



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
THE HAGUE**

**CONVENTION ABOLISHING THE REQUIREMENT OF LEGALISATION  
FOR FOREIGN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS  
(The Hague, 5 October 1961)**

Notification pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention

**DECLARATION**

**Spain, 12-05-2016**

The Kingdom of Spain, as many others Contracting States, does not recognize the unilateral declaration of independence of the territory of Kosovo nor the statehood of that territory.

The territory of Kosovo does not comply with the requirement of statehood established by the Convention Abolishing the Requirements of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, of 5<sup>th</sup> October 1961 (Apostille Convention) and, consequently, the deposition of the instrument of accession has no legal or other effects. Therefore, the provisions of the Apostille Convention regarding the procedure of entry into force are not applicable and the Kingdom of Spain does not consider this territory a Contracting Party of the Apostille Convention.

Taking all this into account, the Kingdom of Spain does not view itself bound, directly or implicitly, by the Apostille Convention with regard to the said entity. Moreover, the Kingdom of Spain will not accept under any circumstance the validity of the documents issued by the said territory even if they have been recognized by another Contracting State of the Apostille Convention.

The Hague, 12 May 2016

The Depositary Notifications are accessible on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands at <https://treatydatabase.overheid.nl>

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