

No. 14531. INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS. OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT NEW YORK ON 19 DECEMBER 1966¹

ACCESSION

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CANADA

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RATIFICATION

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20 May 1976

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

(With effect from 20 August 1976, subject to the legal effects which each Party might wish to draw from the reservations reproduced below as regards the application of the Covenant. With a declaration of application to the following territories: Bailiwick of Guernsey, Bailiwick of Jersey, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands and dependencies, Gibraltar, Gilbert Islands, Hong Kong, Isle of Man, Montserrat, Pitcairn Group, St. Helena and Dependencies, Solomon Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands and Tuvalu.)

With the following reservations and interpretative statements:

“Firstly the Government of the United Kingdom maintain their declaration in respect of Article 1 made at the time of signature of the Covenant.

The Government of the United Kingdom declare that for the purposes of Article 2.3 the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Gilbert Islands, the Pitcairn Islands Group, St. Helena and Dependencies, the Turks and Caicos Islands and Tuvalu are developing countries.

The Government of the United Kingdom reserve the right to interpret Article 6 as not precluding the imposition of restrictions, based on place of birth or residence qualifications, on the taking of employment in any particular region or territory for the purpose of safeguarding the employment opportunities of workers in that region or territory.

The Government of the United Kingdom reserve the right to postpone the application of sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of Article 7, in so far as it concerns the provision of equal pay to men and women for equal work in the private sector in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Bermuda, Hong Kong and the Solomon Islands.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 993, No. I-14531, and annex A in volume 994.

The Government of the United Kingdom reserve the right not to apply sub-paragraph 1 (b) of Article 8 in Hong Kong.

The Government of the United Kingdom while recognising the right of everyone to social security in accordance with Article 9 reserve the right to postpone implementation of the right in the Cayman Islands and the Falkland Islands because of shortage of resources in these territories.

The Government of the United Kingdom reserve the right to postpone the application of paragraph 1 of Article 10 in regard to a small number of customary marriages in the Solomon Islands and the application of paragraph 2 of Article 10 in so far as it concerns paid maternity leave in Bermuda and the Falkland Islands.

The Government of the United Kingdom maintain the right to postpone the application of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2 of Article 13, and Article 14, in so far as they require compulsory primary education, in the Gilbert Islands, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

Lastly the Government of the United Kingdom declare that the provisions of the Covenant shall not apply to Southern Rhodesia unless and until they inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations that they are in a position to ensure that the obligations imposed by the Covenant in respect of that territory can be fully implemented.”

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