

11. d) Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure

New York, 19 December 2011

NOT YET IN FORCE

in accordance with article 19(1) which reads as follows: "The present Protocol shall enter into force three months after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession."

STATUS:

Signatories: 43. Parties: 8.

TEXT:

A/RES/66/138

Note: The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, opened for signature in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 February 2012 and remains open for signature thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

| <i>Participant</i> | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Accession(a), Ratification</i> | <i>Participant</i> | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Accession(a), Ratification</i> |
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| Albania..... | 24 Sep 2012 | 29 May 2013 | Madagascar..... | 24 Sep 2012 | |
| Andorra..... | 26 Sep 2012 | | Maldives..... | 28 Feb 2012 | |
| Argentina..... | 25 Jul 2012 | | Mali..... | 28 Feb 2012 | |
| Austria..... | 28 Feb 2012 | | Malta..... | 18 Apr 2012 | |
| Belgium..... | 28 Feb 2012 | | Mauritius..... | 13 Aug 2012 | |
| Benin..... | 24 Sep 2013 | | Montenegro..... | 28 Feb 2012 | 24 Sep 2013 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of)..... | | 2 Apr 2013 a | Morocco..... | 28 Feb 2012 | |
| Brazil..... | 28 Feb 2012 | | Paraguay..... | 26 Sep 2012 | |
| Cape Verde..... | 24 Sep 2012 | | Peru..... | 28 Feb 2012 | |
| Chile..... | 28 Feb 2012 | | Poland..... | 30 Sep 2013 | |
| Costa Rica..... | 28 Feb 2012 | | Portugal..... | 28 Feb 2012 | 24 Sep 2013 |
| Côte d'Ivoire..... | 24 Sep 2013 | | Romania..... | 13 Jun 2012 | |
| Cyprus..... | 27 Jul 2012 | | Senegal..... | 1 Oct 2012 | |
| Ecuador..... | 24 Apr 2013 | | Serbia..... | 28 Feb 2012 | |
| El Salvador..... | 25 Jul 2013 | | Seychelles..... | 24 Sep 2013 | |
| Finland..... | 28 Feb 2012 | | Slovakia..... | 28 Feb 2012 | |
| Gabon..... | | 25 Sep 2012 a | Slovenia..... | 28 Feb 2012 | |
| Germany..... | 28 Feb 2012 | 28 Feb 2013 | Spain..... | 28 Feb 2012 | 3 Jun 2013 |
| Ghana..... | 24 Sep 2013 | | Thailand..... | 25 Sep 2012 | 25 Sep 2012 |
| Guinea-Bissau..... | 24 Sep 2013 | | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia..... | 23 May 2012 | |
| Italy..... | 28 Feb 2012 | | Turkey..... | 24 Sep 2012 | |
| Liechtenstein..... | 24 Sep 2012 | | Uruguay..... | 28 Feb 2012 | |
| Luxembourg..... | 28 Feb 2012 | | | | |

Declarations and Reservations

(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, acceptance, accession or succession.)

ALBANIA

Declaration:

“According to article 12, first paragraph of the Optional Protocol, the Republic of Albania hereby declares it accepts the competence of the committee to receive and examine the communications in which a State

party claims that another State party does not meet its obligations under the instruments referred to in this paragraph [to] which the State is a party.”

BELGIUM

Upon Signature
Declaration:

“This signature engages also the French Community, the Flemish Community, the German-speaking Community, the Walloon Region, the Flemish Region and the Brussels-Capital Region.”

GERMANY

Declaration:

“The Federal Republic of Germany recognizes the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications pursuant to Article 12(1) of the Optional Protocol.”

PORTUGAL

“The Portuguese Republic declares that it recognizes the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance and for the purposes of article twelve of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, adopted in

New York, on the nineteenth of December of two thousand and eleven.”

TURKEY

Declaration:

The Republic of Turkey declares with regard to the competence of the Committee on the Rights of the Child as provided for by the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, that the reservations and declarations it made to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in armed conflict and to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography fully retain their validity.