

Reference: C.N.129.2025.TREATIES-IV.15 (Depositary Notification)

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

NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF THE): OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATIONS MADE BY  
BHUTAN UPON RATIFICATION <sup>1</sup>

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 the Kingdom of the Netherlands has carefully examined the reservation made by the Kingdom of Bhutan on 13 March 2024 upon ratification of the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands notes that the 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, paragraph 1(c) of Article 27, and section (a) (ii) of Article 29 of the Convention. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands considers that such a reservation, which seeks to limit the responsibilities of the reserving State under the Convention, raises doubts as to the commitment of that State to the object and purpose of the Convention. The reservation excludes the application of many essential rights covered by the Convention and thereby restricts the full and equal enjoyment by persons with disabilities of those rights. The reservation is therefore incompatible with the Convention’s object and purpose. Moreover, article 46 of the Convention explicitly states that reservations incompatible with its object and purpose shall not be permitted.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands recalls that, according to article 46 of the Convention and according to customary international law as codified in article 19 (c) of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, reservations incompatible with the object and purpose of a Convention are not permissible.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore objects to the reservation of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the Convention.

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

13 March 2025



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