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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
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BELGIUM: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION MADE BY LIBYA UPON RATIFICATION ¹

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

The above action was effected on 6 February 2019.

(Translation) (Original: French)

The Kingdom of Belgium has carefully examined the reservation made by the State of Libya on the occasion of the ratification, on 13 February 2018, of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Kingdom of Belgium considers that the reservation to article 25 (a) of the Convention is incompatible with the object and purpose of the said Convention. This reservation has the effect of subjecting the application of this provision of the Convention to its compatibility with Islamic Sharia law and the laws of the State of Libya. The Kingdom of Belgium considers that this reservation tends to limit the liability of the State of Libya under the Convention through a general reference to national laws and Islamic Sharia.

As a result, it is uncertain as to which extent the State of Libya commits to the object and purpose of this provision.

The Kingdom of Belgium recalls that, under the first paragraph of article 46 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, no reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention concerned is permitted. Accordingly, the Kingdom of Belgium objects to the reservation made by the State of Libya in respect of article 25 (a) of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Belgium specifies that this objection does not preclude the entry into force of the said Convention between the Kingdom of Belgium and the State of Libya.

6 February 2019



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.75.2018.TREATIES-IV.15 of 15 February 2018 (Ratification: Libya).