

1. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE USE OF WHITE LEAD IN PAINTING

Objectives

To protect workers from exposure to white lead and sulphate of lead and of all products containing these pigments.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to prohibit the use of white lead and sulphate of lead and of all products containing these pigments in the internal painting of buildings, except where such use is considered necessary by the competent authority after consultation with the employers' and workers' organizations concerned, or where white pigments contain a maximum of 2 per cent of lead;

(b) Employment of males under eighteen years of age and of all females to be generally prohibited in any painting work of an industrial character involving the use of white lead or sulphate of lead or other products containing these pigments;

(c) Parties to regulate the use of white lead, sulphate of lead and all products containing these pigments in operations for which their use is not prohibited, in accordance with the principles laid down in the Convention;

(d) Statistics with regard to lead poisoning among working painters to be obtained.

Membership

Open for accession to all States members of the International Labour Organization. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Director-General of the International Labour Office.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 25.10.1921 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 31.08.1923 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | International Labour Organization |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Entry into Force |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Afghanistan | 12.06.1939 |
| Algeria | 19.10.1962 |
| Argentina | 26.05.1936 |
| Austria | 12.06.1924 |
| Azerbaijan | 19.05.1992 |
| Belgium | 19.07.1926 |
| Benin | 12.12.1960 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 02.06.1993 |
| Bulgaria | 06.03.1925 |

| Participant | Entry into Force |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Burkina Faso | 21.11.1960 |
| Cambodia | 24.02.1969 |
| Cameroon | 07.06.1960 |
| Central African Republic | 27.10.1960 |
| Chad | 10.11.1960 |
| Chile | 15.09.1925 |
| Colombia | 20.06.1933 |
| Comoros | 23.10.1978 |
| Congo | 10.11.1960 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 21.11.1960 |
| Croatia | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba | 07.07.1928 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |
| Djibouti | 03.08.1978 |
| Estonia | 08.09.1922 |
| Finland | 05.04.1929 |
| France | 19.02.1926 |
| Gabon | 14.10.1960 |
| Greece | 22.12.1926 |
| Guatemala | 05.01.1990 |
| Guinea | 21.01.1959 |
| Hungary | 08.06.1956 |
| Iraq | 19.04.1966 |
| Italy | 22.10.1952 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 23.01.1964 |
| Latvia | 09.09.1924 |
| Luxembourg | 16.04.1928 |

| Participant | Entry into Force |
|---|-------------------------|
| Madagascar | 01.11.1960 |
| Mali | 22.09.1960 |
| Malta | 09.06.1988 |
| Mauritania | 20.06.1961 |
| Mexico | 07.01.1938 |
| Morocco | 13.06.1956 |
| Netherlands | 15.12.1939 |
| Nicaragua | 12.04.1934 |
| Niger | 27.02.1961 |
| Norway | 11.06.1929 |
| Panama | 19.06.1970 |
| Poland | 21.06.1924 |
| Romania | 04.12.1925 |
| Russian Federation | 10.10.1991 |
| Senegal | 04.11.1960 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 24.11.2000 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | 29.05.1992 |
| Spain | 20.06.1924 |
| Surinam | 15.06.1976 |
| Sweden | 27.11.1923 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 17.11.1991 |
| Togo | 07.06.1960 |
| Tunisia | 12.06.1956 |
| Uruguay | 06.06.1933 |
| Venezuela | 28.04.1933 |

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2. CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE PRESERVATION OF FAUNA AND FLORA IN THEIR NATURAL STATE

Objectives

To preserve the natural fauna and flora of certain parts of the world, particularly of Africa, by means of national parks and reserves, and by regulation of hunting and collection of species.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to establish national parks and strict natural reserves in their territories (art. 3), and to control all human settlements therein (art. 4);
- (b) Preservation of forest areas and domestication of economically utilizable wild animals to be encouraged (art.7);
- (a) Protection of species listed in annex to be of special urgency and importance (art. 8);
- (b) Trade in trophies and manufacture of articles from them to be controlled (art. 9);
- (c) Certain methods of hunting to be generally prohibited, e.g. poison, explosives, dazzling lights, nets, pits, snares, etc. (art. 10).

Membership

Open for accession to any Government. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the depositary Government.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 08.11.1933 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of Entry into Force | 14.01.1936 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | United Kingdom |

(Status as of January 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date of deposit | Entry into Force |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 08.11.1933 | At | 29.07.1935 | 14.01.1936 |
| Egypt | 08.11.1933 | At | 21.02.1935 | 14.01.1936 |
| France | 08.11.1933 | | | |
| India ¹ | | Ac | 09.05.1939 | 09.08.1939 |
| Italy | 08.11.1933 | At | 27.06.1939 | 27.09.1939 |
| Portugal | 08.11.1933 | At | 13.07.1950 | 13.10.1950 |
| South Africa | 08.11.1933 | At | 19.11.1935 | 14.01.1936 |
| Spain | 08.11.1933 | | | |

¹ Signifies that a reservation or declaration was deposited upon or following accession.

| Participant | Signature | Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date of deposit | Entry into Force |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sudan | 08.11.1933 | At | 14.10.1935 | 14.01.1936 |
| United Kingdom | 08.11.1933 | At | 09.04.1935 | 14.01.1936 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | 09.12.1962 | 03.03.1963 |

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3. CONVENTION ON NATURE PROTECTION AND WILDLIFE PRESERVATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Objectives

To preserve all species and genera of native American fauna and flora from extinction, and to preserve areas of extraordinary beauty, striking geological formations or aesthetic, historic or scientific value.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to establish national parks, national reserves, nature monuments and strict wilderness reserves (art. 2);
- (b) National parks to provide recreational and educational facilities to the public (art. 3);
- (c) Strict wilderness areas to be maintained inviolate (art. 4);
- (d) Cooperation to be maintained between Governments in the field of research (art. 6);
- (e) Species listed in annex to enjoy special protection (art. 8);
- (f) Controls to be imposed on trade protected fauna and flora and any part thereof (art. 9).

Membership

The Convention is open for signature by American Governments. Instruments of ratification to be deposited with the Organization of America States.

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| Date of adoption | 12.10.1940 |
| Place of adoption | Washington, D.C. |
| Date of Entry into Force | 01.05.1942 |
| Languages | English, French, Portuguese, Spanish |
| Depositary | General Secretariat of the Organization of American States |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| Argentina | 19.05.1941 | 27.06.1946 |
| Bolivia | 12.10.1940 | |
| Brazil | 27.17.1940 | 26.08.1965 |
| Chile | 22.01.1941 | 04.12.1967 |
| Colombia | 17.01.1941 | |
| Costa Rica | 24.10.1940 | 12.01.1967 |
| Cuba | 12.10.1940 | |
| Dominican Republic | 12.10.1940 | 03.03.1942 |
| Ecuador | 12.10.1940 | 20.10.1944 |
| El Salvador | 12.10.1940 | 02.12.1941 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Guatemala | 09.04.1941 | 14.08.1941 |
| Haiti | 29.04.1941 | 31.01.194 |
| Mexico | 20.11.1940 | 27.03.1942 |
| Nicaragua | 12.10.1940 | 22.05.1946 |
| Panama | 16.12.1965 | 16.03.1972 |
| Paraguay | 10.04.1979 | 30.01.1981 |
| Peru | 12.10.1940 | 22.11.1946 |
| Suriname | 30.04.1985 | 30.04.1985 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 24.04.1969 | 24.04.1969 |
| United States of America | 02.10.1940 | 28.04.1941 |
| Uruguay | 09.12.1940 | 09.04.1970 |
| Venezuela | 12.10.1940 | 03.11.1941 |

Note: The General Assembly of OAS, in its resolution AG/RES. 1357 (XXV-O/95) adopted at its twenty-fifth session on 9 June 1995, resolved, inter alia, the following:

“To note the conclusion reached by the Permanent Council to the effect that it would be neither necessary nor expedient to update the text of the 1940 Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, or to adopt a new convention, on the premise that existing international and regional juridical instruments, in particular, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, would suffice to ensure progress toward the common goal of conserving and making rational use of our Hemisphere's biological resources.”

“To recommend that the Permanent Council consider the usefulness of the 1940 Convention as an instrument for inter-American cooperation within the broadest possible context of efforts to evaluate and update the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection.”

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4. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE REGULATION OF WHALING (AS AMENDED)

Objectives

To promote all species of whales from overfishing and safeguard for future generations the great natural resources represented by whale stocks. To establish a system of international regulation for the whale fisheries to ensure proper conservation and development of whale stocks. To establish a system of international regulation for the whale fisheries to ensure proper conservation and development of whale stocks.

Summary of provisions

- (a) An International Whaling Commission established (art. 3);
- (b) The Commission to encourage research and investigation, to collect and analyse statistical information, and to appraise and disseminate information concerning whaling and whale stocks (art. 4);
- (c) The Commission to meet annually to adopt regulations for the conservation and utilization of whale stocks, dealing with protected and unprotected species, open and closed seasons, open and closed areas, size limits for species, maximum catches for any one season, types of gear and apparatus to be used (art. 9)

Membership

Any Government may adhere to the Convention by notification in writing to the depositary Government.

| | | Amendment |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 02.12.1946 | |
| Place of adoption | Washington, D.C. | 19.11.1956 |
| Date of entry into force | 10.11.1948 | 04.05.1956 |
| Language | English | |
| Depositary | United States of America | |

(Status as of 5 October 2005)

| Participant | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Antigua and Barbuda | 21.07.1982 |
| Argentina ² | 18.05.1960 |
| Australia | 10.11.1948 |
| Austria | 20.05.1994 |
| Belgium | 15.07.2004 |
| Belize | 17.06.2003 |
| Benin | 26.04.2002 |

² With a reservation.

