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| STATUS AS AT : 22-12-2016 05:00:30 EDT  **CHAPTER IV**  HUMAN RIGHTS   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **8. b Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women** | | | | | New York, 6 October 1999 | | | | | **Entry into force** | : | 22 December 2000, in accordance with article 16(1)(see paragraph 16 of Resolution A/RES/54/4). |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Registration** | : | 22 December 2000, No. 20378 | | **Status** | : | Signatories : 80. Parties : 108 |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Text** | : | United Nations,  *Treaty Series* , [vol. 2131](http://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/UNTS/Volume%202131/v2131.pdf), p. 83. | | **Note** | : | The Protocol was adopted by resolution [A/RES/54/4](https://treaties.un.org/doc/source/docs/A_RES_54_4-Eng.pdf) of 6 October 1999 at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. In accordance with its article 15 (1), the Protocol will be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 December 1999. | |
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2000 |  | | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 10 Dec 1999 | 27 Sep 2000 | | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 7 Sep 2000 | 4 Sep 2002 | | Botswana |  | 21 Feb 2007 a | | Brazil | 13 Mar 2001 | 28 Jun 2002 | | Bulgaria | 6 Jun 2000 | 20 Sep 2006 | | Burkina Faso | 16 Nov 2001 | 10 Oct 2005 | | Burundi | 13 Nov 2001 |  | | Cabo Verde |  | 10 Oct 2011 a | | Cambodia | 11 Nov 2001 | 13 Oct 2010 | | Cameroon |  | 7 Jan 2005 a | | Canada |  | 18 Oct 2002 a | | Central African Republic |  | 11 Oct 2016 a | | Chad | 26 Sep 2012 |  | | Chile | 10 Dec 1999 |  | | [Colombia](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-8-b&chapter=4&clang=_en#EndDec) | 10 Dec 1999 | 23 Jan 2007 | | Congo | 29 Sep 2008 |  | | Cook Islands |  | 27 Nov 2007 a | | Costa Rica | 10 Dec 1999 | 20 Sep 2001 | | Côte d'Ivoire |  | 20 Jan 2012 a | | Croatia | 5 Jun 2000 | 7 Mar 2001 | | [Cuba](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-8-b&chapter=4&clang=_en#EndDec) | 17 Mar 2000 |  | | Cyprus | 8 Feb 2001 | 26 Apr 2002 | | Czechia | 10 Dec 1999 | 26 Feb 2001 | | Denmark | 10 Dec 1999 | 31 May 2000 | | Dominican Republic | 14 Mar 2000 | 10 Aug 2001 | | Ecuador | 10 Dec 1999 | 5 Feb 2002 | | El Salvador | 4 Apr 2001 |  | | Equatorial Guinea |  | 16 Oct 2009 a | | Finland | 10 Dec 1999 | 29 Dec 2000 | | France | 10 Dec 1999 | 9 Jun 2000 | | Gabon |  | 5 Nov 2004 a | | Georgia |  | 1 Aug 2002 a | | Germany | 10 Dec 1999 | 15 Jan 2002 | | Ghana | 24 Feb 2000 | 3 Feb 2011 | | Greece | 10 Dec 1999 | 24 Jan 2002 | | Guatemala | 7 Sep 2000 | 9 May 2002 | | Guinea-Bissau | 12 Sep 2000 | 5 Aug 2009 | | Hungary |  | 22 Dec 2000 a | | Iceland | 10 Dec 1999 | 6 Mar 2001 | | Indonesia | 28 Feb 2000 |  | | Ireland | 7 Sep 2000 | 7 Sep 2000 | | Italy | 10 Dec 1999 | 22 Sep 2000 | | Kazakhstan | 6 Sep 2000 | 24 Aug 2001 | | Kyrgyzstan |  | 22 Jul 2002 a | | Lesotho | 6 Sep 2000 | 24 Sep 2004 | | Liberia | 22 Sep 2004 |  | | Libya |  | 18 Jun 2004 a | | Liechtenstein | 10 Dec 1999 | 24 Oct 2001 | | Lithuania | 8 Sep 2000 | 5 Aug 2004 | | Luxembourg | 10 Dec 1999 | 1 Jul 2003 | | Madagascar | 7 Sep 2000 |  | | Malawi | 7 Sep 2000 |  | | Maldives |  | 13 Mar 2006 a | | Mali |  | 5 Dec 2000 a | | Mauritius | 11 Nov 2001 | 31 Oct 2008 | | Mexico | 10 Dec 1999 | 15 Mar 2002 | | Monaco |  | 3 May 2016 a | | Mongolia | 7 Sep 2000 | 28 Mar 2002 | | Montenegro [2](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-8-b&chapter=4&clang=_en#2) |  | 23 Oct 2006 d | | Mozambique |  | 4 Nov 2008 a | | Namibia | 19 May 2000 | 26 May 2000 | | Nepal | 18 Dec 2001 | 15 Jun 2007 | | Netherlands [3](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-8-b&chapter=4&clang=_en#3) | 10 Dec 1999 | 22 May 2002 | | New Zealand [4](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-8-b&chapter=4&clang=_en#4) | 7 Sep 2000 | 7 Sep 2000 | | Niger |  | 