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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
NEW YORK, 13 DECEMBER 2006

SWITZERLAND: OBJECTION TO THE DECLARATION MADE BY THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF  
IRAN UPON ACCESSION<sup>1 2</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 15 April 2014.

(Translation) (Original: French)

With regard to the declaration made by the Islamic Republic of Iran upon accession:

The Swiss Federal Council has examined the declaration made by the Government of the  
Islamic Republic of Iran upon accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Swiss Federal Council recalls that irrespective of the label given to it, a declaration  
constitutes a reservation if it excludes or modifies the legal effect of certain provisions of the treaty to  
which it relates. The Swiss Federal Council is of the opinion that, in substance, the declaration of the  
Islamic Republic of Iran constitutes a reservation to the Convention.

The Swiss Federal Council believes that the reservation formulated gives precedence to the  
rules of the Islamic Republic of Iran over the Convention. The Swiss Federal Council is of the view  
that this reservation does not clearly specify the extent of the derogation, in that it does not specify  
either the provisions of the Convention concerned or the rules of domestic law which the Islamic  
Republic of Iran intends to favour. Accordingly, the reservation is incompatible with the object and  
purpose of the Convention and is not permissible under article 46, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.209.2014.TREATIES-IV.15 of 15 April 2014  
(Accession: Switzerland).

<sup>2</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.792.2009.TREATIES-37 of 3 November 2009  
(Accession: Islamic Republic of Iran).

It is in the common interest of States that the object and purpose of the instruments to which they choose to become parties be respected by all parties thereto, and that States be prepared to amend their legislation in order to fulfil their treaty obligations.

The Swiss Federal Council objects to the reservation of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention, in its entirety, between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Switzerland.

15 April 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping letters, positioned below the date.

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