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Brazil | 04.01.1974 |
| Cameroon | 14.06.2005 |
| Chile ² | 06.07.1979 |
| China | 24.09.1980 |
| Costa Rica | 06.05.1981 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 08.07.2004 |
| Czech Republic | 26.01.2005 |
| Denmark | 23.05.1950 |
| Dominica | 18.06.1992 |
| Finland | 23.02.1983 |
| France | 03.12.1948 |
| Gabon | 08.05.2002 |
| Germany | 02.07.1982 |
| Grenada | 07.04.1993 |
| Guinea | 21.06.2000 |
| Hungary | 01.05.2004 |
| Iceland | 10.10.2002 |
| India | 09.03.1981 |
| Ireland | 02.01.1985 |
| Italy | 06.02.1998 |
| Japan | 21.04.1951 |
| Kenya | 02.12.1981 |
| Kiribati | 28.12.2004 |
| Luxembourg | 10.06.2005 |
| Mali | 17.08.2004 |
| Mauritania | 23.12.2003 |
| Mexico | 30.06.1949 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monaco | 15.03.1982 |
| Mongolia | 16.05.2002 |
| Morocco | 12.02.2001 |
| Nauru | 15.06.2005 |
| Netherlands ³ | 14.06.1977 |
| New Zealand | 15.06.1976 |
| Nicaragua | 05.06.2003 |
| Norway | 03.03.1948 |
| Oman | 15.07.1980 |
| Palau | 08.05.2002 |
| Panama | 12.06.2001 |
| Peru | 18.06.1979 |
| Portugal | 14.05.2002 |
| Republic of Korea | 29.12.1978 |
| Russian Federation | 10.11.1948 |
| San Marino | 16.04.2002 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 24.06.1992 |
| Saint Lucia | 29.06.1981 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 22.07.1981 |
| Senegal | 15.07.1982 |
| Slovak Republic | 22.03.2005 |
| Solomon Islands | 10.05.1993 |
| South Africa | 10.11.1948 |
| Spain | 06.07.1979 |
| Suriname | 15.07.2004 |
| Sweden | 15.06.1979 |

³ The Convention was extended to the Netherlands Antilles on 16.02.1982.

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Switzerland | 29.05.1980 |
| Togo | 15.06.2005 |
| Tuvalu | 30.06.2004 |
| United Kingdom | 10.11.1948 |
| United States of America | 10.11.1948 |

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5. CONVENTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

Objectives

To maintain populations of yellow fin and skipjack tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean to permit maximum sustained catches year after year.

Summary of provisions

- (a) An Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established (art. 1);
- (b) The Commission to investigate the abundance, biology and ecology of the tuna, and of fishes used as bait in the tuna fisheries, collect and analyse information, publish such information and make recommendations for joint action by the parties to maintain tuna stocks (art. 2).

Membership

Any Government whose nationals participate in the fisheries covered by the Convention may adhere to the Convention; notification shall be made to each of the contracting parties, whose unanimous consent is required. Thereafter such Government shall deposit an instrument of adherence with the depositary Government.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 31.05.1949 |
| Place of adoption | Washington, D.C. |
| Date of entry into force | 03.03.1950 |
| Languages | English, Spanish |
| Depositary | United States of America |

(Status as of 1 January 2005)

| Participants |
|-------------------------|
| Costa Rica ⁴ |
| Ecuador |
| El Salvador |
| France |
| Guatemala |
| Japan |
| Mexico |
| Nicaragua |
| Panama |
| Peru |

⁴ Costa Rica denounced the Convention effective 27.04.1979 and resumed its participation in the Commission ⁴ At its 22nd Session held in Rome from 13-16 October 1997 General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM) changed its name into "General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean" (See 1997 Amendments) effective 29.05.1989.

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| Participants |
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6. AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GENERAL FISHERIES COUNCIL FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN (as amended)⁵

Objectives

The development and proper utilization of the resources of the Mediterranean and contiguous waters through international cooperation.

Summary of provisions

(a) A General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean established, within the framework of FAO (art. 1);

(b) The Council to encourage and coordinate research, to undertake research, to publish information, and to propose measures regarding standardization of equipment, techniques and nomenclature, and the development and proper utilization of aquatic resources.

Membership

Open to members and associate members of FAO and such other States as are members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or IAEA.

Method of participation

(a) For members and associate members of FAO: by deposition an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of FAO, which takes effect on the date of receipt;

(b) For other States that are members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or IAEA: by submitting to the General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean an application for admission and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept the Agreement as in force at the time of admission. Admission to membership is decided by the Council by a two-thirds majority of its members.

Amendments

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.09.1949 | |
| Place of adoption | Rome | |
| Dates of entry into force | 20.02.1952 | 02.12.1963 09.12.1976 |
| Language | English, French, Spanish | |
| Depositary | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Acceptance |
|-------------|------------|
| Albania | 10.04.1991 |
| Algeria | 11.12.1967 |
| Bulgaria | 03.11.1969 |
| Croatia | 22.05.1995 |

⁵ At its 22nd Session held in Rome from 13-16 October 1997 General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean (GFCM) changed its name into "General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean" (See 1997 Amendments).

| Participant | Acceptance |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cyprus | 10.06.1965 |
| Egypt | 19.02.1951 |
| European Community | 25.06.1998 |
| France | 08.07.1952 |
| Greece | 07.04.1952 |
| Israel | 20.02.1952 |
| Italy | 29.05.1950 |
| Japan | 12.06.1997 |
| Lebanon | 14.11.1960 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 13.05.1963 |
| Malta | 29.04.1965 |
| Monaco | 14.05.1954 |
| Morocco | 17.09.1956 |
| Romania | 19.02.1971 |
| Serbia and Montenegro ⁶ | 27.04.1992 |
| Slovenia | 25.05.2000 |
| Spain | 19.10.1953 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 12.12.1975 |
| Tunisia | 22.06.1954 |
| Turkey | 06.04.1954 |
| United Kingdom ⁷ | 20.11.1950 |

⁶ On 8 January 2003, Director-General of FAO received a notification of succession from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as a successor State of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. On 6 February 2003 the Director-General received a further notification informing of the change of name to Serbia and Montenegro.

⁷ United Kingdom deposited a notification of withdrawal on 25.03.1968.

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7. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS

Objectives

To protect birds in the wild state, considering that in the interests of science, the protection of nature and the economy of each nation, all birds should as a matter of principle be protected.

Summary of provisions

- (a) In general, protection to be given to all birds during the breeding season, to migrants during their flight to their breeding grounds, and to endangered species throughout the year (art. 2);
- (b) In general, the taking of eggs, shells and young birds to be prohibited (art. 4);
- (c) Certain methods of hunting birds to be prohibited or restricted, e.g. snares, nets, poisoned bait, blinded decoy birds, motor boats and motor vehicles (art. 5);
- (d) A species found to be a pest in a region may be excepted from protection (art. 6);
- (e) Exceptions may also be made in the interests of science and education (art. 7);
- (f) Each party to draw up lists of birds which may be lawfully taken or killed in compliance with this Convention (art. 8);
- (g) Parties to take measures to prevent destruction of birds by water pollution, electric cables, insecticides and poisons, and to educate children and the public in the need for protection of birds (art. 10);
- (h) Parties to establish reserves for breeding birds (art. 11).

Membership

Open for accession to any State. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the depositary Government.

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Date of adoption | 18.10.1950 |
| Place of adoption | Paris |
| Date of entry into force | 17.01.1963 |
| Language | French |
| Depositary | France |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 17.01.1963 |
| Iceland | 17.01.1963 |
| Italy | 08.06.1979 |
| Luxembourg | 17.01.1963 |
| Netherlands | 17.01.1963 |
| Spain | 17.01.1963 |
| Sweden | 23.07.1963 |
| Switzerland | 17.01.1963 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Turkey | 12.09.1967 |
| Yugoslavia | 26.09.1973 |

8. CONVENTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION (as amended)

Objectives

To prevent the introduction and spread of pests and diseases of plants and plant products.

Summary of Provisions

- (a) A European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization established (art. 1);
- (b) The Organization to act, with FAO, as a regional plant protection organization under article 8 of the International Plant Protection Convention, 1951;
- (c) The Organization to advise, assist and coordinate Government measures to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests and diseases (art. 5), and to obtain, exchange, study and publish information relating to the same;
- (d) Schedule II contain a list of pests and diseases to be given special attention.

Membership

Restricted to those countries listed in schedule III of the Convention, and any other country the Council of the Organization may invite to become a member.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Date of adoption | 18.04.1951 | 09.05.1962 |
| Place of adoption | Paris | 13.05.1964 |
| Date of entry into force | 01.11.1953 | 10.03.1966 |
| | | 18.09.1968 |
| Languages | English, French | |
| Depositary | France | |

| Participant | Entry into force | Withdrawals |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Algeria | 04.08.1962 | |
| Austria | 01.11.1953 | |
| Belgium | 01.11.1953 | |
| Bulgaria | 16.04.1959 | |
| Cyprus | 06.11.1961 | |
| Czechoslovakia | 29.04.1960 | |
| Denmark | 01.11.1953 | |
| Finland | 01.06.1960 | |
| France | 01.11.1953 | |
| Germany | 26.07.1954 | |
| Greece | 09.03.1956 | |
| Hungary | 05.05.1960 | |

| Participant | Entry into force | Withdrawals |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 06.05.1976 | 19.02.1982 |
| Ireland | 01.11.1953 | |
| Israel | 01.11.1953 | |
| Italy | 01.11.1953 | |
| Luxembourg | 01.11.1953 | |
| Morocco | 26.11.1972 | |
| Netherlands | 01.11.1953 | |
| Norway | 01.04.1956 | |
| Poland | 05.09.1958 | |
| Portugal | 03.11.1953 | |
| Romania | 05.04.1959 | |
| Russian Federation | 17.07.1957 | |
| Spain | 01.11.1953 | |
| Sweden | 01.11.1953 | |
| Switzerland | 01.11.1953 | |
| Turkey | 09.09.1965 | |
| United Kingdom ⁸ | 01.11.1953 | |
| Yugoslavia | 01.11.1953 | |

⁸ Applied to Guernsey and Jersey.

9. INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION

Objectives

To maintain and increase international cooperation in controlling pests and diseases of plants and plant products, and in preventing their introduction and spread across national boundaries.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties undertake to adopt the legislative, technical and administrative measures specified in the Convention (art. 1);
- (b) Specific and regional agreements to be made in conjunction with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (art. 2);
- (b) Each Party to set up an official plant protection organization to:
 - (i) Inspect areas under cultivation and consignments of plants in international traffic for existence or outbreak of plant pests or diseases;
 - (ii) Issue certificates relating to the phytosanitary condition and origin of plants and plant products;
 - (iii) Carry out research in the field of plant protection (art. 4);
- (d) Parties to regulate very strictly the import and export of plants and plant products, by means, where necessary, of prohibitions, inspections and destruction of consignments (art. 6).

Membership

Open to any State interested in the purposes of the Convention, whether or not a member or associate member of FAO.

Method of Participation

Open to any State interested until 1 May 1952. Signatures subject to the deposit of instruments of ratification with the Director-General of FAO, without time-limit. After ratification by three signatory Governments it entered into force, and then remained open for adherence by non-signatory Governments, without time-limit, by depositing an instrument of adherence with the Director-General.

| | | Amendments | |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Date of adoption | 06.12.1951 | November 1979 | November 1997 |
| Place of adoption | Rome | Rome | Rome |
| Date of entry into force | 03.04.1952 | 04.04.1991 | 02.10.2005 |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish | | |
| Depositary | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | | |

At its twentieth session, in November 1979, the FAO Conference approved a revised text of the Convention which incorporated amendments. In accordance with article XIII, paragraph 4 of the Convention, the revised text came into force with respect to all contracting parties as from the thirtieth day after acceptance by two-thirds of the contracting parties, i.e. 4 April 1991.

At its twenty-ninth session, in November 1997, the FAO Conference approved wide-ranging amendments to the Convention. In accordance with article XIII, paragraph 4 of the Convention, the new revised text came into force with respect to all Contracting Parties as from the thirtieth day after acceptance by two-thirds of the Contracting Parties, i.e. on 2 October 2005.

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Definitive Signature (DS)/Adherence (Ad)/Succession (Sc) | Date of Deposit |
|------------------------|------------|---|-----------------|
| Albania | | Ad | 29.07.1999 |
| Algeria | | Ad | 01.10.1985 |
| Argentina | | Ad | 23.09.1954 |
| Australia ⁹ | 30.04.1952 | R | 27.08.1952 |
| Austria | 06.12.1951 | R | 22.10.1952 |
| Azerbaijan | | Ad | 18.08.2000 |
| Bahamas | | Ad | 19.09.1997 |
| Bahrain | | Ad | 29.03.1971 |
| Bangladesh | | Ad | 01.09.1978 |
| Barbados | | Ad | 06.12.1976 |
| Belarus | | Ad | 21.02.2005 |
| Belgium | 06.12.1951 | R | 22.07.1952 |
| Belize | | Ad | 14.05.1987 |
| Bhutan | | Ad | 20.06.1994 |
| Bolivia | | Ad | 27.10.1960 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | Ad | 30.07.2003 |
| Brazil | 06.12.1951 | R | 14.09.1961 |
| Bulgaria | | Ad | 08.11.1991 |
| Burkina Faso | | Ad | 08.06.1995 |
| Cambodia | | Ad | 10.06.1952 |
| Canada | 06.12.1951 | R | 10.07.1953 |

⁹ Extended to Nauru and Norfolk Island on 9.08.1954.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Definitive Signature (DS)/Adherence (Ad)/Succession (Sc) | Date of Deposit |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---|-----------------|
| Cape Verde | | Ad | 19.03.1980 |
| Central African Republic | | Ad | 27.10.2004 |
| Chad | | Ad | 15.03.2004 |
| Chile | | DS | 03.04.1952 |
| China ¹⁰ | | Ad | 20.10.2005 |
| Colombia | 29.04.1952 | R | 26.01.1970 |
| Congo | | Ad | 14.12.2004 |
| Cook Islands | | Ad | 02.12.2004 |
| Costa Rica | 28.04.1952 | R | 23.07.1973 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | | Ad | 17.12.2004 |
| Croatia | | Ad | 14.05.1999 |
| Cuba | 06.12.1951 | R | 14.04.1976 |
| Cyprus | | R | 11.02.1999 |
| Czech Republic ¹¹ | | Ad | 05.08.1983 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | | Ad | 25.08.2003 |
| Denmark ¹² | 06.12.1951 | R | 13.02.1953 |
| Dominican Republic | | Ad | 20.06.1952 |

¹⁰ In accordance with the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that new revised text of the International Plant Protection Convention applies to the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. Unless otherwise notified by the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Convention shall not apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

¹¹ Czechoslovakia had deposited the instrument of adherence on 05.08.1983.

¹² Until further notice, the new revised text of the Convention (1997) shall not apply to the Faeroe Islands and Greenland.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Definitive Signature (DS)/Adherence (Ad)/Succession (Sc) | Date of Deposit |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|
| Ecuador | 12.03.1952 | R | 09/05/1956 |
| Egypt | 06.12.1951 | R | 22.07.1953 |
| El Salvador | 06.12.1951 | R | 12.02.1953 |
| Equatorial Guinea | | Ad | 27.08.1991 |
| Eritrea | | Ad | 06.04.2001 |
| Estonia | | Ad | 07.12.2000 |
| Ethiopia | | Ad | 20.06.1977 |
| European Community | | Ad | 06.10.2005 |
| Fiji | | Ad | 10.08.2005 |
| Finland | | Ad | 22.06.1960 |
| France | 06.12.1951 | R | 20.08.1957 |
| Germany ¹³ | 30.04.1952 | | 03.05.1957 |
| Ghana | | Ad | 22.02.1991 |
| Greece | | Ad | 09.12.1954 |
| Grenada | | Ad | 27.11.1985 |
| Guatemala | 23.04.1952 | R | 25.05.1955 |
| Guinea | | Ad | 22.05.1991 |
| Guyana | | Ad | 31.08.1970 |
| Haiti | | Ad | 06.11.1970 |
| Honduras | | Ad | 30.07.2003 |
| Hungary | | Ad | 17/05/1960 |
| Iceland | | Ad | 11.04.2005 |
| India | 30.04.1952 | R | 09.06.1952 |

¹³ On 3 October 1990, The German Democratic Republic acceded to the Federal Republic of Germany.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Definitive Signature (DS)/Adherence (Ad)/Succession (Sc) | Date of Deposit |
|----------------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|
| Indonesia | 06.12.1951 | R | 21.06.1977 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | | Ad | 18.09.1972 |
| Iraq | | Ad | 01.07.1954 |
| Ireland | 06.12.1951 | R | 31.03.1955 |
| Israel | 06.12.1951 | R | 03.09.1956 |
| Italy | 02.02.1952 | R | 03.08.1955 |
| Jamaica | | Ad | 24.11.1969 |
| Japan | 06.12.1951 | R | 11.08.1952 |
| Jordan | | Ad | 24.04.1970 |
| Kenya | | Ad | 07.05.1974 |
| Korea, Republic of | | Ad | 08.12.1953 |
| Kyrgyzstan | | Ad | 11.12.2003 |
| Laos | | Ad | 28.02.1955 |
| Latvia | | Ad | 18.08.2003 |
| Lebanon | | Ad | 18.09.1970 |
| Liberia | | Ad | 02.07.1986 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | Ad | 09.07.1970 |
| Lithuania | | Ad | 12.01.2000 |
| Luxembourg | 16.01.1952 | R | 13.01.1955 |
| Malawi | | Ad | 21.05.1974 |
| Malaysia | | Ad | 17.05.1991 |
| Mali | | Ad | 31.08.1987 |
| Malta | | Ad | 13.05.1975 |
| Mauritania | | Ad | 29.04.2002 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Definitive Signature (DS)/Adherence (Ad)/Succession (Sc) | Date of Deposit |
|--------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|
| Mauritius | | Ad | 11.06.1971 |
| Mexico | | Ad | 26.05.1976 |
| Moldova | | Ad | 25.01.2001 |
| Morocco | | Ad | 12.10.1972 |
| Netherlands | 06.12.1951 | R | 29.10.1954 |
| New Zealand | 06.12.1951 | R | 16.09.1952 |
| Nicaragua | | Ad | 02.08.1956 |
| Niger | | Ad | 04.06.1985 |
| Nigeria | | Ad | 17.08.1993 |
| Niue | | Ad | 27.10.2005 |
| Norway | | Ad | 23.04.1956 |
| Oman | | Ad | 23.01.1989 |
| Pakistan | | Ad | 10.11.1954 |
| Panama | | Ad | 14.02.1968 |
| Papua New Guinea | | Ad | 01.06.1976 |
| Paraguay | | Ad | 05.04.1968 |
| Peru | | Ad | 01.07.1975 |
| Philippines | | R | 03.12.1953 |
| Poland | | Ad | 29.05.1996 |
| Portugal | | Ad | 20.10.1955 |
| Romania | | Ad | 17.11.1971 |
| Russian Federation | | Ad | 24.04.1956 |
| Samoa | | Ad | 02.03.2005 |
| Saudi Arabia | | Ad | 07.08.2000 |
| Senegal | | Ad | 03.03.1975 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Definitive Signature (DS)/Adherence (Ad)/Succession (Sc) | Date of Deposit |
|---|------------------|--|------------------------|
| Serbia and Montenegro | | Sc | 27.04.1992 |
| Seychelles | | Ad | 31.10.1996 |
| Sierra Leone | | Ad | 23.06.1981 |
| Slovenia | | Ad | 27.05.1998 |
| Solomon Islands | | Ad | 18.10.1978 |
| South Africa | 06.12.1951 | R | 21.09.1956 |
| Spain | 10.12.1951 | R | 18.02.1952 |
| Sri Lanka | 07.12.1951 | R | 12.02.1952 |
| St. Kitts & Nevis | | Ad | 17.04.1990 |
| St. Lucia | | Ad | 23.10.2002 |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | | Ad | 15.11.2001 |
| Sudan | | Ad | 16.07.1971 |
| Suriname ¹⁴ | 29.10.1954 | Sc | |
| Swaziland | | Ad | 12.07.2005 |
| Sweden | 11.12.1951 | R | 30.05.1952 |
| Switzerland | 06.12.1951 | R | 26.09.1966 |
| Syria | | Ad | 05.11.2003 |
| Thailand | 01.12.1951 | R | 16.08.1978 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | Ad | 09.08.2004 |
| Togo | | Ad | 02.04.1986 |

