

## Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Country	Reservation <sup>1</sup>	Date of reservation	Objections	Withdrawal	Date of withdrawal
<a href="#">Algeria</a>	14 (1), (2); 13; 16; 17	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Andorra</a>	7; 8	Upon ratification	<a href="#">Netherlands</a> (6 March 1997)	/	/
<a href="#">Argentina</a>	21 (b), (c), (d), (e);  24 (f)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification  Upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Australia</a>	37 (c)	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Austria</a>	13; 15; 17	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Bahamas</a>	2	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Bangladesh</a>	14 (1); 21	Made upon ratification	<a href="#">Ireland</a> (28 September 1992); <a href="#">Portugal</a> (15 July 1992): 14 (1); 21 <a href="#">Sweden</a> (20 July 1993): 21	/	/
<a href="#">Belgium</a>	2 (1); 13; 15; 40 (2) (b) (v)	Made upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Bosnia and Herzegovina</a>	9 (1)	Upon succession	/	/	/
<a href="#">Botswana</a>	1	Upon accession	<a href="#">Denmark</a> (3 July 1996); <a href="#">Germany</a> (13 June 1996) <a href="#">Italy</a> (14 June 1996) <a href="#">Netherlands</a>	/	/

<sup>1</sup> 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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			(14 June 1996)		
<a href="#">Brunei Darussalam</a>	“... reservation on the provisions... which may be contrary to the Constitution and to the beliefs and principles of Islam,... in particular expresses its reservation on articles 14, 20, 21 of the Convention.”	Upon accession	<a href="#">Austria</a> (3 March 1997) <a href="#">Denmark</a> (10 Feb 1997); <a href="#">Finland</a> (20 March 1997) <a href="#">Germany</a> (12 Feb 1997) <a href="#">Italy</a> (23 December 1996); <a href="#">Ireland</a> (13 March 1997) <a href="#">Netherlands</a> (3 March 1997) <a href="#">Norway</a> (4 March 1997) <a href="#">Portugal</a> (30 January 1997) <a href="#">Sweden</a> (13 August 1997)	/	/
<a href="#">Canada</a>	21; 37 (c)	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">China</a>	6  For the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region: 37 (c); 32 (b); 22	Upon ratification  United Kingdom: territorial application notification of 7 September 1994	/	<a href="#">Regarding Hong Kong: Declaration concerning 22.</a>	10 April 2003
<a href="#">Cook Islands</a>	2; 10; 37 (c)	Upon accession	/	/	/
<a href="#">Croatia</a>	9 (1)	Upon succession	/	9 (1)	26 May 1998

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<a href="#">Czech Republic</a>	7 (1)	Upon succession	/	/	/
<a href="#">Denmark</a>	40 (2) (b) (v);  "Until further notice the Convention shall not apply to Greenland and the Faeroe Islands	Upon ratification	/	"Until further notice the Convention shall not apply to Greenland and the Faeroe Islands.	11 May 1993
<a href="#">Djibouti</a>	"...shall not consider itself bound by any provisions or articles that are incompatible with its religion and its traditional values."	Upon ratification	<a href="#">Denmark</a> (16 October 1995); <a href="#">Ireland</a> (28 September 1992) <a href="#">Netherlands</a> (6 February 1995) <a href="#">Portugal</a> (15 July 1992) <a href="#">Sweden</a> (20 July 1993);	/	/
<a href="#">Egypt</a>	20; 21	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	/	<u>20; 21</u>	31 July 2003
<a href="#">France</a>	30; 40 (2) (b) (v)	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Germany</a>	40 (2) (b) (ii), (v);	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Holy See</a>	24 (2) (f); 13; 14; 15; 16; 28	Upon ratification	/	/	/

