

## VANUATU

### 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 Republic of Vanuatu pursuant to Article 3 (2) of the Protocol hereby declares that the minimum age at which it will permit voluntary recruitment into its national Armed Forces is 18 years of age as provided under Section 3 (2) of the Police Rules. Further declaration is made that Vanuatu has adopted the following safeguards to ensure that recruitment of personnel is not forced or coerced:

A Candidate for appointment to the Force shall:

- (a) have reached the age of 18 years and shall not be over the age of 30 years
- (b) be certified by a Government medical officer to be in good health, of sound constitution and fitted both physically and mentally to perform the duties on which he will be employed after appointment;
- (c) have a minimum height of 1.70 meters (5 feet 8 inches);
- (d) have a minimum education certificate of a Senior Primary Certificate on a Certificate d'Études Primaire or pass a Police Entrance Examination;
- (e) be of good moral character.”