



**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

Belarus, 24-02-2016

The Republic of Belarus does not recognize Kosovo as an independent State and holds the view that the deposition of abovementioned «instrument of accession» has no legal validity inasmuch as neither the Depositary nor the Hague Conference are entitled to qualify directly or implicitly a territory as a State.

The Republic of Belarus pursuant to Article 12 of the Apostille Convention objects to the accession of Kosovo to the aforementioned Convention and declares that the Apostille Convention will not be applicable between the Republic of Belarus and Kosovo.

The Hague, 11 March 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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