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AND MEASURES OF IMPLEMENTATION

China, Egypt, Lebanon and Philippines: draft article on reservations

1. Any State, at the time of its signature subsequently confirmed by ratification, or at the time of its ratification or acceptance, may make any reservation compatible with the object and purpose of the Covenant.
2. Any State Party may object to any reservation on the ground that it is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Covenant.
3. Should there be a dispute as to whether or not a particular reservation is compatible with the object and purpose of the Covenant, and it cannot be settled by special agreement between the States concerned, the dispute may be referred to the International Court of Justice by the reserving State or by any State Party objecting to the reservation.
4. Unless a settlement is reached in accordance with paragraph 3, any State Party objecting to the reservation may consider that the reserving State is not a party to the Covenant, while any State Party which accepts the reservation may consider that the reserving State is a party to the Covenant.
5. Any State making a reservation in accordance with paragraph 1, or objecting to a reservation in accordance with paragraph 2, may at any time withdraw the reservation or objection by a communication to that effect addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.