

2, as meaning that the right of persons of marriageable age to marry and to found a family presupposes not only that national law shall prescribe the marriageable age but that it may also regulate the exercise of that right.

BULGARIA

For text see No. 18, at 180.9.

BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

For text see No. 18, at 180.9.

CHILE

7 September 1976

Notification under article 14 of the Covenant

Chile signed the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and ratified it on 10 February 1972. This Covenant entered into force internationally on [23] March 1976.

As you are aware, my country has been under a state of siege for reasons of internal defence since 11 March 1976; the state of siege was legally proclaimed by Legislative Decree No. 1.369.

The proclamation was made in accordance with the constitutional provisions concerning state of siege, which have been in force since 1925, in view of the inescapable duty of the government authorities to preserve public order and the fact that there continue to exist in Chile extremist seditious groups whose aim is to overthrow the established Government.

As a consequence of the proclamation of the state of siege, the rights referred to in articles 9, 12, 13, 19 and 25(b) of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights have been restricted in Chile.

Derogation from these rights is expressly authorized by article 4 (1) of the Covenant.

I am informing the other States Parties of the foregoing, through you, in accordance with the provisions of article 4 (3) of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

CONGO

The Government of the People's Republic of the Congo declares that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 13, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, or by the provisions of article 11 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA*Upon signature:*

The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic declares that the provisions of article 48, paragraph 1, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are in contradiction with the principle that all States have the right to become parties to multilateral treaties governing matters of general interest.

Upon ratification:

The provision of article 48, paragraph 1, is in contradiction with the principle that all States have the right to become parties to multilateral treaties regulating matters of general interest.