

**JAP**

**CRC OPTIONAL PROTOCOL (ARMED CO**

**RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS**

*(Unless otherwise indicated, the reservations are made at the time of accession or succession)*

1 April 2010

Declaration:

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 4, the Government of Japan has made a declaration to the General Assembly of the United Nations on 1 April 2010 of the following modification:

"The Government of Japan, by relevant laws and regulations, has established the minimum age of 18 for the recruitment of children and young persons above the minimum age of 18 as a member of the armed forces of the State."

Note

Upon ratification, the Government of Japan made the following declaration:

"In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, the Government of Japan declares as follows:

The Government of Japan, by relevant laws and regulations, has established the minimum age of 18 as a member of the armed forces of the State. In the cases of the students solely receiving military training, the minimum age is 16 years of age."

Forces (Japan Defense Agency Instruction No 51)

(1) Either the person who executes the parental authority gives consent to the recruitment.

(2) The candidate for a Youth Cadet is fully informed.

(3) A proof of the age of the Youth Cadets for the recruiting document."

*(Note 8, Chapter IV.11b, Multilateral Treaties Database)*