¹⁴ On 22.04.1977 the Director-General received from Suriname a formal declaration of succession stating that Suriname considers itself bound by the Convention previously declared applicable to it by the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Definitive Signature (DS)/Adherence (Ad)/Succession (Sc) | Date of Deposit |
|--|------------|---|-----------------|
| Tonga | | Ad | 23.11.2005 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | Ad | 30.06.1970 |
| Tunisia | | Ad | 22.07.1971 |
| Turkey | | Ad | 29.07.1988 |
| United Arab Emirates | | Ad | 02.04.2001 |
| United Kingdom ¹⁵ | 06.12.1951 | R | 07.09.1953 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ad | 21.02.2005 |
| United States of America ¹⁶ | 06.12.1951 | R | 18.08.1972 |
| Uruguay | 30.04.1952 | Ad | 15.07.1970 |
| Venezuela | | Ad | 12.05.1966 |
| Viet Nam | | R | 22.02.2005 |
| Yemen | | Ad | 20.12.1990 |
| Zambia | | Ad | 24.06.1986 |

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¹⁵ Extended to the Isle of Man and Jersey on 01.10.1953, and to the Bailiwick of Guernsey on 09.03.1966.

¹⁶ Extended upon ratification to all territories for the international relations of which the United States of America is responsible.

**10. AGREEMENT CONCERNING MEASURES FOR PROTECTION OF
THE STOCKS OF DEEP-SEA PRAWNS (*Pandalus borealis*),
EUROPEAN LOBSTERS (*Homarus vulgaris*), NORWAY LOBSTERS
(*Nephrops norvegicus*) AND CRUBS (*Cancer pagurus*) (as
amended)**

Objectives

To protect the stocks of the four species of crustacea.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Covers only the seas lying between Denmark, Sweden and Norway (art. 1);
- (b) Size of mesh of nets and minimum size of crustaceans to be caught are regulated (art. 2, 3, 4);
- (c) The provisions of articles, 2, 3 and 4 do not apply to fishery research (art. 5).

Membership

Restricted to the signatory States.

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 07.03.1952 | Amending Protocol |
| Place of adoption | Oslo | 14.10.1959 |
| Date of entry into force | 26.01.1953 | 14.10.1959 |
| Language | Norwegian | |
| Depositary | Norway | |

| Participant | Ratification | Entry into force | Protocol: Entry into force |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Denmark | 26.11.1952 | 26.01.1953 | 14.10.1959 |
| Norway | 26.11.1952 | 26.01.1953 | 14.10.1959 |
| Sweden | 26.11.1952 | 26.01.1953 | 14.10.1959 |

11. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN (AS AMENDED)¹⁷

Objectives

To ensure maximum sustained productivity of the fishery resources of the north Pacific Ocean. To coordinate research and conservation measures to this end.

Summary of provisions

- (a) All the waters of the North Pacific Ocean and adjacent seas, other than territorial waters, are included (art. 1);
- (b) An International North Pacific Fisheries Commission established (art. 2);
- (c) Commission to study fish stocks and decide and recommend joint conservation measures (art. 3);
- (d) Strong enforcement measures are included (arts. 9 and 10);
- (e) Annex contains conservation measures for halibut, herring and salmon.

Membership

Restricted to the signatory States.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Date of adoption | 09.05.1952 |
| Place of adoption | Tokyo |
| Date of entry into force | 12.06.1953 |
| Language | English, Japanese |

¹⁷ Terminated and replaced by the 1978 Protocol.

12. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, LONDON, 1954 (as amended in 1962 and 1969)

Objectives

To take action to prevent pollution of the sea by oil discharged from ships.

Summary of provisions

(a) Applies to all ships, except tankers of under 150 tons gross tonnage and other ships of under 500 tons gross tonnage, registered in the territory of, or having the nationality of, a Party. Naval ships and ships engaged in whaling are also excepted (art. 2);

(b) Prohibition of discharges, except when a ship is proceeding en route or when the instantaneous rate of discharge does not exceed 60 litres per mile. The prohibition is not applicable when the following conditions are satisfied: in the case of a ship - the oil content of the discharge is less than 100 parts per million parts of the mixture, or the discharge is made as far as practicable from land; in the case of a tanker - the total quantity of oil discharged on a ballast voyage does not exceed one fifteen-thousandth of the total cargo-carrying capacity, or the tanker is more than 50 miles from the nearest land (art. 3);

(c) Exceptions to article 3 in cases of necessity to secure safety of ships, save life or prevent damage to cargo, or where leakage is unavoidable and all measures have been taken to minimize it (art. 4);

(d) Ships to be fitted within 12 months to prevent escape of oil into the bilges (art. 7)\

(e) Parties to provide appropriate facilities at ports and oil-loading terminals (art. 8);

(f) All ships covered by the Convention to carry an oil record book in a form specified in the annex, to be completed whenever certain operations take place (art. 9);

(g) Parties to send texts of laws, decrees, orders and regulations giving effect to the Convention to the United Nations.

Membership

Open to all States for acceptance; instruments of acceptance to be deposited with the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| | | 1962 Amendments | 1969 Amendments |
| Date of adoption | 12.05.1954 | 11.04.1962 | 21.10.1969 |
| Place of adoption | London | London | London |
| Date of entry into force | 26.07.1958 | 28.06.1967 (art.XIV) 18.05.1967 (others) | 20.01.1978 |
| Languages | English, French | | |
| Depositary | International Maritime Organization | | |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Algeria | 20.04.1964 |
| Argentina ¹⁸ | 30.12.1976 |

¹⁸ With a reservation/declaration.

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Austria | 19.08.1975 |
| Bahamas ¹⁸ | 22.10.1976 |
| Bahrain | 21.01.1986 |
| Bangladesh | 28.12.1981 |
| Belgium | 26.07.1958 |
| Canada | 26.07.1958 |
| Chile ¹⁸ | 02.11.1977 |
| Congo | 10.12.1985 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 17.06.1967 |
| Cyprus | 10.09.1980 |
| Denmark | 26.07.1958 |
| Djibouti | 01.06.1984 |
| Dominican Republic | 29.08.1963 |
| Egypt | 22.07.1963 |
| Fiji ¹⁸ | 15.11.1972 |
| Finland | 31.03.1959 |
| France | 26.07.1958 |
| Ghana | 17.08.1962 |
| Greece | 28.06.1967 |
| Guinea | 19.04.1981 |
| Iceland | 23.05.1962 |
| India | 04.06.1974 |
| Ireland | 26.07.1958 |
| Israel | 11.02.1966 |
| Italy ¹⁸ | 25.08.1964 |
| Japan | 21.11.1967 |
| Jordan | 08.08.1963 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kenya | 12.12.1975 |
| Kuwait | 27.02.1962 |
| Lebanon | 31.08.1967 |
| Liberia ¹⁸ | 28.06.1962 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 18.05.1972 |
| Madagascar | 01.05.1965 |
| Maldives | 17.08.1982 |
| Malta | 10.04.1975 |
| Mexico | 26.07.1958 |
| Monaco | 25.06.1970 |
| Morocco | 29.05.1968 |
| New Zealand | 01.09.1971 |
| Nigeria | 22.04.1968 |
| Norway | 26.07.1958 |
| Panama | 25.12.1963 |
| Papua New Guinea | 12.06.1980 |
| Philippines | 19.02.1964 |
| Poland ¹⁸ | 28.05.1961 |
| Portugal ¹⁸ | 28.06.1967 |
| Qatar | 01.05.1980 |
| Republic of Korea | 31.10.1978 |
| Russian Federation ¹⁸ | 04.23.2969 |
| Saudi Arabia ¹⁸ | 30.03.1972 |
| Senegal | 27.06.1972 |
| Slovenia | 25.06.1991 |
| Spain | 22.04.1964 |
| Sri Lanka | 30.11.1983 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--|-------------------------|
| Suriname | 01.03.1977 |
| Sweden | 26.07.1958 |
| Switzerland | 12.04.1966 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 24.03.1969 |
| Tunisia ¹⁸ | 11.09.1973 |
| United Arab Emirates | 15.03.1984 |
| United Kingdom ¹⁹ | 26.07.1958 |
| United States of America ²⁰ | 08.12.1961 |
| Uruguay | 09.03.1976 |
| Vanuatu | 02.05.1983 |
| Venezuela | 12.03.1964 |
| Yemen | 06.06.1979 |
| Yugoslavia | 11.06.1974 |

States which have denounced the Convention

| | |
|---|------------|
| Australia | 14.10.1988 |
| Bulgaria | 12.12.1985 |
| Germany | 30.03.1989 |
| Netherlands (and the Netherlands Antiles) | 01.06.1984 |

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¹⁹ Extended to Bermuda.

²⁰ Extended to American Samoa, Guam, The Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the United States Virgin Islands on 09.09.1975 and to the Midway Islands, Johnston Island and Wake Island on 18.03.1976.

13. PLANT PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION²¹ (as amended)

Objectives

To prevent the introduction into and spread within the region of destructive plant diseases and pests.

Summary of provisions

- (a) A Plant Protection Commission for the Asia and Pacific Region established (art. 2)
- (b) Trade in plants and plant products to be regulated by certification, prohibition, inspection, disinfection, quarantine, destruction, etc., as necessary (art. 3);
- (c) Special measures (enumerated in appendix B) to be taken to exclude South American leaf blight of the *Hevea* rubber tree from the region (art. 4).

