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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL  
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CZECH REPUBLIC: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION AND STATEMENT MADE BY  
QATAR UPON ACCESSION<sup>1</sup>

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)

“The Government of the Czech Republic has examined the reservation and statement  
formulated by the State of Qatar upon its accession to the International Covenant on Economic, Social  
and Cultural Rights.

The Government of the Czech Republic is of the view that both the reservation formulated by  
the State of Qatar with respect to Article 3 of the Covenant and the statement with respect to Article 8  
of the Covenant amount to reservations of general and vague nature, since they make the application of  
specific provisions of the Covenant subject to the Islamic Sharia and national law and their character  
and scope cannot be properly assessed.

The Government of the Czech Republic wishes to recall that the reservations may not be  
general or vague and that the Covenant is to be applied and interpreted in accordance with international  
law.

The Government of the Czech Republic therefore considers the aforementioned reservations to  
be incompatible with the object and purpose of the Covenant and objects to them. This objection shall  
not preclude the entry into force of the Covenant between the Czech Republic and the State of Qatar,  
without the State of Qatar benefitting from the reservations.”

20 May 2019



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