

No. 7310. VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. DONE AT VIENNA ON 18 APRIL 1961 ¹

OBJECTION to the reservation ² made by Bahrain in respect of the above-mentioned Convention

Notification received on:

19 January 1972

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

“The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic raises objections against the above-mentioned reservation and does not recognize that reservation submitted by the Government of the State of Bahrain.

“The inviolability of diplomatic mail, mostly transported by diplomatic couriers, is absolute and unexceptional. It is the obligation of all States to ensure its inviolability and to abstain from its opening or detention.

“The reservation is not compatible with the object and purpose of the Convention in the sense of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, it cannot be considered admissible since it is contrary to a valid norm of general international law and a fundamental provision of the Convention.”

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, p. 95: for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 7 to 9, as well as annex A in volumes 652, 653, 668, 669, 679, 683, 684, 695, 700, 703, 704, 705, 720, 737, 741, 751, 754, 755, 760, 771, 778, 785, 790 and 798.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 798, p. 341.