Membership

Open to any State situated in the region, or any Government which is responsible for the international relations of any territory or territories in the region, by way of signature, signature subject to ratification or adherence.

| | Amendments | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 27.02.1956 | 03.11.1967 | 22.06.1979 | 24.11.1983 | Nov.1983 | Nov.1999 |
| Place of adoption | Rome | Rome | Rome | Rome | | |
| Date of entry into force | 02.07.1956 | 16.08.1969 | 16.02.1983 | 23.05.1990 | Not yet in force | Not yet in force |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish | | | | | |
| Depository | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | | | | | |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Adherence (Ad)/ Definitive Signature (DS) | Date |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Australia | DS | 27.02.1956 |
| Bangladesh | Ad | 04.12.1974 |
| Cambodia | Ad | 27.01.1969 |
| China | Ad | 06.06.1990 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | Ad | 16.01.1996 |
| Fiji | Ad | 16.12.1970 |
| France | Ad | 20.08.1957 |
| India | DS | 02.07.1956 |
| Indonesia | R | 21.12.1967 |

²¹ Formerly Plant Protection Agreement for the South-East Asia and Pacific Region. The present title was adopted as a result of amendments to the Agreement, which entered into force on 16.02.1983.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Adherence (Ad)/ Definitive Signature (DS) | Date |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | R | 17.03.1960 |
| Malaysia | Ad | 20.11.1957 |
| Myanmar | Ad | 04.11.1959 |
| Nepal | Ad | 12.08.1965 |
| Netherlands | R | 19.07.1957 |
| New Zealand ²² | Ad | 17.12.1975 |
| Pakistan | Ad | 08.01.1958 |
| Papua New Guinea | Ad | 01.06.1976 |
| Philippines | R | 11.06.1962 |
| Portugal | R | 02.07.1956 |
| Republic of Korea | Ad | 04.11.1981 |
| Samoa | Ad | 23.12.1971 |
| Solomon Islands | Ad | 20.06.1979 |
| Sri Lanka | R | 27.02.1956 |
| Thailand | Ad | 26.11.1956 |
| Tonga | Ad | 05.11.1981 |
| United Kingdom | R | 03.12.1956 |
| Viet Nam | DS | 02.07.1956 |

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²² Applies to the Cook Islands and Niue but not to Tokelau.

14. INTERIM CONVENTION ON CONSERVATION OF NORTH PACIFIC FUR SEALS (as amended)

Objectives

To achieve maximum sustainable productivity from the fur seal resources of the north Pacific, and to conduct adequate scientific research to this end.

Summary of provisions

(c) Parties to coordinate scientific research programmes to determine measures necessary to maximize the sustainable yield from fur seal resources, and to establish the relationship between fur seals and other living marine resources (art. 2);

(d) A North Pacific Fur Seal Commission established to formulate and coordinate research programmes, study the results of such research and make recommendations to the parties on the basis of the findings for measures to achieve the objectives of the Convention (art. 5);

(e) Enforcement measures for boarding and arresting boats believed to be in violation of the Convention (art. 6);

(f) Indigenous peoples practicing traditional sealing methods are exempted from the Convention's provisions (art. 7).

Membership

Restricted to signatory States; no provision for adherence or accession.

Amendments

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 09.02.1957 | 08.10.1963 07.05.1976 10.12.1984 | 03.09.1969 14.10.1980 |
| Place of adoption | Washington, D.C. | | |
| Date of entry into force | 14.10.1957 | 10.04.1964 12.10.1976 Not yet in force | 03.09.1969 02.07.1981 |
| Languages | English, Japanese, Russian | | |
| Depositary | United States of America | | |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Canada | 14.10.1957 |
| Japan | 14.10.1957 |
| Russian Federation | 14.10.1957 |
| United States of America | 14.10.1957 |

15. CONVENTION CONCERNING FISHING IN THE WATERS OF THE DANUBE

Objectives

The rational utilization and expansion of the fish stocks in the Danube through cooperation on a scientific basis.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to apply the Regulations for Fishing in the River Danube, annexed to the Convention, relating to prohibited times and places for fishing, prohibited tackle and fishing methods and sizes of mesh of nets (art. 4);

(b) Parties to improve natural conditions for fish breeding and, in the event of erecting engineering works, to safeguard the normal migratory movements of fish (art. 5);

(c) Artificial breeding to be undertaken as necessary (art. 6);

(d) Parties to take measures to prevent contamination and pollution of the river by untreated sewage and industrial/municipal wastes, and to regulate blasting (art. 7);

(e) Parties to cooperate in the exchange of information and in scientific and technical agreements (arts. 8 and 9);

(f) A mixed Commission established to work out measures for the regulation of fishing and the augmentation of fish stocks, to make proposals to the parties, to organize exchanges of information and to coordinate scientific research (art.11 and 12).

Membership

Open for accession to other Danubian States.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 29.01.1958 |
| Place of adoption | Bucharest |
| Date of entry into force | 20.12.1958 |
| Languages | Bulgarian, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croat |
| Depositary | Romania |

| Participant | Instrument: Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Bulgaria | R | 18.11.1958 | 20.12.1958 |
| Czechoslovakia | Ac | 29.06.1972 | 29.06.1972 |
| Hungary | Ac | 18.12.1961 | 18.12.1961 |
| Romania | R | 20.12.1958 | 20.12.1958 |
| Russian Federation | R | 16.09.1958 | 20.12.1958 |
| Yugoslavia | R | 21.10.1958 | 20.12.1958 |

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16. CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

Objectives

To define and delimit the rights of States to explore and exploit the natural resources of the continental shelf.

Summary of provisions

(a) Coastal States have sovereign and exclusive rights over the continental shelf for the purpose of exploration and exploitation (art. 1);

(b) Such exploration or exploitation must not cause unjustifiable interference with navigation, fishing or the conservation of the living resources of the sea, or with oceanographic or other scientific research (art. 5).

Membership

Open to all States Members of the United Nations or of any of the specialized agencies and any other State invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to the Convention.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 29.04.1958 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 10.06.1964 |
| Languages | Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument: Ratification (R) / Accession (Ac) / Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Afghanistan | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Albania | | Ac | 07.12.1964 |
| Argentina | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Australia | 30.10.1958 | R | 14.05.1963 |
| Belarus | 31.10.1958 | R | 27.02.1961 |
| Bolivia | 17.10.1958 | | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 12.01.1994 |
| Bulgaria | | Ac | 31.08.1962 |
| Cambodia | | Ac | 18.03.1960 |
| Canada | 29.04.1958 | R | 06.02.1970 |
| Chile | 31.10.1958 | | |
| Colombia | 29.04.1958 | R | 08.01.1962 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument: Ratification (R) / Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Costa Rica | 29.04.1958 | R | 16.02.1972 |
| Croatia | | S | 03.08.1992 |
| Cuba | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 11.04.1974 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 22.02.1993 |
| Denmark | 29.04.1958 | R | 12.06.1963 |
| Dominican Republic | 29.04.1958 | R | 11.08.1964 |
| Ecuador | 31.10.1958 | | |
| Fiji ²³ | | S | 25.03.1971 |
| Finland | 27.10.1958 | R | 16.02.1965 |
| France | | Ac | 14.06.1965 |
| Germany | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Ghana | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Greece | | Ac | 06.11.1972 |
| Guatemala | 29.04.1958 | R | 27.11.1961 |
| Haiti | 29.04.1958 | R | 29.03.1960 |
| Iceland | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Indonesia | 08.05.1958 | | |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 28.05.1958 | | |
| Ireland | 02.10.1958 | | |
| Israel | 29.04.1958 | R | 06.09.1961 |
| Jamaica | | Ac | 08.10.1965 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 20.06.1969 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 02.12.1992 |

²³ Date of deposit of formal notification of succession with the Secretary-General.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument: Ratification (R) / Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Lebanon | 29.05.1958 | | |
| Lesotho ²³ | | S | 23.10.1973 |
| Liberia | 27.05.1958 | | |
| Madagascar | | Ac | 31.07.1962 |
| Malawi | | Ac | 03.11.1965 |
| Malaysia | | Ac | 21.12.1960 |
| Malta | | S | 19.05.1966 |
| Mauritius ²³ | | S | 05.10.1970 |
| Mexico | | Ac | 02.08.1966 |
| Nepal | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Netherlands | 31.10.1958 | R | 18.02.1966 |
| New Zealand | 29.10.1958 | R | 18.01.1965 |
| Nigeria | | Ac | 28.04.1971 |
| Norway | | Ac | 09.09.1971 |
| Pakistan | 31.10.1958 | | |
| Panama | 02.05.1958 | | |
| Peru | 31.10.1958 | | |
| Poland | 31.10.1958 | R | 29.06.1962 |
| Portugal | 28.10.1958 | R | 08.01.1963 |
| Romania | | Ac | 12.12.1961 |
| Russian Federation | 31.10.1958 | R | 22.11.1960 |
| Senegal | | Ac | 25.04.1961 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 12.03.2001 |
| Sierra Leone | | Ac | 25.11.1966 |
| Slovakia | | S | 28.05.1993 |
| Solomon Islands ²³ | | S | 03.09.1981 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument: Ratification (R) / Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--|------------------|--|-------------|
| South Africa | | Ac | 09.04.1963 |
| Spain | | Ac | 25.02.1971 |
| Sri Lanka | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Swaziland | | Ac | 16.10.1970 |
| Sweden | | Ac | 01.06.1966 |
| Switzerland | 22.10.1958 | R | 18.05.1966 |
| Thailand | 29.04.1958 | R | 02.07.1968 |
| Tonga | | S | 29.06.1971 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | Ac | 11.07.1968 |
| Tunisia | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Uganda | | Ac | 14.09.1964 |
| Ukraine | 31.10.1958 | R | 12.01.1961 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 09.09.1958 | R | 11.05.1964 |
| United States of America | 15.09.1958 | R | 12.04.1961 |
| Uruguay | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 30.10.1958 | R | 15.08.1961 |

17. CONVENTION ON FISHING AND CONSERVATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS

Objectives

Through international cooperation, to solve the problems involved in the conservation of the living resources of the high seas, considering that through the development of modern techniques some of these resources are in danger of being over-exploited.

