PARAGUAY

CRC OPTIONAL PROTOCOL (ARMED CONFLICT)

RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS

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

22 March 2006 Declaration:

... it has been decided to set the minimum age for recruitment into the Armed Forces at eighteen (18) years. The measures to be taken for recruitment shall be brought into line with the provisions of article 3, paragraph 3, of the aforementioned Optional Protocol.

Note

Upon ratification, the Government of Paraguay made the following declaration:in accordance with the relevant national and international legal norms, it has been decided to establish the age of sixteen (16) years as the minimum age for voluntary recruitment into the armed forces. Moreover, the measures adopted to permit voluntary recruitment will be in conformity with the principles laid down in article 3, paragraph 3 of the Optional Protocol.

In a communication received on 22 March 2006, the Government of Paraguay informed the Secretary-General that it had decided to replace the original declaration made upon ratification. The declaration took effect for Paraguay on 22 March 2006, i.e. the date of its receipt. *(Note 10, Chapter IV.11b, Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General)*