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

The above action was effected on 12 July 2022.

(Original: English)

“The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has examined the declaration made by the Togolese Republic upon its accession to the Convention on the reduction of statelessness on 14 July 2021. Since the declaration limits the legal effect of Article 8 of the Convention, the declaration is considered to be a reservation.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands acknowledges that activities prejudicial to the interests of the Togolese Republic, as referred to in the first indent of the reservation of the Togolese Republic, may be a ground for deprivation of nationality under the Convention. However, the ground for deprivation of nationality as set out in the second indent of the reservation of the Togolese Republic is not permissible under the Convention.

The second indent of the reservation would extend the exceptional grounds on which a person can be deprived of nationality leading to statelessness, thus restricting one of the essential obligations of the Convention in a way contrary to its object and purpose. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands considers this to be a reservation that is not permitted.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore objects to the second indent of the reservation made by the Togolese Republic.

This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Togolese Republic.”

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19 July 2022