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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF
ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

NEW YORK, 6 OCTOBER 1999

COLOMBIA: RATIFICATION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 23 January 2007, with:

Declarations (Translation) (Original: Spanish)

1. The Government of Colombia, exercising the discretion provided for in article 10 of the Optional Protocol, and subject to the conditions set out therein, declares that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee provided for in articles 8 and 9 of the Protocol.

2. The Government of Colombia understands article 5 of the Protocol to mean that interim measures not only preclude "a determination on admissibility or on the merits of the communication", as established in article 5, paragraph 2, but that any measures involving the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights shall be applied in keeping with the progressive nature of these rights.

3. The Government of Colombia declares that no provision of the Optional Protocol and no recommendation of the Committee may be interpreted as requiring Colombia to decriminalize offences against life or personal integrity.

The Protocol will enter into force for Colombia on 23 April 2007 in accordance with its article 16 (2) which reads as follows:

"For each State ratifying the present Protocol or acceding to it after its entry into force, the present Protocol shall enter into force three months after the date of the deposit of its own instrument or ratification or accession."

31 January 2007



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