Summary of provisions

(a) All States have a duty to adopt, or cooperate with other States in adopting, measures necessary for the conservation of the living resources of the high seas (art. 1);

(b) Such measures should be formulated with a view to securing a supply of food for human consumption (art. 2);

(c) Coastal States have special interests in the high seas adjacent to their territorial seas and may unilaterally adopt conservation measures for such areas which shall be valid for other States if there is an urgent need for such measures, and if the measures are based on scientific findings and do not discriminate against foreign fishermen (arts. 6 and 7);

(d) Disputes to be settled by a special commission of five members whose decision shall be binding on the States concerned (arts. 9 and 11).

Membership

Open to all States Members of the United Nations or of any of the specialized agencies and any other States invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to become a Party to the Convention.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 29.04.1958 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 20.03.1966 |
| Languages | Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument: Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Afghanistan | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Argentina | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Australia | 30.10.1958 | R | 14.05.1963 |
| Belgium | | Ac | 06.01.1972 |
| Bolivia | 17.10.1958 | | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 12.01.1994 |
| Burkina Faso | | Ac | 04.10.1965 |
| Cambodia | | Ac | 18.03.1960 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument: Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Canada | 29.04.1958 | | |
| China | | | |
| Colombia | 29.04.1958 | R | 03.01.1963 |
| Costa Rica | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Cuba | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Denmark | 29.04.1958 | R | 26.09.1968 |
| Dominican Republic | 29.04.1958 | R | 11.08.1964 |
| Fiji | | S | 25.03.1971 |
| Finland | 27.10.1958 | R | 16.02.1965 |
| France | 30.10.1958 | R | 18.09.1970 |
| Ghana | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Haiti | 29.04.1958 | R | 29.03.1960 |
| Iceland | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Indonesia | 08.05.1958 | | |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 28.05.1958 | | |
| Ireland | 02.10.1958 | | |
| Israel | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Jamaica | | S | 16.04.1964 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 20.06.1969 |
| Lebanon | 29.05.1958 | | |
| Lesotho ²⁴ | | S | 23.10.1973 |
| Liberia | 27.05.1958 | | |
| Madagascar | | Ac | 31.07.1962 |

²⁴ Date of deposit of formal notification of succession with the Secretary-General. The ratification specifies that Lesotho is bound from the date of accession to independence, 04.10.1966.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument: Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| Malawi | | Ac | 03.11.1965 |
| Malaysia | | Ac | 21.12.1960 |
| Mauritius ²⁵ | | S | 05.10.1970 |
| Mexico | | Ac | 02.08.1966 |
| Nepal | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Netherlands | 31.10.1958 | R | 18.02.1966 |
| New Zealand | 29.10.1958 | | |
| Nigeria | | S | 26.06.1961 |
| Pakistan | 31.10.1958 | | |
| Panama | 02.05.1958 | | |
| Portugal | 28.10.1958 | R | 08.01.1963 |
| Senegal | | Ac | 25.04.1961 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 12.03.2001 |
| Sierra Leone | | S | 13.03.1962 |
| Solomon Islands ²³ | | S | 03.09.1981 |
| South Africa | | Ac | 09.04.1963 |
| Spain | | Ac | 25.02.1971 |
| Sri Lanka | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Switzerland | 22.10.1958 | R | 18.05.1966 |
| Thailand | 29.04.1958 | R | 02.07.1968 |
| Tonga ²⁵ | | S | 29.06.1971 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | S | 11.04.1966 |
| Tunisia | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Uganda | | Ac | 14.09.1957 |

²⁵ Date of deposit of formal notification of succession with the Secretary-General.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument: Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--|------------------|---|-------------|
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 09.09.1958 | R | 14.03.1960 |
| United States of America | 15.09.1958 | R | 12.04.1961 |
| Uruguay | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 30.10.1958 | R | 10.07.1963 |

18. CONVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS

Objectives

To codify the rules of international law relating to the high seas.

Summary of environmentally related provisions

(a) States to draw up regulations to prevent pollution of the sea by oil from ships and pipelines or resulting from the exploration and exploitation of the sea-bed (art.24)

(b) States to take measures to prevent pollution of the sea by dumping of radioactive waste and to cooperate with international agencies in taking such measures to prevent pollution of the sea or airspace above them resulting from radioactive materials or other harmful agents (art. 25).

Membership

Open to all States Members of the United Nations or of any of the specialized agencies and any other State invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to become a Party to the Convention.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 29.04.1958 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 30.09.1962 |
| Languages | Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Afghanistan | 30.10.1958 | R | 28.04.1959 |
| Albania | | Ac | 07.12.1964 |
| Argentina | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Australia | 30.10.1958 | R | 14.05.1963 |
| Austria | 27.10.1958 | R | 10.01.1974 |
| Belarus | 30.10.1958 | R | 27.02.1961 |
| Belgium | | Ac | 06.01.1972 |
| Bolivia | 17.10.1958 | | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 01.09.1993 |
| Bulgaria | 31.10.1958 | R | 31.08.1962 |
| Burkina Faso | | Ac | 04.10.1965 |
| Cambodia | | Ac | 18.03.1960 |
| Canada | 29.04.1958 | | |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| Central African Republic | | Ac | 15.10.1962 |
| China | | | |
| Colombia | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Costa Rica | 29.04.1958 | R | 16.02.1972 |
| Croatia | | S | 03.08.1992 |
| Cuba | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 23.05.1988 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 22.02.1993 |
| Denmark | 29.04.1958 | R | 26.09.1968 |
| Dominican Republic | 29.04.1958 | R | 11.08.1964 |
| Fiji ²⁶ | | S | 25.03.1971 |
| Finland | 27.10.1958 | R | 16.02.1965 |
| France | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Germany | 30.10.1958 | R | 26.07.1973 |
| Ghana | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Guatemala | 29.04.1958 | R | 27.11.1961 |
| Haiti | 29.04.1958 | R | 29.03.1960 |
| Holy See | 30.04.1958 | | |
| Hungary | 31.10.1958 | R | 06.12.1961 |
| Iceland | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Indonesia | 08.05.1958 | R | 10.08.1961 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 28.05.1958 | | |
| Ireland | 02.10.1958 | | |
| Israel | 29.04.1958 | R | 06.09.1961 |

²⁶ Date of deposit of formal notification of succession with the Secretary-General.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| Italy | | Ac | 17.12.1964 |
| Jamaica | | S | 08.10.1965 |
| Japan | | Ac | 10.06.1968 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 20.06.1969 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 17.11.1992 |
| Lebanon | 29.05.1958 | | |
| Lesotho | | S | 23.10.1973 |
| Liberia | 27.05.1958 | | |
| Madagascar | | Ac | 31.07.1962 |
| Malawi | | Ac | 03.11.1965 |
| Malaysia | | Ac | 21.12.1960 |
| Mauritius ²⁶ | | S | 05.10.1970 |
| Mexico | | Ac | 02.08.1966 |
| Mongolia | | Ac | 15.10.1976 |
| Nepal | 29.04.1958 | R | 28.12.1962 |
| Netherlands | 31.10.1958 | R | 18.02.1966 |
| New Zealand | 29.10.1958 | | |
| Nigeria | | S | 26.06.1961 |
| Pakistan | 31.10.1958 | | |
| Panama | 02.05.1958 | | |
| Poland | 31.10.1958 | R | 29.06.1962 |
| Portugal | 28.10.1958 | R | 08.01.1963 |
| Romania | 31.10.1958 | R | 12.12.1961 |
| Russian Federation | 30.10.1958 | R | 22.11.1960 |
| Senegal | | Ac | 25.04.1961 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 12.03.2001 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--|------------------|---|-------------|
| Sierra Leone | | S | 13.03.1962 |
| Slovakia | | S | 28.05.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 06.07.1992 |
| Solomon Islands ²⁶ | | S | 03.09.1981 |
| South Africa | | Ac | 09.04.1963 |
| Spain | | Ac | 25.02.1971 |
| Sri Lanka | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Swaziland | | Ac | 16.10.1970 |
| Switzerland | 24.05.1958 | R | 18.05.1966 |
| Thailand | 29.04.1958 | R | 02.07.1968 |
| Tonga ²⁶ | | S | 29.06.1971 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | S | 11.04.1966 |
| Tunisia | 30.10.1958 | | |
| Uganda | | Ac | 14.09.1964 |
| Ukraine | 30.10.1958 | R | 12.01.1961 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 09.09.1958 | R | 14.03.1960 |
| United States of America | 15.09.1958 | R | 12.04.1961 |
| Uruguay | 29.04.1958 | | |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 30.10.1958 | R | 15.08.1961 |

19. NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION²⁷

Objectives

To ensure the conservation and rational exploitation of the fish stocks of the north-East Atlantic Ocean and adjacent waters.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Includes seas lying north of latitude 36° west and longitude 51° east but excluding the Mediterranean and the Baltic. The area to be divided into regions (art. 1);
- (b) A North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission established (art. 3);
- (c) The Commission to consider what measures may be required to conserve fish stocks and make recommendations to the parties based on the results of scientific research and investigation (art. 6);
- (e) All sea-fish and shellfish are included, but not sea mammals (art. 7).

