

Reference: C.N.97.2023.TREATIES-IV.16 (Depositary Notification)

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONS
FROM ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

NEW YORK, 20 DECEMBER 2006

FINLAND: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATION TO ARTICLE 33
MADE BY OMAN 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 24 March 2023.

(Original: English)

“The Government of the Republic of Finland has carefully examined the reservation made by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman to Article 33 of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (hereinafter “the Convention”).

The Government of the Republic of Finland notes that the competence of the Committee on enforced Disappearances under Article 33 of the Convention is not conditional upon general recognition by the State Party. The Government of the Republic of Finland considers that Committee visits provided for in Article 33 of the Convention form an essential part of the implementation of the Convention. A general exclusion of the Committee’s competence in case of suspicion of serious violation of the provisions of the Convention unduly restricts the Committee’s competence and casts doubts on the commitment of the Sultanate of Oman to the object and purpose of the Convention.

The Government of the Republic of Finland thus considers that the above-mentioned reservation is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention and is accordingly not permitted under Article 19 (c) of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.

Therefore, the Government of the Republic of Finland objects to the reservation made by the Government of the Sultanate of Oman to Article 33 of the Convention. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Republic of Finland and the Sultanate of Oman. The

¹ Refer to depositary notifications C.N.94.2023.TREATIES-IV.16 of 29 March 2023 (Ratification: Finland) and C.N.201.2020.TREATIES-IV.16 of 15 June 2020 (Accession: Oman).

Convention will thus become operative between the two states without the Sultanate of Oman benefitting from the aforementioned reservation.”

29 March 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized letters that appear to be 'DN' with a horizontal line underneath.