

Reference: C.N.409.2022.TREATIES-IV.8.b (Depositary Notification)

OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF
ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

NEW YORK, 6 OCTOBER 1999

COLOMBIA: PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF DECLARATIONS MADE UPON RATIFICATION¹

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

On 22 November 2022, the Government of Colombia notified the Secretary-General of its
decision to partially withdraw the following declarations it made upon ratification. The text of the
declarations being withdrawn reads as follows:

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

The Government of Colombia, exercising the discretion provided for in article 10 of the
Optional Protocol, and subject to the conditions set out therein, declares that it does not recognize the
competence of the Committee provided for in articles 8 and 9 of the Protocol.

The Government of Colombia declares that no provision of the Optional Protocol and no
recommendation of the Committee may be interpreted as requiring Colombia to decriminalize offences
against life or personal integrity.

The remaining declaration reads as follows:

The Government of Colombia understands article 5 of the Protocol to mean that interim
measures not only preclude “a determination on admissibility or on the merits of the communication”,
as established in article 5, paragraph 2, but that any measures involving the enjoyment of economic,
social and cultural rights shall be applied in keeping with the progressive nature of these rights.

23 November 2022



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.81.2007.TREATIES-IV.8.b of 31 January 2007
(Ratification: Colombia).