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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
NEW YORK, 13 DECEMBER 2006

NORWAY: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATIONS MADE BY BHUTAN UPON RATIFICATION¹

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

The above action was effected on 11 March 2025.

(Original: English)

“The Government of Norway has carefully examined the reservation made by the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan upon ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of 13 December 2006, in which ‘[t]he Kingdom of Bhutan does not consider itself bound by paragraph 1(a) and paragraph 2 of Article 18, paragraphs 1(b) and (c) of Article 23, paragraphs 1(c) of Article 27, and section (a) (ii) of Article 29 of the United Nations Convention on [the] Rights of Persons with Disabilities.’

The Government of Norway is of the opinion that paragraph 1(a) and paragraph 2 of Article 18, paragraphs 1(b) and (c) of Article 23, paragraphs 1(c) of Article 27, and section (a) (ii) of Article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, are related to fundamental principles of the Convention. The Government of Norway considers that the exclusion of the application of these provisions is contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention, and that the reservation is impermissible under Article 46, paragraph 1 of the Convention.

It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become Parties are respected, as to their object and purpose, by all Parties. The Government of Norway therefore objects to the aforesaid reservation.

This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Government of Norway and the Kingdom of Bhutan. The Convention thus becomes operative between the Government of Norway and the Kingdom of Bhutan, without [t]he Kingdom of Bhutan benefitting from its aforementioned reservation.”

12 March 2025



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.94.2024.TREATIES-IV.15 of 13 March 2024 (Ratification: Bhutan).