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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE  
CHILD ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT

NEW YORK, 25 MAY 2000

SOLOMON ISLANDS: **RATIFICATION**

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

The above action was effected on 20 January 2023, with:

Declaration under article 3 (2) (Original: English)

“The Government of Solomon Islands declares that it does not have national armed forces, but in the event that any are established, it will ensure [that] the minimum age for voluntary recruitment of 18 years as provided for under the *Police Act* will in principle be applied for such recruitment. No recruitment shall be carried out without the submission of compulsory proof of age.”

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The Protocol shall enter into force for the Solomon Islands on 20 February 2023 in accordance with its article 10 (2) which reads as follows:

“For each State ratifying the present Protocol or acceding to it after its entry into force, the present Protocol shall enter into force one month after the date of the deposit of its own instrument of ratification or accession.”

20 January 2023

