

## LUXEMBOURG

### CRC OPTIONAL PROTOCOL (ARMED CONFLICT)

#### **RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS**

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

Declaration:

The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg declares that, in accordance with article 3 of the Protocol, the minimum age at which voluntary recruitment to the army of Luxembourg shall be permitted is 17 years.

The following principles shall be observed in recruiting persons aged 17 years:

1. Recruitment shall be on a voluntary basis.
2. Voluntary recruits under the age of 18 must have the written consent of their parents or legal guardian.
3. Voluntary recruits under the age of 18 may not take part in the following military operations:
  - (1) At the national level:
    - (a) The defence of the Grand Duchy's territory in the event of armed conflict.
  - (2) At the international level:
    - (a) Contributing to the collective or common defence within the framework of the international organizations of which the Grand Duchy is a member;
    - (b) Taking part within such a framework in humanitarian and evacuation missions, peacekeeping missions, and combat missions for crisis management, including peacemaking operations.
4. Voluntary recruits shall be fully informed, prior to their recruitment, of the duties connected with military service.
5. Voluntary recruits may withdraw from their military service at any time.