Membership

Open to all States for accession by notification in writing addressed to the depositary Government.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.01.1959 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | 27.06.1963 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | United Kingdom |

| Participant | Entry into force | Withdrawals |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Belgium | 27.06.1963 | 30.12.1977 |
| Bulgaria | 01.09.1976 | 24.07.1985 |
| Cuba | 09.12.1976 | |
| Denmark | 27.06.1963 | 29.12.1977 |
| Denmark, for the Faeroe Islands | 1977 | 01.11.1983 |
| Finland | 22.06.1976 | 06.01.1982 |
| France | 27.06.1963 | 31.12.1977 |
| Germany | 27.06.1963 | 07.02.1978 |
| Iceland | 27.06.1963 | 11.03.1982 |
| Ireland | 27.06.1963 | 11.03.1982 |
| Ireland | 27.06.1963 | 24.02.1978 |

²⁷ Superseded by the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in North-East Atlantic Fisheries (London, 18.11.1980).

| Participant | Entry into force | Withdrawals |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Netherlands | 27.06.1963 | 29.12.1977 |
| Norway | 27.06.1963 | 01.07.1978 |
| Poland | 27.06.1963 | 29.04.1984 |
| Portugal | 27.06.1963 | 30.11.1983 |
| Russian Federation | 27.06.1963 | 23.04.1982 |
| Spain | 27.06.1963 | 24.02.1985 |
| Sweden | 27.06.1963 | 13.09.1979 |
| United Kingdom | 27.06.1963 | 31.12.1977 |

20. CONVENTION CONCERNING FISHING IN THE BLACK SEA (as amended)

Objectives

To ensure the rational utilization of the fishery resources and the development of marine fishing in the Black Sea.

Summary of provisions

(a) Cooperation between parties in improving fishing techniques and scientific research (art. 1);

(b) Ports of refuge from bad weather for fishing boats from the contracting States established in each State (art. 2);

(c) Minimum sizes of fish to be taken (art. 5);

(d) Parties to exchange information concerning fish migrations, scientific research and fishing techniques (arts. 6 and 7);

(e) A Mixed Commission established to work out measures to regulate fishing, to amend article 5, to coordinate research and to exchange information (arts. 8 and 9).

Membership

Open for accession to Black Sea States.

| | | Amendment |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 07.07.1959 | |
| Place of adoption | Varna, Bulgaria | |
| Date of entry into force | 21.03.1960 | 30.06.1965 |
| Languages | Bulgarian, Romanian, Russian | |
| Depositary | Bulgaria | |

| Participant | Entry into Force |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bulgaria | 21.03.1960 |
| Romania | 21.03.1960 |
| Russian Federation | 21.03.1960 |

21. THE ANTARCTIC TREATY

Objectives

To ensure that Antarctica is used for peaceful purposes, for international cooperation in scientific research, and does not become the scene or object of international discord

Summary of provisions

- (a) No military bases, military manoeuvres or weapon testing in Antarctica (art. 1);
- (b) Freedom of scientific investigation and cooperation in the exchange of information regarding plans for such investigation and of personnel engaged in such investigation, and of information resulting from such investigation (arts. 2 and 3);
- (c) Territorial claims in Antarctica not affected by the Convention (art. 4);
- (d) Observers to inspect stations, installations and equipment, to be appointed by each party (art. 7);
- (e) Meetings of parties to be held for consultation and to formulate and recommend measures to further the objectives of the Treaty;
- (f) Detailed agreed measures for the conservation of Antarctic fauna and flora.

Membership

Open for accession by any State Member of the United Nations, or any other State by unanimous invitation of the parties. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Government of the United States of America.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 01.12.1959 |
| Place of adoption | Washington, D.C. |
| Date of entry into force | 23.06.1961 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | United States of America |

(Status as of 1 January 2005)

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Argentina | 23.06.1961 |
| Australia | 23.06.1961 |
| Austria | 25.08.1987 |
| Belgium | 23.06.1961 |
| Brazil | 16.05.1975 |
| Bulgaria | 11.09.1978 |
| Canada | 04.05.1988 |
| Chile | 23.06.1961 |
| China | 08.06.1983 |
| Colombia | 31.01.1989 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cuba | 16.08.1984 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 21.01.1987 |
| Denmark | 20.05.1965 |
| Ecuador | 15.09.1987 |
| Estonia | 17.05.2001 |
| Finland | 15.05.1984 |
| France | 23.06.1961 |
| Germany | 05.02.1979 |
| Greece | 08.01.1987 |
| Guatemala | 31.07.1991 |
| Hungary | 27.01.1984 |
| India | 19.08.1983 |
| Italy | 18.03.1981 |
| Japan | 23.06.1961 |
| Netherlands ²⁸ | 30.03.1967 |
| New Zealand | 23.06.1961 |
| Norway | 23.06.1961 |
| Papua New Guinea | 16.09.1975 |
| Peru | 10.04.1981 |
| Poland | 23.06.1961 |
| Republic of Korea | 28.11.1986 |
| Romania | 15.09.1971 |
| Russian Federation | 23.06.1961 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |
| South Africa | 23.06.1961 |

²⁸ Extended to the Netherlands Antilles and Suriname.

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Spain | 31.03.1982 |
| Sweden | 24.04.1984 |
| Switzerland | 15.11.1990 |
| Turkey | 24.01.1996 |
| Ukraine | 28.10.1992 |
| United Kingdom | 23.06.1961 |
| United States of America | 23.06.1961 |
| Uruguay | 11.01.1980 |
| Venezuela | 24.03.1999 |

22. AGREEMENT CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE QUARANTINE OF PLANTS AND THEIR PROTECTION AGAINST PESTS AND DISEASES

Objectives

To expand cooperation in the quarantine of plants and their protection from pests, diseases and weeds, and to coordinate measures in respect of quarantine of plants, the control of pests and diseases of agricultural plants, and the control of weeds.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to take necessary measures against pests, weeds and diseases listed in annex (art. 1);
- (b) Parties to exchange information concerning plant pests and diseases and their control (art. 2);
- (c) Parties to give one another technical assistance in the control of such pests, diseases and weeds (art. 3);
- (d) Parties to cooperate in applying uniform phytosanitary regulations for the import and export of plant matter from one country to another (art. 4).

Membership

Open to any State of accession. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Secretariat of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA).

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 14.12.1959 |
| Place of adoption | Sofia |
| Date of entry into force | 19.10.1960 |
| Language | Russian |
| Depositary | Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Albania | 19.11.1960 |
| Bulgaria | 19.10.1960 |
| Czechoslovakia | 19.10.1960 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 15.11.1960 |
| Hungary | 19.10.1960 |
| Mongolia | 23.08.1961 |
| Poland | 27.10.1960 |
| Romania | 19.10.1960 |
| Russian Federation | 19.10.1960 |

23. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS AGAINST IONIZING RADIATIONS

Objectives

To protect workers, as regards their health and safety, against ionizing radiations.

Summary of provisions

(a) The parties undertake to give effect to the Convention by means of laws or regulations, codes of practice or other appropriate means (art. 1);

(b) The Convention applies to all activities involving exposure of workers to ionizing radiations in the course of their work (art. 2);

(c) Maximum permissible doses of ionizing radiations shall be established for various categories of workers (art. 6).

Membership

Open to all States Members of the International Labour Organization.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 22.06.1960 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 17.06.1962 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Director-General of the International Labour Office |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Ratification |
|----------------|--------------|
| Argentina | 15.06.1978 |
| Azerbaijan | 19.05.1992 |
| Barbados | 08.05.1967 |
| Belarus | 26.02.1968 |
| Belgium | 02.07.1965 |
| Belize | 15.12.1983 |
| Brazil | 05.09.1966 |
| Chile | 14.10.1994 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |
| Denmark | 07.02.1974 |
| Djibouti | 03.08.1978 |
| Ecuador | 09.03.1970 |
| Egypt | 18.03.1964 |
| Finland | 16.10.1978 |

| Participant | Ratification |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| France | 18.11.1971 |
| Germany | 26.09.1973 |
| Ghana | 07.11.1961 |
| Greece | 04.06.1982 |
| Guinea | 12.12.1966 |
| Guyana | 08.06.1966 |
| Hungary | 17.11.1975 |
| India | 26.10.1962 |
| Iraq | 05.05.1971 |
| Japan | 31.07.1973 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 31.03.1992 |
| Latvia | 08.03.1993 |
| Lebanon | 06.12.1977 |
| Mexico | 19.10.1983 |
| Netherlands | 29.11.1966 |
| Nicaragua | 01.10.1981 |
| Norway | 17.06.1961 |
| Paraguay | 10.07.1967 |
| Poland | 23.12.1964 |
| Portugal | 17.03.1994 |
| Russian Federation | 22.09.1967 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |
| Spain | 17.07.1962 |
| Sri Lanka | 18.06.1986 |
| Sweden | 12.04.1961 |
| Switzerland | 29.05.1963 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 15.01.1964 |

| Participant | Ratification |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Tajikistan | 26.11.1993 |
| Turkey | 15.11.1968 |
| Ukraine | 19.06.1968 |
| United Kingdom | 09.03.1962 |
| Uruguay | 22.09.1992 |

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24. CONVENTION ON THIRD PARTY LIABILITY IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY (as amended)

Objectives

To ensure adequate and equitable compensation for persons who suffer damage caused by nuclear incidents, whilst ensuring that the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is not thereby hindered. To unify the basic rules in various countries relating to liability incurred for such damage.

Summary of provisions

(a) The operator of a nuclear installation to be liable for damage to or loss of life of any person and damage to or loss of any property upon proof that such loss or damage was caused by a nuclear incident involving either nuclear fuel or radioactive products or waste in, or nuclear substances coming from, such an installation (art. 3);

(b) Maximum liability of operator defined (art. 7);

(c) Actions must be brought within 10 years from the date of the nuclear incident (art. 8);

(d) Operator not liable if incident caused by act of armed conflict, invasion, civil war or grave natural disaster of an exceptional character (art. 9);

(e) Operator must maintain insurance to cover his liability (art. 10).

