

No. 7525. CONVENTION ON CONSENT TO MARRIAGE, MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES. OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT NEW YORK ON 10 DECEMBER 1962<sup>1</sup>

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ACCESSION

*Instrument deposited on :*

9 July 1970

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

The instrument stipulates that the Government of the United Kingdom accedes to the Convention in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Associated States—Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and St. Vincent — and territories under the territorial sovereignty of the United Kingdom, as well as the State of Brunei.)

With the following declarations and reservations :

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“2. Acting on instructions from Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs I have to declare that the Government of the United Kingdom reserve the right to postpone the application of Article 2 of the Convention in Montserrat pending notification to the Secretary-General that the Article will be applied there.

“3. In addition I have to declare that it is the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom that :

(a) paragraph (1) of Article 1, and the second sentence of Article 2, of the Convention are concerned with entry into marriage under the laws of a State Party and not with the recognition under the laws of one State or territory of the validity of marriages contracted under the laws of another State or territory; nor is paragraph (1) of Article 1 applicable to marriages by cohabitation with habit and repute under the law of Scotland; and

(b) paragraph (2) of Article 1 does not require legislative provision to be made, where no such legislation already exists, for marriages to be contracted in the absence of one of the parties.

“4. I have further to declare that the provisions of the Convention shall not apply to Southern Rhodesia unless and until the Government of the United Kingdom inform the Secretary-General that they are 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. 521, p. 231; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Index No. 8, as well as annex A in volumes 619, 668, 682, 693, 717 and 718.