

Reference: C.N.207.2019.TREATIES-IV.4 (Depositary Notification)

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

IRELAND: 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)

“Ireland welcomes the accession of Qatar to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on 21 May 2018.

Ireland has examined the reservations and statements made by Qatar to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights at the time of its accession.

Ireland is of the view that the reservations by Qatar, purporting to exclude its obligations under Article 3 and Article 23 (4), are contrary to the object and purpose of the Covenant.

Ireland is furthermore of the view that the statements by Qatar purporting to subject the implementation of Article 7, Article 18 (2), Article 22, Article 23 (2) and Article 27 to an interpretation that does not contravene the Islamic Sharia and/or its national law in substance constitute reservations 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 religious law and 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 reservations may undermine the basis of international treaty law and are 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, 7, 18 (2), 22, 23 (2), 23 (4) and 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.262.2018.TREATIES-IV.4 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.