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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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CZECH REPUBLIC: 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 20 May 2019.

(Original: English)

“The Government of the Czech Republic has examined the reservations and statements
formulated by the State of Qatar upon its accession to the International Covenant on Civil and Political
Rights.

The Government of the Czech Republic is of the view that the statements formulated by the
State of Qatar with respect to Article 7, Article 18.2, Article 22 and Article 23.2 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.

These statements, together with the reservation formulated by the State of Qatar to Article
23.4, leave open the question to what extent the State of Qatar commits itself to the obligations under
these Articles and to the object and purpose of the Covenant as a whole.

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



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