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“The Government of the United Kingdom notes that a modification of the Kingdom of Bahrain’s reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (“the Convention”) was received on 5 August 2016.

The Government of the United Kingdom notes that the Kingdom of Bahrain has substantively modified its reservations in respect of Article 2; Article 15, paragraph 4; and Article 16, stating that the implementation of these Articles will be “*without breaching the provisions of the Islamic Shariah*”.

Notwithstanding that the Government of Bahrain has indicated that the modifications do not imply an extension of the original reservations, and that they instead constitute editorial amendments that do not place any limitations on Bahrain’s commitments upon accession, the Government of the United Kingdom notes that a condition of compatibility with another system of law has been added to the reservation to Article 15, paragraph 4; and has been reformulated in respect of the reservations to Articles 2 and 16. The Government of the United Kingdom further notes that a reservation which consists of a general reference to a system of law without specifying its contents does not clearly define for the other States Parties to the Convention the extent to which the reserving State has accepted the obligations of the Convention. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland therefore objects to the aforesaid reservations in respect of Article 2; Article 15, paragraph 4; and Article 16.”