30 Sep 2004 a | | Nigeria | 8 Sep 2000 | 22 Nov 2004 | | Norway | 10 Dec 1999 | 5 Mar 2002 | | Panama | 9 Jun 2000 | 9 May 2001 | | Paraguay | 28 Dec 1999 | 14 May 2001 | | Peru | 22 Dec 2000 | 9 Apr 2001 | | Philippines | 21 Mar 2000 | 12 Nov 2003 | | Poland |  | 22 Dec 2003 a | | Portugal | 16 Feb 2000 | 26 Apr 2002 | | Republic of Korea |  | 18 Oct 2006 a | | Republic of Moldova |  | 28 Feb 2006 a | | Romania | 6 Sep 2000 | 25 Aug 2003 | | Russian Federation | 8 May 2001 | 28 Jul 2004 | | Rwanda |  | 15 Dec 2008 a | | San Marino |  | 15 Sep 2005 a | | Sao Tome and Principe | 6 Sep 2000 |  | | Senegal | 10 Dec 1999 | 26 May 2000 | | Serbia |  | 31 Jul 2003 a | | Seychelles | 22 Jul 2002 | 1 Mar 2011 | | Sierra Leone | 8 Sep 2000 |  | | Slovakia | 5 Jun 2000 | 17 Nov 2000 | | Slovenia | 10 Dec 1999 | 23 Sep 2004 | | Solomon Islands |  | 6 May 2002 a | | South Africa |  | 18 Oct 2005 a | | South Sudan |  | 30 Apr 2015 a | | Spain | 14 Mar 2000 | 6 Jul 2001 | | Sri Lanka |  | 15 Oct 2002 a | | St. Kitts and Nevis |  | 20 Jan 2006 a | | Sweden | 10 Dec 1999 | 24 Apr 2003 | | Switzerland | 15 Feb 2007 | 29 Sep 2008 | | [Tajikistan](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-8-b&chapter=4&clang=_en#EndDec) | 7 Sep 2000 | 22 Jul 2014 | | Thailand | 14 Jun 2000 | 14 Jun 2000 | | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 3 Apr 2000 | 17 Oct 2003 | | Timor-Leste |  | 16 Apr 2003 a | | Tunisia |  | 23 Sep 2008 a | | Turkey | 8 Sep 2000 | 29 Oct 2002 | | Turkmenistan |  | 20 May 2009 a | | Ukraine | 7 Sep 2000 | 26 Sep 2003 | | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [5](https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=IND&mtdsg_no=IV-8-b&chapter=4&clang=_en#5) |  | 17 Dec 2004 a | | United Republic of Tanzania |  | 12 Jan 2006 a | | Uruguay | 9 May 2000 | 26 Jul 2001 | | Vanuatu |  | 17 May 2007 a | | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 17 Mar 2000 | 13 May 2002 | | Zambia | 29 Sep 2008 |  | |
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| Declarations and Reservations  (Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)   |  | | --- | | Bangladesh  *Declaration:*        “The Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh declares in accordance with Article 10 (1) thereof, that it would not undertake the obligations arising out of Articles 8 and 9 of the said Optional Protocol.” | | Belgium  *Upon signature*  *Declaration:        The Flemish, French and German-speaking Communities of Belgium are equally bound by this signature.* | | Belize  *Declaration:*        "WHEREAS, Article 10 of the Optional Protocol declares that at the time of acceding to the Optional Protocol, a State Party may declare that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee provided for in Articles 8 and 9 of the Optional Protocol        NOW THEREFORE, BELIZE, after having carefully considered Articles 8 and 9 of the Optional Protocol, hereby declares that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee provided for in Articles 8 and 9." | | Colombia  *Declarations :*        1. The Government of Colombia, exercising the discretion provided for in article 10 of the Optional Protocol, and subject to the conditions set out therein, declares that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee provided for in articles 8 and 9 of the Protocol.        2. The Government of Colombia understands article 5 of the Protocol to mean that interim measures not only preclude "a determination on admissibility or on the merits of the communication", as established in article 5, paragraph 2, but that any measures involving the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights shall be applied in keeping with the progressive nature of these rights.        3. The Government of Colombia declares that no provision of the Optional Protocol and no recommendation of the Committee may be interpreted as requiring Colombia to decriminalize offences against life or personal integrity. | | Cuba  *Upon signature:*  *Declaration:        The Government of the Republic of Cuba declares that it does not recognize the competence of the committee established by virtue of articles 8 and 9 of the Protocol.