



**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

OBJECTION

Cyprus, 26-01-2016

Given the fact that "Kosovo" has not been recognised as a state by the United Nations, the unilateral decision by the Depositary to accept a submission of a, so called, instrument of accession on behalf of "Kosovo", without prior consultation with the state-parties, sets a precarious precedent.

The Republic of Cyprus wishes to reiterate its position that it does not recognize the 2008 Unilateral Declaration of Independence by Kosovo and considers that the designation "Kosovo" is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244(1999) and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

The Republic of Cyprus is, in any case, obliged under the circumstances, to raise an objection, under Article 12, of the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents of October 5, 1961, to the accession of "Kosovo", and understands that in accordance with the said Article, the Convention will not enter into force between "Kosovo" and the Republic of Cyprus.

The Hague, 29 January 2016

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