

SEYCHELLES

CRC OPTIONAL PROTOCOL (ARMED CONFLICT)

RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS

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

Declaration:

“... WHEREAS the age of majority in Seychelles is established at 18 years, under the ‘Age of Majority Act of 13th October 1980’;

WHEREAS the ‘Constitution of the Republic of Seychelles of 21st June 1993’ enshrines the rights of minors in Article 31 where it recognises the right of children and young persons to special protection;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 23 of the Seychelles ‘Defence Act of 1st January 1981’, no person who is under the age of 18 years shall be enrolled without the consent in writing of his/her parents or his/her guardians;

WHEREAS according with the same ‘Defence Act of 1st January 1981’ whenever a member of the Defence Force is under the age of 18 years and was enrolled irregularly or in error without the consent required by the law of Seychelles, he/she shall be discharged at the request of his/her parent or guardian;

WHEREAS the Defence Academy of Seychelles admits children above the age of 15 only with the consent of their parents or guardians;

BEARING IN MIND that Article 3, paragraph 4, of the aforesaid Protocol allows each State Party to strengthen its declaration at any time by notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations;”