* | | Tajikistan  *Declaration:*        “… the Majlisi Oli (Parliament) of the Republic of Tajikistan ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women from 6 October 1999, without recognizing the competence of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, provided in Articles 8 and 9 of the Protocol.” | |  |   End Note   |  | | --- | | 1  With the following :  The Argentine Republic wishes to reiterate the content of its notes of 3 April 1989 and 18 January 2005, by which it rejected the extension of the territorial application of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and of the Optional Protocol thereto, respectively, to the Malvinas Islands, notified by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.  The Argentine Republic recalls that the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the territory of the Argentine Republic and are illegally occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, being the subject of a sovereignty dispute.  Because of the illegal occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolutions 2065 (XX), 316[0] (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, in which a sovereignty dispute regarding the "Question of the Malvinas Islands" is recognized and the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are urged to resume negotiations in order to find as soon as possible a peaceful and lasting solution to the dispute.  The United Nations Special Political and Decolonization Committee has repeatedly affirmed this view, most recently in its resolution of 15 June 2006. | | 2  See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume. | | 3  For the Kingdom in Europe and the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. See also note 2 under “Netherlands” regarding Netherlands Antilles in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume. | | 4  With a declaration to the effect that “consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account its commitment to the development of self-government through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this ratification shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory.” | | 5  With a territorial application to the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and the Isle of Man.  On 18 January 2005, the Secretary-General received, from the Government of Argentina, the following communication:  The Argentine Republic wishes to reiterate the content of its note of 3 April 1989, by which it rejected the extension of the territorial application of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, notified by the Government of the United Kingdom upon its ratification of that instrument on 7 April 1986.  The Argentine Republic similarly rejects the declaration of territorial application made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland upon its accession to the 1999 Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, with respect to the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands. The Government of Argentina wishes to reiterate that the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the territory of the Argentine Republic and are illegally occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, being the subject of a sovereignty dispute.  Because of the illegal occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, in which a sovereignty dispute regarding the "Question of the Malvinas (Falkland) Islands" is recognized and the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are urged to resume negotiations in order to find as soon as possible a peaceful and lasting solution to the dispute.  The United Nations Special Political and Decolonization Committee has repeatedly affirmed this view, most recently inits resolution of 18 June 2004 (A/59/23). | |
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