

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Country	Reservation ¹	Date of reservation	Objections	Withdrawal	Date of withdrawal
Algeria	2; 9 (2); 15 (4); 16; 29 (1)	Upon accession	Denmark (24 March 1998), Germany (19 June 1997), Netherlands (1 July 1997), Norway (3 July 1997), Portugal (14 August 1997), Sweden (4 August 1997): 2; 9 (2); 15 (4); 16	/	/
Argentina	29 (1)	Upon ratification	/	/	/
Australia	11 (2)	Upon ratification	/	<u>In part</u>	30 August 2000
Austria	7 (b); 11	Upon ratification	/	<u>7(b)</u>	11 September 2000
Bahamas	2(a); 9 (2); 16 (h); 29 (1)	Upon accession	/	/	/
Bahrain	2; 9 (2); 15 (4); 16; 29 (1)	Upon accession	Austria (31 March 2003), Denmark (28 February 2003), Finland (10 March 2003), France (25 April 2003), Germany (18 February 2003): 2, 9, 15 (4), 16; Greece (13 June 2003): 2, 16; Netherlands (22 November 2002),	/	/

¹ In accordance with article 2 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969, a reservation is defined as "... a unilateral statement, however phrased or named, made by a State, when signing, ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to a treaty, whereby it purports to exclude or to modify the legal effect of certain provisions of the treaty in their application to that State".

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			<u>Sweden</u> (27 November 2002):2; 9; 15 (4); 16; <u>United Kingdom</u> (26 June 2003): 2, 16.		
Bangladesh	2; 13 (a), 16 (1) (c) and (f)	Upon accession	<u>Germany</u> (10 July 1985), <u>Mexico</u> (21 February 1985), <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991), <u>Sweden</u> (17 March 1986): 2; 13 (a); 16 (1) (c); 16 (1) (f).	<u>13 (a), 16 (1) (f)</u>	23 July 1997
Belgium	7, 15 (2) and (3)	Upon ratification.	/	<u>7;</u> <u>15 (2) (3)</u>	14 September 1998 8 July 2002
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (Belarus)	Art 29 (1)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification.	/	<u>29 (1)</u>	19 April 1989
Brazil	15 (4); 16 (1) (a), (1) (c), (1) (g) and (1) (h); 29 (1).	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification.	<u>Germany</u> (10 July 1985); <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991), <u>Sweden</u> (17 March 1986): 15 (4); 16 (1) (a), (1) (c), (1) (g), (1) (h).	<u>15 (4); 16 (1) (a), (1) (c), (1) (g), (1) (h).</u>	20 December 1994
Bulgaria	29 (1)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification.	/	<u>29 (1)</u>	24 June 1992
China	29 (1)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	/	/	/
Cyprus	9 (2)	Made upon accession	<u>Mexico</u> (29 January 1986): 9 (2)	<u>9 (2)</u>	28 June 2000
Czechoslovakia	29 (1)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	/	<u>29 (1)</u>	26 April 1991

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Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2 (f), 9 (2), 29 (1)	Upon accession (27 February 2001)	Austria (21 August 2001), Denmark (21 February 2002); Finland (5 March 2002), France (4 March 2002); Germany (2 October 2001), Ireland (2 April 2002), Netherlands (18 September 2001), Norway (20 February 2002), Portugal (4 March 2002), Sweden (25 July 2001), Spain (5 July 2001): 2 (f), 9 (2); United Kingdom (5 March 2002): 2 (f);	/	/
Egypt	2, 9 (2), 16, 29 (1)	Made upon ratification; made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	Germany (10 July 1985): 2, 9 (2). 16; Mexico (16 July 1986): 9, 16; Netherlands (23 July 1991), Sweden (17 March 1986): 2, 9 (2), 16	/	/
El Salvador	29 (1)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	/	/	/
Ethiopia	29 (1)	Made upon ratification	/	/	/
Fiji	5 (a), 9	Made upon accession	Netherlands (1 November 1996): 5 (a), 9	<u>5 (a), 9</u>	24 January 2000
France	5 (b); 7; 9; 14 (2) (c), (h); 15	Made upon signature,	/	<u>7</u> ;	26 March 1984