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	“...declares the Convention to be “compatible in practice with the particular nature of the Vatican City State and of the sources of its objective law ... and, ... with its legislation in the matters of citizenship, access and residence.”				
<a href="#">Iceland</a>	37 (c)	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Indonesia</a>	<i>‘The ratification of the Convention... does not imply the acceptance of obligations going beyond the Constitutional limits nor the acceptance of any obligation to introduce any right beyond those prescribed under the Constitution.’</i>  1; 14; 16; 17; 21; 22; 29	Upon ratification	<a href="#">Finland</a> (25 July 1991) <a href="#">Ireland</a> (28 September 1992); <a href="#">Netherlands</a> (6 February 1995); <a href="#">Portugal</a> (15 July 1992); <a href="#">Sweden</a> (20 September 1991)	<u>The whole reservation</u>	2 February 2005
<a href="#">Iran</a>	"... reserves the right not to apply any provisions or articles of the Convention that are incompatible with Islamic Laws and the international legislation in effect."	Upon ratification	<a href="#">Austria</a> (6 September 1995) <a href="#">Denmark</a> (16 October 1995); <a href="#">Finland</a> (5 September 1995); <a href="#">Germany</a> (11 August 1995);	/	/

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			<u>Ireland</u> (5 September 1995); <u>Italy</u> (25 September 1995); <u>Netherlands</u> (6 February 1995) <u>Norway</u> (5 September 1995); <u>Portugal</u> (13 December 1994); <u>Sweden</u> (1 September 1995)		
<u>Iraq</u>	14 (1)	Upon accession	/	/	/
<u>Japan</u>	37 (c)	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Jordan</u>	14, 20; 21	Upon ratification	<u>Finland</u> (9 June 1993) <u>Ireland</u> (28 September 1992) <u>Sweden</u> (26 August 1992)	/	/
<u>Kiribati</u>	24 (b) (c) (d) (e) (f); 26; 28 (b) (c) (d); 12-16	Upon accession	<u>Austria</u> (3 March 1997); <u>Netherlands</u> (3 March 1997): only to 12-16; <u>Portugal</u> (30 January 1997); <u>Sweden</u> (13 August 1997)	/	/
<u>Kuwait</u>	"...reservations on all provisions of the Convention that are	Upon signature	<u>Ireland</u> (28 September 1992);	/	/

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	incompatible with the laws of Islamic Shari'a and the local statutes in effect."  7; 21	Upon ratification	<u>Portugal</u> (15 July 1992)		
<u>Liechtenstein</u>	7; 10	Upon ratification	<u>Netherlands</u> (3 March 1997): 7; 10	<u>Partially: 10</u> <u>(2)</u>	10 December 2003
<u>Luxembourg</u>	6; 7; 15	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Malaysia</u>	1; 2; 7; 13; 14; 15; 22 28; 37; 40 (3); 40 (4); 44; 45	Upon accession	<u>Austria</u> (18 June 1996); <u>Belgium</u> (1 July 1996); <u>Denmark</u> (2 July 1996); <u>Finland</u> (14 June 1996); <u>Germany</u> (20 March 1996); <u>Ireland</u> (26 June 1996); <u>Netherlands</u> (25 June 1996); <u>Norway</u> (27 June 1996); <u>Portugal</u> (4 December 1995); <u>Sweden</u> (26 June 1996): The whole reservation.	<u>22; 28 (1) (b)</u> <u>(c) (d) (e); 28</u> <u>(2), (3); 40</u> <u>(3), (4); 44;</u> <u>45</u>	23 March 1999
<u>Maldives</u>	14; 21	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Mali</u>	16	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Malta</u>	26	Upon ratification	/	<u>26</u>	20 August 2001

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<u>Mauritania</u>	<i>“..reservations to articles or provisions which may be contrary to the beliefs and values of Islam, the religion of the Mauritania People and State.”</i>	Upon signature	/	/	/
<u>Mauritius</u>	22	Upon accession	/	/	/
<u>Monaco</u>	7; 40 (2) (b) (v)	Upon accession	/	/	/
<u>Morocco</u>	14	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Myanmar</u>	15; 37	Upon accession	<u>Germany</u> (25 June 1992); <u>Ireland</u> (28 September 1992); <u>Portugal</u> (15 July 1992); <u>Sweden</u> (20 July 1993): 15; 37	<u>15; 37</u>	19 October 1993
<u>Netherlands</u>	26; 37 (c); 40;	Upon acceptance	/	/	/
<u>New Zealand</u>	“Nothing in this Convention shall affect the right of the Government of New Zealand to continue to distinguish as it considers appropriate in its law and practice between persons according to the nature of their authority to be in New Zealand including but not limited to their entitlement to benefits and other protections	Upon ratification	/	/	/

