr 2007	
Cambodia	1 Oct 2007	

Cameroon	1 Oct 2008
Central African Republic	9 May 2007
Chile	30 Mar 2007 29 Jul 2008
Congo	30 Mar 2007
Cook Islands	8 May 2009 a
Costa Rica	30 Mar 2007 1 Oct 2008
Côte d'Ivoire	7 Jun 2007
Croatia	30 Mar 2007 15 Aug 2007
Cyprus	30 Mar 2007
Czech Republic	30 Mar 2007
Dominican Republic	30 Mar 2007 18 Aug 2009
Ecuador	30 Mar 2007 3 Apr 2008
El Salvador	30 Mar 2007 14 Dec 2007
Fiji	2 Jun 2010
Finland	30 Mar 2007
France	23 Sep 2008 18 Feb 2010
Gabon	25 Sep 2007
Georgia	10 Jul 2009
Germany	30 Mar 2007 24 Feb 2009
Ghana	30 Mar 2007
Greece	27 Sep 2010
Guatemala	30 Mar 2007 7 Apr 2009
Guinea	31 Aug 2007 8 Feb 2008
Haiti	23 Jul 2009 a
Honduras	23 Aug 2007 16 Aug 2010
Hungary	30 Mar 2007 20 Jul 2007
Iceland	30 Mar 2007
Italy	30 Mar 2007 15 May 2009
Jamaica	30 Mar 2007
Jordan	30 Mar 2007
Kazakhstan	11 Dec 2008
Latvia	22 Jan 2010 31 Aug 2010
Lebanon	14 Jun 2007
Liberia	30 Mar 2007
Lithuania	30 Mar 2007 18 Aug 2010
Luxembourg	30 Mar 2007
Madagascar	25 Sep 2007
Mali	15 May 2007 7 Apr 2008

Malta	30 Mar 2007	
Mauritius	25 Sep 2007	
Mexico	30 Mar 2007	17 Dec 2007
Mongolia		13 May 2009 a
Montenegro	27 Sep 2007	2 Nov 2009
Morocco		8 Apr 2009 a
Namibia	25 Apr 2007	4 Dec 2007
Nepal	3 Jan 2008	7 May 2010
Nicaragua	21 Oct 2008	2 Feb 2010
Niger	2 Aug 2007	24 Jun 2008
Nigeria	30 Mar 2007	24 Sep 2010
Panama	30 Mar 2007	7 Aug 2007
Paraguay	30 Mar 2007	3 Sep 2008
Peru	30 Mar 2007	30 Jan 2008
Portugal	30 Mar 2007	23 Sep 2009
Qatar	9 Jul 2007	
Romania	25 Sep 2008	
Rwanda		15 Dec 2008 a
San Marino	30 Mar 2007	22 Feb 2008
Saudi Arabia		24 Jun 2008 a
Senegal	25 Apr 2007	
Serbia	17 Dec 2007	31 Jul 2009
Seychelles	30 Mar 2007	
Sierra Leone	30 Mar 2007	
Slovakia	26 Sep 2007	26 May 2010
Slovenia	30 Mar 2007	24 Apr 2008
Solomon Islands	24 Sep 2009	
South Africa	30 Mar 2007	30 Nov 2007
Spain	30 Mar 2007	3 Dec 2007
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		29 Oct 2010 a
Sudan		24 Apr 2009 a
Swaziland	25 Sep 2007	
Sweden	30 Mar 2007	15 Dec 2008
Syrian Arab Republic		10 Jul 2009 a
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	29 Jul 2009	
Togo	23 Sep 2008	1 Mar 2011
Tunisia	30 Mar 2007	2 Apr 2008

Turkey	28 Sep 2009	
Turkmenistan		10 Nov 2010 a
Uganda	30 Mar 2007	25 Sep 2008
Ukraine	24 Sep 2008	4 Feb 2010
United Arab Emirates	12 Feb 2008	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	26 Feb 2009	7 Aug 2009
United Republic of Tanzania	29 Sep 2008	10 Nov 2009
Yemen	11 Apr 2007	26 Mar 2009
Zambia	29 Sep 2008	

Close Declaration

Declarations and Reservations

(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.)

Azerbaijan

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Declaration:

“The Republic of Azerbaijan declares that it is unable to guarantee the application of the provisions of the Protocol in the territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia until these territories are liberated from occupation.”

El Salvador²

El Salvador²

Reservation made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification:

The Government of the Republic of El Salvador signs the present Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 December 2006, to the extent that its provisions do not prejudice or violate the provisions of any of the precepts, principles and norms enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of El Salvador, particularly in its enumeration of principles.

Syrian Arab Republic

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Declaration:

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic declares that it does not recognize the

competence of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (“the Committee”) provided for in articles 6 and 7 of the Optional Protocol, in accordance with Article 8 of that Protocol, which provides that each State Party may, at the time of signature or ratification of the present Protocol or accession thereto, declare that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee provided for in articles 6 and 7.

Objections

(Unless otherwise indicated, the objections were made upon ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.)

Austria

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26 September 2008

With regard to the reservation made by El Salvador upon signature and confirmed upon ratification:

“The Government of Austria has examined the reservation to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol thereto made by the Government of El Salvador.

According to its reservation, El Salvador envisages becoming Party to the Convention only to the extent that its provisions do not prejudice or violate the provisions of any of the precepts, principles and norms enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of El Salvador, particularly in its enumeration of principles. In the absence of further clarification, this reservation does not clearly specify the extent of El Salvador’s derogation from the provisions of the Convention. This general and vague wording of the reservation raises doubts as to the degree of commitment assumed by El Salvador in becoming a party to the Convention and is therefore incompatible with international law.

The Government of Austria objects to the reservation made by the Government of the Republic of El Salvador to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol thereto.

This objection, however, does not preclude the entry into force, in its entirety, of the Convention between Austria and El Salvador.”

End Note

1. See Note 1 under "Bolivia (Plurinational State of)" in the "Historical Information" section.

2. On 28 January 2010, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Germany the following communication relating to the declaration made by the Republic of El Salvador upon signature and confirmed upon ratification:

"The Federal Republic of Germany has carefully examined the aforementioned reservation.

The Federal Republic of Germany is of the opinion that reservations which consist in a general reference to a system of norms (like the constitution or the legal order of the reserving State) without specifying the contents thereof leave it uncertain to which extent that State accepts to be bound by the obligations under the treaty. Moreover, those norms may be subject to changes.

The reservation made by the Republic of El Salvador is therefore not sufficiently precise to make it possible to determine the restrictions that are introduced into the agreement.

The Federal Republic of Germany is therefore of the opinion that the reservation is incompatible with object and purpose of the Convention and the Protocol and would like to recall that, according to Article 46, paragraph 1 of the Convention, and Article 14, paragraph 1 of the Protocol, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.

The Federal Republic of Germany therefore objects to the above-mentioned reservation. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention and the Protocol between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of El Salvador."