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

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND: 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 12 March 2025.

(Original: English)

“The Government of the United Kingdom has examined the reservations made by the  
Kingdom of Bhutan, upon its ratification of the Convention, which read:

Reservations

*‘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, 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 purpose of the Convention, as set out in Article 1(1), is to promote, protect and ensure the  
full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities,  
and to promote respect for their inherent dignity. The United Kingdom considers that the reservations  
made by the Kingdom of Bhutan are contrary to this purpose as they restrict the full and equal  
enjoyment by persons with disabilities of certain human rights and fundamental freedoms covered by  
the Convention.

The United Kingdom accordingly objects to the reservations as being incompatible with the  
object and purpose of the Convention. They are neither permitted under Article 46(1) of the  
Convention, nor Article 19 of the Vienna Convention of the Law of Treaties.

This objection shall not prevent the entry into force of the Convention as between the  
Kingdom of Bhutan and the United Kingdom.”

14 March 2025



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