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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
NEW YORK, 16 DECEMBER 1966

HUNGARY: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATIONS AND STATEMENTS MADE BY QATAR
UPON ACCESSION ¹

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

The above action was effected on 17 May 2019.

(Original: English)

“Hungary has examined the reservations and statements made by the State of Qatar upon ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights done in New York on 16 December 1966.

The reservations to Article 3 and Article 23 paragraph 4 and the statements 1 to 5 make the application of these provisions of the Covenant subject to the Constitution of the State of Qatar, the Islamic Sharia or national legislation. Hungary considers the statements 1 to 5 made by the State of Qatar by their nature also as reservations.

Hungary is of the view that making the application of Article 3, 23 paragraph 4, as well as Article 7, Article 18 paragraph 2, Article 22, Article 23 paragraph 2 and Article 27 of the Covenant subject to the Constitution of the State of Qatar, the Islamic Sharia and the national legislation, raises doubts as to the extent of Qatar’s commitment to meet its obligations under the Covenant and are incompatible with the object and purpose of the Covenant, that is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all civil and political freedom by all individuals.

Accordingly, Hungary considers the aforementioned reservations inadmissible as they are not permitted under Article 19 sub-paragraph (c) of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, thus objects to these reservations. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Covenant between Hungary and the State of Qatar. The Covenant will thus become operative between the two States without the State of Qatar benefitting from its reservations.”

20 May 2019



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.262.2018.TREATIES-IV.4 of 21 May 2018 (Accession: Qatar).