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

The above action was effected on 17 April 2018.

(Original: English)

“The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has carefully examined the reservation made by the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan with respect to article 66, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, as communicated by the Secretary-General via deposit[a]ry notification C.N.249.2017.TREATIES-XVIII.14 of 25 April 2017.

In accordance with article 66, paragraph 3, of the Convention, each State Party may, at the time of signature, ratification, acceptance or approval of or accession to this Convention, declare that it does not consider itself bound by paragraph 2 of this article. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands recalls that the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan deposited its instrument of ratification on 21 September 2016. Since the abovementioned reservation was deposited on 25 April 2017, it was deposited too late by the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands objects to this late reservation by the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan and considers it devoid of any legal effect. This objection shall not preclude the continued application of the Convention between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Kingdom of Bhutan.”

17 April 2018