INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM
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ROMANIA: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION AND STATEMENT MADE BY LEBANON UPON ACCESSION

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

The above action was effected on 17 April 2020.

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“The Government of Romania has examined the reservation and statement relating to paragraph 1 (b) of Article 2 of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (New York, 9 December 1999) made by the Government of the Lebanese Republic at the time of its accession to this Convention.

The Government of Romania considers that the aforementioned reservation and statement constitute in fact a reservation that seeks to limit the scope of the Convention on a unilateral basis and is therefore contrary to its object and purpose, which is the suppression of the financing of terrorist acts, irrespective of where they take place and of who carries them out.

The reservation is furthermore contrary to Article 6 of the Convention, according to which States Parties commit themselves to ‘adopt such measures as may be necessary, including where appropriate, domestic legislation, to ensure that criminal acts within the scope of this Convention are under no circumstances justifiable by considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other similar nature’. The Government of Romania recalls that, according to customary international law as codified in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of a treaty shall not be permitted.

The Government of Romania therefore objects to the aforementioned reservation made by the Government of the Lebanese Republic to the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. However, this objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between Romania and the Lebanese Republic.”

24 April 2020

1 Refer to depositary notification C.N.401.2019.TREATIES-XVIII.11 of 29 August 2019 (Accession: Lebanon).