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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE
FINANCING OF TERRORISM
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CZECH REPUBLIC: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION AND STATEMENT MADE BY
LEBANON 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 7 July 2020.

(Original: English)

“The Government of the Czech Republic has examined the reservation and statement made by the Lebanese Republic upon accession to the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism of December 9, 1999, (hereinafter as the 'Convention'), according to which the Government of the Lebanese Republic purports to exclude the application of the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of the Convention.

The Czech Republic considers that the statement also constitutes a reservation, as its aim is to subject the application of the Convention for the Lebanese Republic to a different, narrower definition of terrorism.

By excluding the definition of terrorism set forth in Article 2, paragraph 1 (b) of the Convention and applying a different definition, Lebanon seeks to limit the scope of the Convention on a unilateral basis.

The Government of the Czech Republic considers these reservations to be incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention, which is the suppression of the financing of terrorist acts, irrespective of where they take place and of who carries them out.

In addition, the Government of the Czech Republic is of the view that the reservations are contrary to the terms of Article 6 of the Convention, according to which States Parties commit themselves to adopt such measures as may be necessary to ensure that criminal acts within the scope of the Convention are under no circumstances justifiable by considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or similar nature.

The Government of the Czech Republic wishes to recall 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 and that such a reservation is null and void, and therefore devoid of any legal effect.

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

The Government of the Czech Republic therefore objects to the aforesaid reservations made by the Lebanese Republic to the Convention. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Lebanese Republic and the Czech Republic. The Convention enters into force between Lebanon and the Czech Republic without the Lebanese Republic benefiting from its reservations.”

8 July 2020

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