

Reference: C.N.592.2018.TREATIES-IV.8 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN
NEW YORK, 18 DECEMBER 1979

AUSTRALIA: WITHDRAWAL OF RESERVATION ¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 14 December 2018.

(Original: English)

“Whereas on 28 July 1983, the Government of Australia ratified, for and on behalf of Australia and subject to certain reservations, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, done at New York on 18 December 1979;

The Government of Australia having considered the reservations, hereby withdraws that part of the reservations which states:

The Government of Australia advises that it does not accept the application of the Convention in so far as it would require alteration of Defence Force policy which excludes women from combat duties.”

The withdrawal took effect on 14 December 2018 in accordance with article 28 (3) of the Convention which reads as follows:

“Reservations may be withdrawn at any time by notification to this effect addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall then inform all States thereof. Such notification shall take effect on the date on which it is received.”

14 December 2018



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.246.1983.TREATIES-IV.8 of 23 August 1983 (Ratification: Australia).