

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: 37. Parties: 6.

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>
Albania.....	24 Sep 2012	29 May 2013	Mali.....	28 Feb 2012	
Andorra.....	26 Sep 2012		Malta.....	18 Apr 2012	
Argentina.....	25 Jul 2012		Mauritius.....	13 Aug 2012	
Austria.....	28 Feb 2012		Montenegro.....	28 Feb 2012	
Belgium.....	28 Feb 2012		Morocco.....	28 Feb 2012	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....		2 Apr 2013 a	Paraguay.....	26 Sep 2012	
Brazil.....	28 Feb 2012		Peru.....	28 Feb 2012	
Cape Verde.....	24 Sep 2012		Portugal.....	28 Feb 2012	
Chile.....	28 Feb 2012		Romania.....	13 Jun 2012	
Costa Rica.....	28 Feb 2012		Senegal.....	1 Oct 2012	
Cyprus.....	27 Jul 2012		Serbia.....	28 Feb 2012	
Ecuador.....	24 Apr 2013		Slovakia.....	28 Feb 2012	
El Salvador.....	25 Jul 2013		Slovenia.....	28 Feb 2012	
Finland.....	28 Feb 2012		Spain.....	28 Feb 2012	3 Jun 2013
Gabon.....		25 Sep 2012 a	Thailand.....	25 Sep 2012	25 Sep 2012
Germany.....	28 Feb 2012	28 Feb 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				
Madagascar.....	24 Sep 2012				
Maldives.....	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.”

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.