

No. 14668. INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS.
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ACCESSION

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DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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DECLARATION concerning certain reservations made upon ratification by Australia²

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The declaration reads as follows:

I. Reservation by Australia regarding articles 2 and 50

The reservation that article 2, paragraphs 2 and 3, and article 50 shall be given effect consistently with and subject to the provisions in article 2, paragraph 2, is acceptable to the Kingdom on the understanding that it will in no way impair Australia's basic obligation under international law, as laid down in article 2, paragraph 1, to respect and to ensure to all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction the rights recognized in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

II. Reservation by Australia regarding article 10

The Kingdom is not able to evaluate the implications of the first part of the reservation regarding article 10 on its merits, since Australia has given no further explanation on the laws and lawful arrangements, as referred to in the text of the reservation. In expectation of further clarification by Australia, the Kingdom for the present reserves the right to raise objection to the reservation at a later stage.

III. Reservation by Australia regarding "Convicted Persons"

The Kingdom finds it difficult, for the same reasons as mentioned in its commentary on the reservation regarding article 10, to accept the declaration by Australia that it reserves the right not to seek amendment of laws now in force in Australia relating to the rights of persons who have been convicted of serious criminal offences. The Kingdom

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 999, p. 171, and annex A in volumes 1007, 1008, 1022, 1026, 1031, 1035, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1057, 1059, 1065, 1066, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1103, 1106, 1120, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1136, 1138, 1141, 1144, 1147, 1150, 1151, 1161, 1181, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1202, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1211, 1213, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1222 and 1225.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 1197, p. 411.