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CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

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MALDIVES: PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF RESERVATIONS TO ARTICLE 16¹

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

The above action was effected on 24 February 2020.

(Original: English)

“The Government of the Republic of Maldives expresses its desire to withdraw its reservations on Article 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Clause 1, sections (b), (e), (g) and (h) and Clause 2 without prejudice to Islam, which is the basis of all laws in the Maldives as stipulated in the Constitution of the Republic of Maldives. The aforementioned reservations on sections (b), (e), (g) and (h) of Clause 1 and Clause 2 [of Article 16] of CEDAW had become obsolete through the enactment of laws [and] regulations governing marriage and family relations.

This [...] stipulates the declaration by the Government of the Republic of Maldives to withdraw its reservations on sections (b), (e), (g) and (h) of Clause 1 and Clause 2 of Article 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women. The reservations have been lifted in compliance with all domestic legal and legislative procedures.”

The remaining reservations of Maldives to Article 16 of the Convention concern sections (a), (c), (d) and (f) of paragraph 1.

In accordance with article 28 (3) of the Convention, the notification of withdrawal of the above-mentioned reservations takes effect on the date of its receipt by the Secretary-General, i.e. on 24 February 2020.

25 February 2020



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.189.1999.TREATIES-1 of 25 March 1999 (Modification of the reservations made upon accession: Maldives).