

Reference: C.N.156.2022.TREATIES-V.4 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON THE REDUCTION OF STATELESSNESS
NEW YORK, 30 AUGUST 1961

FINLAND: OBJECTION TO THE DECLARATION MADE BY TOGO 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 17 June 2022.

(Original: English)

“The Government of Finland was pleased to learn that the Togolese Republic has become party to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. However, the Government of Finland has carefully examined the declaration to the Convention made by the Togolese Republic upon accession and is of the view that it raises certain concerns.

The Government of Finland is of the view that the second indent of the declaration made by the Togolese Republic seeks to limit the obligation of the Togolese Republic not to deprive a person of its nationality if such deprivation would render him or her stateless to an extent not covered by the exceptions of Article 8, paragraph 3, of the Convention. The declaration therefore amounts to a reservation, which restricts one of the essential obligations under the Convention and is as such contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention and is accordingly not permitted under Article 19, subparagraph (c), of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.

The Government of Finland therefore objects to the reservation contained in the second indent of the declaration made by the Togolese Republic. This objection does not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Republic of Finland and the Togolese Republic. The Convention will thus continue to operate between the two States without the Togolese Republic benefiting from the said reservation.”

21 June 2022



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.237.2021.TREATIES-V.4 of 15 July 2021 (Accession: Togo).