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	<p>described in the Convention, and the Government of New Zealand reserves the right to interpret and apply the Convention accordingly.”</p> <p>32 (1); 37 (c)</p>				
<a href="#">Norway</a>	40 (2) (b) (v)	Upon ratification	/	<u>40 (2) (b) (v)</u>	19 September 1995
<a href="#">Oman</a>	<p>9 (4); 21; 14; 30</p> <p>“A reservation is entered to all the provisions of the Convention that do not accord with Islamic law or the legislation in force in the Sultanate and, in particular,…”</p> <p>“The provisions of the Convention should be applied within the limits imposed by the material resources available.”</p>	Upon accession	<p><u>Austria</u> (19 February 1998),  <u>Finland</u> (6 February 1998): the reservation in para. 2 (which is referring to Islamic law);  <u>Germany</u> (28 January 1998): the whole reservation;  <u>Netherlands</u> (10 February 1998): the reservation in para. 2 (which is referring to Islamic law), 14, 30;  <u>Norway</u> (9 February 1998),  <u>Sweden</u> (9 February 1998): the reservation in para. 2 (which is referring to</p>	/	/



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			Islamic law).		
<a href="#">Pakistan</a>	"Provisions of the Convention shall be interpreted in the light of the principles of Islamic laws and values."	Made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification	<a href="#">Denmark</a> (16 October 1995); <a href="#">Finland</a> (25 July 1991); <a href="#">Ireland</a> (28 September 1992); <a href="#">Netherlands</a> (6 February 1995); <a href="#">Portugal</a> (15 July 1992); <a href="#">Sweden</a> (20 September 1991).	<u>The whole reservation</u>	23 July 1997
<a href="#">Poland</a>	7;  12 to 16: "...shall be exercised with respect for parental authority, in accordance with Polish customs and traditions regarding the place of the child within and outside the family."  24 (2) (f): "...family planning and education services for parents should be in keeping with the principles of morality."	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<a href="#">Qatar</a>	"...general reservation ...concerning provisions incompatible with Islamic Law."	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	<a href="#">Austria</a> (18 June 1996), <a href="#">Belgium</a> (1 July 1996), <a href="#">Denmark</a> (3 July 1996),	/	/

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			<u>Finland</u> (14 June 1996),  <u>Germany</u> (20 March 1996), <u>Italy</u> (14 June 1996), <u>Netherlands</u> (11 June 1996), <u>Norway</u> (14 June 1996), <u>Portugal</u> (11 January 1996): the reservation made upon ratification; <u>Slovakia</u> (9 August 1993): the reservation made upon signature.		
<u>Republic of Korea</u>	9 (3); 21 (a); 40 (2) (b) (v)	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Samoa</u>	28 (1) (a)	Upon ratification	/	/	/
<u>Saudi Arabia</u>	"...reservations with respect to all such articles as are in conflict with the provisions of Islamic law."	Upon accession	<u>Austria</u> (3 March 1997); <u>Denmark</u> (10 February 1997); <u>Finland</u> (20 March 1997); <u>Germany</u> (12 February 1997); <u>Ireland</u> (13 March 1997); <u>Netherlands</u>	/	/

