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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
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BULGARIA: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATIONS MADE BY SOMALIA UPON RATIFICATION ¹

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

The above action was effected on 27 September 2016.

(Original: English)

"The Republic of Bulgaria welcomes the ratification by the Federal Republic of Somalia of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 1 October 2015.

The Republic of Bulgaria has carefully examined the reservation made by the Federal Republic of Somalia upon ratification of the Convention, which states that it *"does not consider itself bound by Articles 14, 20, 21 of the [...] Convention and any other provisions of the Convention contrary to the General Principles of Islamic Sharia"*.

The Republic of Bulgaria considers the reservation to articles 14, 20 and 21 incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention, as it affects an essential element of the treaty. Furthermore, the Republic of Bulgaria notes that the aforementioned reservation subordinates the application of all the provisions of the Convention to the General Principles of Islamic Sharia, thus failing to define the extent to which the Federal Republic of Somalia considers itself bound by the provisions of the Convention.

The Republic of Bulgaria notes that according to article 51, paragraph 2 of the Convention a reservation which is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.528.2015.TREATIES-IV.11 of 1 October 2015 (Ratification: Somalia).

Therefore, the Republic of Bulgaria objects to the reservation made by the Federal Republic of Somalia concerning articles 14, 20 and 21 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and concerning any other provision of the Convention contrary to the General Principles of Islamic Sharia.

However, the Republic of Bulgaria specifies that this objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Federal Republic of Somalia."

27 September 2016

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

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