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

SWEDEN: OBJECTION TO THE DECLARATION MADE BY TOGO
UPON ACCESSION

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

The above action was effected on 6 July 2022.

(Original: English)

“The Government of Sweden has examined the declaration to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness made by the Togolese Republic, by which the Togolese Republic expresses that ‘... in accordance with the provisions of Article 8, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Togolese Republic retains the right to deprive a person of the Togolese nationality, in application of Togolese legislation relating to Togolese nationality, in particular for the following reasons:

- if the person who has acquired Togolese nationality engages in activities prejudicial to the interests of Togo;
- if the person who has acquired Togolese nationality has been sentenced, for an act qualified as a crime under Togolese law, to more than five years of imprisonment without parole.’

The Government of Sweden is of the view that the second indent of the declaration seeks to limit the duty of the Togolese Republic not to deprive a person of its nationality if such deprivation would render him or her stateless to an extent which is 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 of the Convention and is as such contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention.

The Government of Sweden therefore objects to the aforementioned reservation made by the Togolese Republic. This objection does not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between

Sweden and the Togolese Republic. The Convention enters into force in its entirety between the two States, without the Togolese Republic benefitting from its reservation.”

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7 July 2022

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