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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM

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AUSTRIA: OBJECTION TO THE RESERVATIONS MADE BY THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN 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 3 November 2026.

(Original: English)

"The Government of Austria has carefully examined the reservations made by the Islamic Republic of Iran upon [accession to] the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism on 29 October [2025].

Austria considers that by referring to national legislation, Iran's first reservation is of a general and indeterminate scope. The reservation does not clearly define for the other States Parties the extent to which the reserving state has accepted the obligations of the Convention. Austria therefore considers the reservation to be incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention.

Furthermore, the second reservation relating to paragraph l(b) of Article 2 and Article 6 of the Convention is contrary to the terms of Article 6, according to which States Parties commit themselves to "adopt such measures as may be necessary, including, where appropriate, domestic legislation, to ensure that criminal acts within the scope of this Convention are under no circumstances justifiable by considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other similar nature."

The Government of Austria recalls that, according to customary international law as codified in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of a treaty shall not be permitted. 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 and that States are prepared to undertake any legislative changes necessary to comply with their obligations under the treaties.

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[1] Refer to depositary notification C.N.639.2025.TREATIES-XVIII.11 of 5 November 2025 (Accession: Iran (Islamic Republic of)).

Austria therefore objects to the reservations referred to above.

This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Republic of Austria and the Islamic Republic of Iran."

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4 November 2026