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REFERENCE C.N.5.1976.TREATIES-1

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS  
OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT NEW YORK ON 19 DECEMBER 1966

GENERAL ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE COVENANT

ENTRY INTO FORCE IN RESPECT OF AUSTRALIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Sir,

I have the honour, upon instructions from the Secretary-General, to refer to letter C.N.273.1975.TREATIES-8 of 3 October 1975, concerning the ratification by the Government of Jamaica of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, opened for signature at New York on 19 December 1966, and the question of the entry into force of the Covenant under the provisions of article 27 (1) thereof.

In this connexion, I wish to inform you that within 90 days from the date of the said letter none of the Contracting States objected to having all 35 instruments deposited with the Secretary-General as at 3 October 1975 taken into account for the purpose of determining the date of entry into force of the Covenant. Consequently, the Covenant is considered as having entered into force on 3 January 1976, that is to say, three months after the date of deposit of the instrument of ratification by the Government of Jamaica, in accordance with article 27 (1).

I wish further to refer to letters C.N.373.1975.TREATIES-10, of 24 December 1975, and C.N.395.1975.TREATIES-11 of 13 January 1976, concerning the ratification of the Covenant by the Governments of Australia and Czechoslovakia: in accordance with its article 27 (2) the Covenant will



enter into force for Australia and Czechoslovakia three months after the date of the deposit of their instrument of ratification, that is to say, on 10 and 23 March 1976, respectively.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Blaine Sloan", followed by a horizontal line.

Blaine Sloan  
Director of the General Legal Division  
in charge of the Office of Legal Affairs