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	(2), (3); 16 (1) (c), (d), (g), (h); 29 (1)	confirmed ratification		<u>15 (2), (3);</u> ; <u>16 (1) (c), (d)</u> <u>(h)</u> <u>16 (1) (d); 5</u> <u>(b)</u>	21 July 1986 22 December 2003
Germany	29 (1); 7 (b)	Made upon signature; made upon ratification	/	<u>7 (b)</u>	10 December 2001
Hungary	29 (1)	Made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification	/	<u>29 (1)</u>	8 December 1989
India	5 (a); 16 (1), (2); 29 (1)	Made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification	Netherlands (14 July 1994): 5 (a); 16 (1), (2)	/	/
Indonesia	29 (1)	Made upon ratification	/	/	/
Iraq	2 (f), (g); 9 (1), (2); 16; 29 (1)		Germany (3 March 1987), Mexico (4 December 1986), Netherlands (23 July 1991): 2 (f), (g); 9 (1), (2); 16; Sweden (12 March 1987): 2 (f), (g); 9 (1); 16	/	/
Ireland	9 (1); 11 (1); 13 (a), (b), (c); 15 (3), (4); 16 (1) (d), (f)	Made upon accession	/	<u>9 (1); 15 (4);</u> <u>11 (1); 13 (a)</u> <u>15 (3)</u> <u>13 (b); 13 (c)</u>	19 December 1986 24 March 2000 11 June 2004
Israel	7 (b); 16; 29 (1)	Made upon ratification	/	/	/
Jamaica	9 (2); 29 (1)	Upon ratification	Germany (10 July 1985),	<u>9 (2)</u>	8 September 1995

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			<u>Mexico</u> (21 February 1985), <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991), <u>Sweden</u> (17 March 1986): 9 (2).		
<u>Jordan</u>	9 (2); 15 (4); 16 (1) (c), (d), (g)	Made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification	<u>Sweden</u> (5 February 1993): 9 (2); 15 (4); 16 (1) (c), (d), (g)	/	/
<u>Kuwait</u>	7 (a); 9 (2); 16 (f); 29 (1)	Upon accession	<u>Austria</u> (22 February 1996): 7 (a); 16 (f); <u>Belgium</u> (19 January 1996): 7 (a); <u>Denmark</u> (12 February 1997), <u>Finland</u> (16 January 1996), <u>Netherlands</u> (16 January 1996), <u>Norway</u> (2 May 1995); <u>Portugal</u> (15 May 1996), <u>Sweden</u> (17 January 1996): 7 (a); 9 (2); 16 (f)	/	/
<u>Lebanon</u>	9 (2); 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g); 29 (1)	Upon accession	<u>Austria</u> (20 February 1998), <u>Denmark</u> (26 June 1998), <u>Netherlands</u> (15 May 1998): 9 (2); 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g); <u>Sweden</u> (27 January 1998): 9 (2); 16 (1) (c), (d), (f).	/	/
<u>Lesotho</u>	2; Second part: <i>Furthermore, the Lesotho</i>	Upon ratification	<u>Denmark</u> (12 February 1997): 2, second part;	<u>second part</u>	25 August 2004

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	<i>Government declares it shall not take any legislative measures under the Convention where those measures would be incompatible with the Constitution of Lesotho."</i>		<u>Finland</u> (1 November 1996), <u>Netherlands</u> (1 November 1996): <u>Norway</u> (30 October 1996): second part		
<u>Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</u>	2; 16 (1) (c), (d) “...subject to the general reservation that such accession cannot conflict with the laws on personal status derived from the Islamic Shariah.”	Modified reservation (5 July 1995) Upon accession	<u>Denmark</u> (3 July 1990) <u>Finland</u> (8 June 1990) <u>Germany</u> (20 June 1990). <u>Mexico</u> (23 July 1990) <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991) <u>Norway</u> (16 July 1990) <u>Sweden</u> (25 May 1990) To the modified reservation: <u>Finland</u> (16 October 1996)	<u>Modification of the reservation made upon accession</u>	5 July 1995
<u>Liechtenstein</u>	1; 9 (2)	Made upon accession	/	<u>9 (2)</u>	3 October 1996
<u>Luxembourg</u>	7; 16 (1) (g)	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Malawi</u>	...” the Government of the Republic of Malawi shall not, for the time being, consider itself bound by such of the provisions of the Convention as require immediate	Upon accession.	<u>Mexico</u> (5 August 1987) <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991): first paragraph of the statement. <u>Sweden</u> (15 April 1988): the first part of the reservation.	<u>All the reservations made upon accession.</u>	24 October 1991

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	<i>eradication of such traditional customs and practices.”</i>		<u>Germany</u> (7 April 1988): objects to the first part of the reservation.		
<u>Malaysia</u>	2 (f); 5 (a); 7 (b); 9; 11; 16.	Made upon accession	<u>Denmark</u> (12 February 1997, <u>Finland</u> (16 October 1996): to general nature of the reservations, in particular 2 (f); 5 (a); <u>Germany</u> (8 October 1996): to all reservations ; <u>Netherlands</u> (15 October 1996): nature of the reservations too general, in particular 2 (f); 5 (a); 9; 16. <u>Norway</u> (16 October 1996): all the reservations. <u>Sweden</u> (25 October 1996): all reservations. With regard to the modified reservation: <u>France</u> (20 July 1998) <i>Declaration:</i> <u>Netherlands</u> (21 July 1998)	<u>2 (f); 9 (1); 16 (1) (b), (d), (e), (h)</u> <u>In addition: Modification of the reservations with regard to 5 (a); 7 (b); 9 (2); 16 (1) (a); 16 (2).</u>	6 February 1998