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			(3 March 1997); <u>Norway</u> (13 March 1997); <u>Portugal</u> (30 January 1997); <u>Sweden</u> (18 March 1997);		
<u>Singapore</u>	12-17; 19 and 37  para. 3“... The accession ...does not imply the acceptance of obligations going beyond the limits prescribed by the Constitution ... nor the acceptance of any obligation to introduce any right beyond those prescribed under the Constitution.”	Upon accession	<u>Belgium</u> (26 September 1996), <u>Finland</u> (26 November 1996), <u>Germany</u> (4 September 1996): 19 and 37; reservation in para. 3 which refers to the Constitution; <u>Italy</u> (4 October 1996): para. 3; <u>Netherlands</u> (6 November 1996), <u>Norway</u> (29 November 1996): 19 and 37; reservation in para. 3 which refers to the Constitution; <u>Portugal</u> (3 December 1996): the reservations made;	/	/

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			<u>Sweden</u> (13 August 1997): all the declarations and para. 3 which refers to the Constitution.		
<u>Slovakia</u>	7 (1)	Upon succession	/	/	/
<u>Slovenia</u>	9 (1)	Upon succession	/	<u>9 (1)</u>	19 January 2004
<u>Switzerland</u>	5; 7; 10 (1); 37 (c); 40.	Upon ratification.	/	<u>40 (2) (b) (vi)</u> <u>5</u>	12 January 2004 8 April 2004
<u>Syrian Arab Republic</u>	"...provisions which are not in conformity with the Syrian Arab legislations and with the Islamic Shariah's principles, in particular..." 14; 20; 21.	Upon ratification	<u>Denmark</u> (16 October 1995); <u>Finland</u> (24 June 1994); <u>Germany</u> (21 September 1994); <u>Italy</u> (18 July 1994); <u>Netherlands</u> (6 February 1995); <u>Norway</u> (25 October 1994); <u>Sweden</u> (29 March 1994): the reservations made	/	/
<u>Thailand</u>	7; 22; 29	Upon accession	<u>Ireland</u> (28 September	<u>29</u>	11 April 1997

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			1992); <u>Sweden</u> (20 July 1993): the reservations made.		
<a href="#">Tunisia</a>	Para. 1 'declarations': "...it shall not, in implementation of this Convention, adopt any legislative or statutory decision that conflicts with the Tunisian Constitution."  2; 7; 40 (2) (b) (v)	Upon ratification	<u>Germany</u> (17 March 1993): para 1 'declarations' referring to the Constitution; and reservation to article 2. <u>Ireland</u> (28 September 1992): the reservations.	40 (2) (b) (v); <u>and para. 2</u> 'declarations' referring to in <u>the means at</u> <u>its disposal.</u>	1 March 2002
<a href="#">Turkey</a>	17; 29; 30	Made upon signature, confirmed upon ratification	<u>Netherlands</u> (14 June 1996); <u>Portugal</u> (15 July 1992): the reservation	/	/
<a href="#">United Arab Emirates</a>	7; 14; 17; 21	Upon accession	<u>Austria</u> (16 November 1998): the reservation; <u>Italy</u> (2 April 1998): 14, 17, 21; <u>Netherlands</u> (6 April 1998): the reservation	/	/
<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>	"...reserves the right to apply such legislation, in so far as it relates to the entry into, stay in and departure from the United Kingdom of those who do not have the right under the	Upon ratification	<u>Argentina</u> (3 April 1995): the territorial extension of the Convention in respect of the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich	<u>37 (d)</u>  <u>32 (but not</u> <u>with regard to</u> <u>the overseas</u> <u>territories).</u>	18 April 1997  3 August 1999

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	law of the United Kingdom to enter and remain in the United Kingdom, and to the acquisition and possession of citizenship, as it may deem necessary from time to time.”  32; 37 (c); 37 (d)		Islands.		
<a href="#"><u>Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)</u></a>	9 (1)	Upon succession	<i>Communication Slovenia</i> (28 May 1997): objects the withdrawal since it was made by a state that did not make the reservation. The state that withdraws is not the same state under international law as the state that made the reservation. <i>Croatia</i> (3 June 1997); <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> (4 June 1997); <i>Republic of Macedonia</i> (10 October 1997): identical as the communication made by Slovenia.	<u>(9) 1</u>	28 January 1997

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		Upon succession.		<u>Confirmation of withdrawal: 9 (1)</u>	12 March 2001