

Reference: C.N.204.2019.TREATIES-IV.3 (Depositary Notification)

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
RIGHTS

NEW YORK, 16 DECEMBER 1966

IRELAND: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION AND STATEMENT
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 20 May 2019.

(Original: English)

“Ireland welcomes the accession of Qatar to the International Covenant on Economic, Social
and Cultural Rights on 21 May 2018.

Ireland has examined the reservation and statement made by Qatar to the International
Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the time of its accession.

Ireland is of the view that the reservation by Qatar, purporting to exclude its obligations under
Article 3, is contrary to the object and purpose of the Covenant.

Ireland is furthermore of the view that the statement by Qatar, purporting to subject the
implementation of Article 8 to national law, in substance constitutes a reservation limiting the scope of
the Covenant.

Ireland considers that such reservations, which purport to subject the reserving State’s
obligations under an international agreement to national law without specifying the content thereof and
which do not clearly specify the extent of the derogation from the provisions of the international
agreement, may cast doubt on the commitment of the reserving State to fulfil its obligations under the
international agreement. Ireland is furthermore of the view that such a reservation may undermine the
basis of international treaty law and is incompatible with the object and purpose of the international
agreement. Ireland recalls that under international treaty law a reservation incompatible with the object
and purpose of the international agreement shall not be permitted.

Ireland therefore objects to the aforesaid reservations made by Qatar to Articles 3 and 8 of the
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.260.2018.TREATIES-IV.3 of 21 May 2018
(Accession: Qatar).

This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Covenant between Ireland and Qatar.”

20 May 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. h.' with a period at the end.