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Maldives	7 (a); 16 <i>“...will comply with the provisions of the Convention, except those which the Government may consider contradictory to the principles of the Islamic Sharia upon which the laws and traditions of the Maldives is founded. Furthermore, the Republic of Maldives does not see itself bound by any provisions of the Convention which obliges to change its Constitution and laws in any manner.”</i>	Modified reservations (29 January 1999) Made upon accession	<u>Austria</u> (26 October 1994); <u>Canada</u> (25 October 1994); <u>Finland</u> (5 May 1994); <u>Germany</u> (24 October 1994); <u>Netherlands</u> (14 July 1994) <u>Norway</u> (25 October 1994); <u>Portugal</u> (26 October 1994); <u>Sweden</u> (26 October 1994); <u>Denmark</u> (12 February 1997): the whole reservation. With regard to the modified reservation: <u>Germany</u> (16 August 1999); <i>Declaration:</i> <u>Finland</u> (17 August 1999).	<u>Modification of reservations</u>	29 January 1999
Malta	11 (1); 13; 15; 16 (1) (e)	Upon accession	/	/	/
Mauritania” <i>have approved and do approve it in each and every one of its parts which are not contrary to Islamic Sharia and are in accordance</i>	Upon accession	<u>Austria</u> (13 February 2002); <u>Denmark</u> (21 February 2002); <u>Finland</u> (31 May 2002); <u>France</u> (17 June 2002); <u>Germany</u> (14 March 2002)	/	/

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	<i>with our Constitution.”</i>		<u>Ireland</u> (13 June 2002); <u>Netherlands</u> (8 February 2002); <u>Norway</u> (20 May 2002) <u>Portugal</u> (4 March 2002); <u>Sweden</u> (21 January 2002); <u>United Kingdom</u> (28 November 2001).		
Mauritius	11 (1) (b), (d); 16 (1) (g); 29 (1).	Upon accession	<u>Germany</u> (10 July 1985), <u>Mexico</u> (11 January 1985), <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991), <u>Sweden</u> (17 March 1986): 11 (1) (b), (d); 16 (1) (g).	<u>11 (1) (b), (d);</u> <u>16 (1) (g)</u>	5 May 1998
Micronesia	11 (1) (d), (2) (b); 2 (f); 5; 16; 29 (1)	Upon accession	/	/	/
Mongolia	29 (1)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	/	<u>29 (1)</u>	19 July 1990
Morocco	2; 15 (4); 9 (2); 16; 29 (1)	Upon accession	<u>Netherlands</u> (14 July 1994): 2; 15 (4); 9 (2); 16	/	/
Myanmar	29 (1)	Upon accession	/	/	/
New Zealand	<i>... ”reserve the right, to the extent the Convention is inconsistent with the provisions of the Convention concerning the Employment of Women on</i>	Upon ratification	In respect of the Cook Islands only: <u>Mexico</u> (22 May 1985); <u>Sweden</u> (17 March 1986): 2 (f); 5 (a)	<u>Withdrawal of the reservation referring to the Convention ‘Employment of Women on Underground Work in Mines of all</u>	13 January 1989

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	<p><i>Underground Work in Mines of all Kinds ...to apply the provisions of the latter."</i></p> <p><i>...”reserve the right not to apply the provisions of the Convention in so far as they are inconsistent with policies relating to recruitment into or service in the Armed Forces... or the law enforcement forces....”</i></p> <p>11 (2) (b); in respect of the Cook Islands: 2 (f); 5 (a).</p>			<p><u>Kinds’.</u></p> <p><u>Partial - only in respect of the metropolitan territory of New Zealand: 11 c(2) (b)</u></p>	5 September 2003
Niger	2 (d), (f); 5 (a); 15 (4); 16 (1) (c), (e), (g); 29 (1)	Upon accession	<p><u>Denmark</u> (2 November 2000), <u>Finland</u> (24 October 2000), <u>France</u> (14 November 2000), <u>Netherlands</u> (6 December 2000), <u>Norway</u> (1 November 2000), <u>Sweden</u> (27 April 2000): 2 (d), (f); 5 (a); 15 (4); 16 (1) (c), (e), (g)</p>	/	/
Pakistan	<i>“The accession ...is subject to the provisions of the Constitution of</i>	Upon accession	<p><u>Austria</u> (5 June 1997), <u>Denmark</u> (23 March 1998), <u>Finland</u></p>	/	/

