

No. 2613. CONVENTION ON THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN. OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT NEW YORK, ON 31 MARCH 1953<sup>1</sup>

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ACCESSION

*Instrument deposited on :*

24 February 1967

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

(Including Territories under the territorial sovereignty of the United Kingdom, as well as the State of Brunei, the Kingdom of Tonga, the British Solomon Islands Protectorate and the Protectorate of Swaziland ; reserving the right to postpone the application to the Colony of Aden and the right not to apply the Convention to Rhodesia ; to take effect on 25 May 1967.)

The instrument of accession is accompanied by the following reservations :

"(1) Article III is accepted subject to reservations, pending notification of withdrawal in any case, in so far as it relates to :

"(a) succession to the Crown ;

"(b) certain offices primarily of a ceremonial nature ;

"(c) the function of sitting and voting in the House of Lords pertaining to holders of hereditary peerages and holders of certain offices in the Church of England ;

"(d) recruitment to and conditions of service in the armed forces ;

"(e) jury service in the Bahamas, Grenada, the Isle of Man and Montserrat, as well as in the Kingdom of Tonga ;

"(f) the employment of married women in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service and in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland, Antigua, Fiji, Grenada, Hong Kong, St. Lucia and St. Vincent ;

"(g) remuneration for women in the Civil Service of Gibraltar, Hong Kong and Seychelles, as well as of the Protectorate of Swaziland ;

"(h) the post of Bailiff in Guernsey ;

"(i) in the State of Brunei, the exercise of the royal powers, jury service or its equivalent and the holding of certain offices governed by Islamic Law.

"(2) The United Kingdom reserves the right to postpone the application of this Convention in respect of women living in the Colony of Aden, having regard to the local customs and traditions. Further, the United Kingdom reserves the right not to apply this Convention to Rhodesia unless and until the United Kingdom informs the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it is in a position to ensure that the obligations imposed by the Convention in respect of that territory can be fully implemented."

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 193, p. 135 ; for subsequent actions relating to this Convention, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 2 to 6, as well as Annex A in volumes 520, 543, 550, 551, 565, 570 and 578.