

No. 14668. INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS.  
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON  
16 DECEMBER 1966<sup>1</sup>

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OBJECTION to reservations, understandings and declarations made by the United States  
of America upon ratification<sup>2</sup>

*Notification received on:*

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GERMANY

“The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany objects to the United States’ reservation referring to article 6, paragraph 5 of the Covenant, which prohibits capital punishment for crimes committed by persons below eighteen years of age. The reservation referring to this provision is incompatible with the text as well as the object and purpose of article 6, which, as made clear by paragraph 2 of article 4, lays down the minimum standard for the protection of the right to life.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany interprets the United States’ “reservation” with regard to article 7 of the Covenant as a reference to article 2 of the Covenant, thus not in any way affecting the obligations of the United States of America as a state party to the Covenant.”

*Registered ex officio on 29 September 1993.*

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 999, p. 171; vol. 1057, p. 407 (rectification of authentic Spanish text); vol. 1059, p. 451 (corrigendum to vol. 999); for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 17 and 18, as well as annex A in volumes 1103, 1106, 1120, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1136, 1138, 1141, 1144, 1147, 1150, 1151, 1161, 1181, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1202, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1211, 1213, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1222, 1225, 1249, 1256, 1259, 1261, 1272, 1275, 1276, 1279, 1286, 1289, 1291, 1295, 1296, 1299, 1305, 1308, 1312, 1314, 1316, 1324, 1328, 1329, 1333, 1334, 1338, 1339, 1344, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1351, 1352, 1354, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1360, 1365, 1379, 1387, 1389, 1390, 1392, 1393, 1399, 1403, 1404, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1413, 1417, 1419, 1421, 1422, 1424, 1427, 1429, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1444, 1455, 1457, 1458, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1465, 1475, 1477, 1478, 1480, 1482, 1484, 1485, 1487, 1488, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1495, 1498, 1499, 1501, 1502, 1505, 1506, 1508, 1510, 1512, 1513, 1515, 1520, 1522, 1525, 1527, 1530, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1540, 1543, 1545, 1548, 1551, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1567, 1570, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1582, 1593, 1598, 1607, 1637, 1639, 1642, 1643, 1647, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1653, 1654, 1660, 1663, 1665, 1667, 1669, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1675, 1676, 1678, 1679, 1681, 1685, 1688, 1690, 1691, 1695, 1696, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1709, 1712, 1714, 1717, 1719, 1720, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1727, 1728, 1730, 1731, 1732 and 1734.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1676, No. A-14668.