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	<i>the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.</i> " 29 (1)		(6 June 1997), <u>Germany</u> (28 May 1997), <u>Netherlands</u> (30 May 1997), <u>Norway</u> (6 June 1997), <u>Portugal</u> (23 July 1997), <u>Sweden</u> (13 August 1997): against the first general part of the reservation		
<u>Poland</u>	29 (1)	Upon ratification	/	<u>29 (1)</u>	16 October 1997
<u>Republic of Korea</u>	9; 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g)	Upon ratification	<u>Germany</u> (10 July 1985), <u>Mexico</u> (6 June 1985), <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991); <u>Sweden</u> (17 March 1986): 9; 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g).	<u>16 (1) (c), (d);</u> <u>(f)</u> 9	15 March 1991 24 August 1999
<u>Romania</u>	29 (1)	Upon ratification	/	<u>29 (1)</u>	2 April 1997
<u>Saudi Arabia</u>	<i>"In case of contradiction between any term of the Convention and the norms of islamic law, the Kingdom is not under obligation to observe the contradictory terms of the Convention."</i> Art 9 (2), 29 (1)	Upon ratification	<u>Austria</u> (21 August 2001), <u>Denmark</u> (10 August 2001), <u>Finland</u> (8 October 2001), <u>France</u> (26 June 2001), <u>Germany</u> (19 January 2001), <u>Ireland</u> (2 October 2001), <u>Netherlands</u> (18 September 2001), <u>Norway</u> (9 October 2001), <u>Portugal</u> (18 July 2001),	/	/

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			<u>Spain</u> (22 February 2001): first part of the reservation, 9 (2); <u>Sweden</u> (30 March 2001), <u>United Kingdom</u> (6 September 2001): first part of the reservation		
<u>Singapore</u>	2, 16, 11 (1) , 29 (1)	Upon accession	<u>Denmark</u> (12 February 1997), <u>Finland</u> (21 November 1996), <u>Norway</u> (21 November 1996), <u>Netherlands</u> (20 November 1996), <u>Sweden</u> (13 August 1997) the whole reservation	/	/
<u>Spain</u>	<i>“The ratification of the Convention by Spain shall not affect the constitutional provisions concerning succession to the Spanish crown.”</i>	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Syrian Arab Republic</u>	2; 9 (2); 15 (4), 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g), (2); 29 (1)		<u>Finland</u> (17 June 2003): 2; 9 (2); 15 (4), 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g); <u>France</u> (21 July 2003), <u>Spain</u> (31 July 2003), <u>Sweden</u> (11 July 2003): the reservations made; <u>United Kingdom</u> (26 June 2003): 2; 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g),	/	/

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			(2)		
Switzerland	7 (b); 16 (1) (g), (h); 15 (2)	Upon ratification.	/	<u>7 (b)</u>	29 April 2004
Thailand	7; 10; 9 (2); 11 (1) (b); 15 (3); 16; 29 (1).	Made upon accession.	<u>Germany</u> (15 October 1986): 7; 9 (2); 10; 11 (1) (b); 15 (3); 16; <u>Mexico</u> (16 October 1986): 9 (2); 15 (3); 16; <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991), <u>Sweden</u> (17 March 1986): 9 (2); 15 (3); 16.	<u>16,29</u> <u>9 (2)</u> <u>11 (1) (b); 15 (3)</u>	1 August 1996 26 October 1992 25 January 1991
Trinidad and Tobago	29 (1)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification.	/	/	/
Tunisia	“.. shall not take any organizational or legislative decision in conformity with the requirements of this Convention where such a decision would conflict with the provisions of chapter I of the Tunisian Constitution.” 9 (2); 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g), (h); 15 (4); 29 (1);	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification.	<u>Germany</u> (15 October 1986): First general part of the reservation, 9 (2), 15 (4), 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g), (h); <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991), <u>Sweden</u> (17 March 1986): 9 (2); 15 (4); 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g), (h).	/	/
Turkey	15 (2), (4); 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g); 29 (1)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	<u>Germany</u> (3 March 1987), <u>Mexico</u> 7 May 1986, <u>Netherlands</u> (23 July 1991): 15	<u>15 (2), (4); 16, (1) (c), (d), (f), (g)</u>	20 September 1999

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			(2), (4); 16 (1) (c), (d), (f), (g)		
United Arab Emirates	2 (f); 9; 15 (2); 16, 29 (1)	Made upon accession	/	/	/
United Kingdom	1; 2; 9; 10; 11; 13; 15; 16.	Made upon ratification	<u>Argentina</u> (4 April 1989): <i>rejects the extension of the territorial application of the Convention to the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, by the Government of the United Kingdom.</i>	<u>13</u> <u>1; 2; 9; 11;</u> <u>15; 16</u>	4 January 1995 22 March 1996