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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL  
RIGHTS

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QATAR: ACCESSION

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

The above action was effected on 21 May 2018, with:

Reservation and statement (Courtesy Translation) (Original: Arabic)

Reservation:

The State of Qatar does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 3 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, for they contravene the Islamic Sharia with regard to questions of inheritance and birth.

Statement:

The State of Qatar shall interpret that what is meant by “trade unions” and their related issues stated in Article 8 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Right[s], is in line with the provisions of the Labor Law and national legislation. The State of Qatar reserves the right to implement that article in accordance with such understanding.

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The Covenant will enter into force for Qatar on 21 August 2018 in accordance with its article 27 (2) which reads as follows:

“For each State ratifying the present Covenant or acceding to it after the deposit of the thirty-fifth instrument of ratification or instrument of accession, the present Covenant shall enter into force three months after the date of the deposit of its own instrument of ratification or instrument of accession.”

21 May 2018

