11. **d)** Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure

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Declarations and Reservations
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, acceptance, accession or succession.)

ALBANIA

“According to article 12, first paragraph of the Optional Protocol, the Republic of Albania hereby declares it accepts the competence of the committee to receive and examine the communications in which a State party claims that another State party does not meet its obligations under the instruments referred to in this paragraph [to] which the State is a party.”

BELGIUM

Declaration:

“This signature engages also the French Community, the Flemish Community, the German-speaking Community, the Walloon Region, the Flemish Region and the Brussels-Capital Region.”

Declaration:

The Kingdom of Belgium recognizes the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to receive, pursuant to article 12 of the Optional Protocol, communications from a State party which claims that another State is not fulfilling its obligations.

CHILE

The Republic of Chile declares, in accordance to article 12, entitled Inter-State Communications, of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, that it recognizes the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications in which a State party claims that another State party is not fulfilling its obligations.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Pursuant to Article 12 (1) of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communication Procedure, the Czech Republic declares that it recognizes the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to receive and consider communications according to this article.

FINLAND

“The Republic of Finland declares that it recognizes the competence of the Committee to receive and consider inter-state communications made against it provided for in Article 12 of the Protocol.”

GERMANY

“The Federal Republic of Germany recognizes the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications pursuant to Article 12(1) of the Optional Protocol.”

ITALY

“... pursuant to Article 12 (1) of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure, done at New York on 19 December 2011, the Italian Republic declares that it recognizes the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to receive and consider communications in which a State party claims that another State party is not fulfilling its obligations under the instruments referred to in this Article.”

LIECHTENSTEIN

“According to article 12 of the Optional Protocol from 19 December 2011 to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, the Principality of Liechtenstein declares that it recognises the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to receive and consider communications in which a State party claims that the Principality of Liechtenstein does not fulfil its obligations under any of the following instruments: the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.”

MONACO

Pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 7, of the Protocol, the Principality of Monaco wishes to indicate that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee provided for in the present article in respect of the rights set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

PORTUGAL

“The Portuguese Republic declares that it recognizes the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance and for the purposes of article twelve of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, adopted in New York, on the nineteenth of December of two thousand and eleven.”

SAN MARINO

The Republic of San Marino declares, in accordance with article 12 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, that it recognizes the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to receive and consider communications in which a State Party claims that the Republic of San Marino does not fulfil its obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

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**Slovakia**

“The Slovak Republic recognizes the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to receive and consider communications pursuant to Article 12 (1) of the Optional Protocol.”

**Slovenia**

“Pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 1, of the said Protocol, the Republic of Slovenia declares that it recognises the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to receive and consider communications in which a State party claims that another State party is not fulfilling its obligations under the instruments in this paragraph.”

**Switzerland**

Pursuant to article 12 (1) of the Protocol, Switzerland recognizes the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications under this provision.

**Türkiye**


**Ukraine**

Ukraine states that for the period of temporary occupation of a part of the territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol – as a result of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation and until complete restoration of the constitutional order and effective control by Ukraine over such occupied territory, as well as over certain districts of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine, the application and/or implementation by Ukraine of the obligations under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, as applied to the aforementioned occupied and uncontrolled territory of Ukraine, is limited and is not guaranteed.

**Objections**

*Unless otherwise indicated, the objections were made upon ratification or accession.*

**Cyprus**

“The Republic of Cyprus has examined the Declaration made by the Republic of Turkey on the 26th of December 2017, upon ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (2011), limiting the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to those States Parties which it recognizes and with which it has diplomatic relations. In the view of the Republic of Cyprus, this Declaration amounts to a Reservation.

To this effect, the Republic of Cyprus would like to state that the Objections it has made in respect of the Declarations/Reservations of Turkey with regard to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in armed conflict and to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, fully retain their validity and apply equally to the Reservation of Turkey in respect to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.”

**Notes:**

1 With Territorial exclusion with regard to Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

2 With territorial exclusion in respect of Tokelau (See C.N.303.2022.TREATIES-IV.11.d of 22 September 2022.)