Membership

Open for accession by any State, subject to the unanimous consent of the parties, by notification in writing to the Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

| | Amendments | | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Date of adoption | 29.07.1960 | 28.01.1964 | 16.11.1982 | 12.02.2004 |
| Place of adoption | Paris | | | |
| Date of entry into force | 01.04.1968 | 01.04.1968 | 07.10.1988 | - |
| Languages | Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish | | | |
| Depositary | OECD | | | |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|-------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Belgium | R | 03.08.1966 | 01.04.1968 |
| Denmark | R | 04.09.1974 | 04.09.1974 |
| Finland | Ac | 16.06.1972 | 16.06.1972 |
| France | R | 09.03.1966 | 01.04.1968 |
| Germany | R | 30.09.1975 | 30.09.1975 |
| Greece | R | 12.05.1970 | 12.05.1970 |
| Italy | R | 17.09.1975 | 17.09.1975 |
| Netherlands | R | 28.12.1979 | 28.12.1979 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Norway | R | 02.07.1973 | 02.07.1973 |
| Portugal | R | 29.09.1977 | 29.09.1977 |
| Slovenia | Ac | 16.10.2001 | |
| Spain | R | 31.10.1961 | 01.04.1968 |
| Sweden | R | 01.04.1968 | 01.04.1968 |
| Turkey | R | 10.10.1961 | 05.04.1968 |
| United Kingdom ²⁹ | R | 23.02.1966 | 01.04.1968 |

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Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
 Nuclear Energy Agency
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²⁹ Extended to British Virgin Islands, Gibraltar, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, Montserrat, Falkland Islands, St. Helena, Isle of Man and Bailiwick of Guernsey.

25. PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE CONSTITUTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MOSEL AGAINST POLLUTION

Objectives

To protect the Mosel river against pollution.

Summary of provisions

- (a) An International Commission for the Protection of the Mosel against Pollution established;
- (b) The Commission to be responsible for research into the nature, importance and sources of pollution, and to propose measures to the parties to protect the Mosel;
- (c) The Commission to establish relations as necessary with other organizations concerned with water pollution.

Membership

Restricted to the three riparian signatory States.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Date of adoption | 20.12.1961 |
| Place of adoption | Paris |
| Date of entry into force | 01.07.1962 |
| Languages | French, German |
| Depositary | Germany |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| France | 01.07.1962 |
| Germany | 01.07.1962 |
| Luxembourg | 01.07.1962 |

26. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS (as amended)

Objectives

To recognize and protect the rights of breeders of new varieties of plants and their successors in title, and to do so in a harmonized way.

Summary of provisions

(a) The Parties constitute a Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) and set up its organs;

(b) The breeder has a right to authorize specified acts of production or commercial marketing of the new variety. These rights may only be restricted for reasons of public interest, and the breeder must receive equitable remuneration in certain cases;

(c) Titles of protection are issued after official examination of the variety. Titles are granted for a limited period;

(d) Nationals of Member States of the Union enjoy the same treatment;

(e) The Convention also provides for annulment and forfeiture of the rights protected as well as for the denomination of the new varieties.

Membership

Open to ratification, acceptance, approval and accession by any State and, in the case of the 1991 Act, certain intergovernmental organizations.

| | Amendments | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Date adoption | 02.12.1961 | 10.11.1972 | 23.10.1978 | 19.03.1991 |
| Place of adoption | Paris | Geneva | Geneva | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 10.08.1968 | 11.02.1977 | 08.11.1981 | - |
| Languages | French | French | French, English, German | French, English, German |
| Depositary | France | France | UPOV | UPOV |

(Status as of 15 September 2005)

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Albania | 15.10.2005 |
| Argentina | 25.12.1994 |
| Australia | 01.03.1989 |
| Austria | 14.07.1994 |
| Azerbaijan | 09.12.2004 |
| Belarus | 05.01.2003 |
| Belgium | 05.12.1976 |
| Bolivia | 21.05.1999 |
| Brazil | 23.05.1999 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bulgaria | 24.04.1998 |
| Canada | 04.03.1991 |
| Chile | 05.01.1996 |
| China | 23.04.1999 |
| Colombia | 13.09.1996 |
| Croatia | 01.09.2001 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |
| Denmark | 06.10.1968 |
| Ecuador | 08.08.1997 |
| Estonia | 24.09.2000 |
| European Community | 29.07.2005 |
| Finland | 16.04.1993 |
| France | 03.10.1971 |
| Germany | 10.08.1968 |
| Hungary | 16.04.1983 |
| Ireland | 08.11.1981 |
| Israel | 12.12.1979 |
| Italy | 01.07.1977 |
| Japan | 03.09.1982 |
| Jordan | 24.10.2004 |
| Kenya | 13.05.1999 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 26.06.2000 |
| Latvia | 30.08.2002 |
| Lithuania | 10.12.2003 |
| Mexico | 09.08.1997 |
| Netherlands | 10.08.1968 |
| New Zealand | 08.11.1981 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nicaragua | 06.09.2001 |
| Norway | 13.09.1993 |
| Panama | 23.05.1999 |
| Paraguay | 08.02.1997 |
| Poland | 11.11.1989 |
| Portugal | 14.10.1995 |
| Republic of Korea | 07.01.2002 |
| Republic of Moldova | 28.10.1998 |
| Romania | 16.03.2001 |
| Russian Federation | 24.04.1998 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | 29.07.1999 |
| South Africa | 06.11.1977 |
| Spain | 18.05.1980 |
| Sweden | 17.12.1971 |
| Switzerland | 10.07.1977 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 30.01.1998 |
| Tunisia | 31.08.2003 |
| Ukraine | 03.11.1995 |
| United Kingdom | 10.08.1968 |
| United States of America | 08.11.1981 |
| Uruguay | 13.11.1994 |
| Uzbekistan | 14.11.2004 |

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27. CONVENTION ON THE AFRICAN MIGRATORY LOCUST

Objectives

To maintain on an international basis the preventive control of the African migratory locust and to extend such control to other species of migratory *Acrididae*.

Summary of provisions

(a) An International African Locust Organization (art. 1) and an International Administrative Council for the Surveillance and Preventive Control of the African Migratory Locust established (art. 2);

(b) The Organization to maintain constant surveillance and control in the recognized outbreak area on the Niger, to undertake research into the ecology of the locust and to develop the most economical methods of control (art. 3)

Membership

Any state may accede to the Convention by depositing an instrument of accession with the Government of Mali, subject to agreement being reached between the acceding Government and the contracting parties relating to contributions.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 23.05.1962 |
| Place of adoption | Kano, Nigeria |
| Date of entry into force | 13.04.1963 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Mali |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|---------------|------------------|
| Benin | 13.04.1963 |
| Burkina Faso | 13.04.1963 |
| Cameroon | 27.07.1963 |
| Chad | 13.04.1963 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 13.04.1963 |
| Gambia | 18.11.1963 |
| Ghana | 28.05.1963 |
| Guinea | 13.04.1963 |
| Kenya | 29.11.1963 |
| Mali | 13.04.1963 |
| Niger | 13.04.1963 |
| Nigeria | 13.04.1963 |
| Senegal | 13.04.1963 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Togo | 13.04.1963 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 13.04.1963 |
| Zambia | 13.04.1963 |

28. AGREEMENT CONCERNING COOPERATION IN MARINE FISHING³⁰

Objectives

To foster cooperation in the development of marine fishing, fishing techniques, fish processing technology and scientific research into the condition of living marine resources.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to cooperate in the development of marine fishing, exchange results of research into fishing grounds and living resources, and coordinate research efforts (art. 1);
- (b) A Mixed Commission established to coordinate the application of the Agreement (art. 2);
- (c) Functions of the Commission to include preparation of plans for scientific and technical cooperation, organization of exchange of research information, submission of proposals for scientific and technical conferences and meetings, and the making of recommendations to the parties (arts. 3 and 4).

Membership

Notification of approval to be transmitted to the Government of Poland.

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 28.07.1962 |
| Place of adoption | Warsaw |
| Date of entry into force | 22.02.1963 |
| Languages | German, Polish, Russia |
| Depositary | Poland |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Bulgaria | 19.09.1964 |
| Cuba | 24.04.1978 |
| Poland | 22.02.1963 |
| Romania | 01.09.1966 |
| Russian Federation | 22.02.1963 |

³⁰ On 12 February 1996, the Depositary informed that the Agreement had expired in 1990 due to changes in Central and Eastern Europe.

29. AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RHINE AGAINST POLLUTION (as amended)

Objectives

To maintain cooperation between the riparian States in preventing pollution and improving the quality of the waters of the Rhine.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Continuation of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (art. 1);
- (b) The Commission to be responsible for research into the nature, importance and sources of pollution and to propose measures to the parties to protect the Rhine (art. 2);
- (c) The Commission to report annually to the parties on the results of research done, and to collaborate with other organizations concerned with water pollution (art. 11).

Membership

Restricted to the five riparian signatory States.

| | | Amendments |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Date of adoption | 29.04.1963 | 03.12.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Berne | Bonn |
| Date of entry into force | 01.05.1965 | 01.02.1979 |
| Languages | Dutch, French, German | |
| Depositary | Switzerland | |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force | Amendments: Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| France | 29.04.1963 | 11.10.1963 | 01.05.1965 | 01.02.1979 |
| Germany | 29.04.1963 | 20.04.1964 | 01.05.1965 | 01.02.1979 |
| Luxembourg | 29.04.1963 | 12.04.1965 | 01.05.1965 | 01.02.1979 |
| Netherlands | 29.04.1963 | 19.12.1963 | 01.05.1965 | 01.02.1979 |
| Switzerland | 29.04.1963 | 03.04.1965 | 01.05.1965 | 01.02.1979 |
| European Community | | 26.09.1978 | 01.02.1979 | 01.02.1979 |

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30. VIENNA CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGE

Objectives

To establish minimum standards to provide financial protection against damage resulting from peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Summary of provisions

(a) The operator of a nuclear installation to be liable for nuclear damage on provision of proof that such damage was caused by an incident within the installation, or involving nuclear material originating there from or being sent thereto (art. 2);

(b) The liability of the operator in such a case to be absolute, but the courts may make a finding of contributory negligence on the part of the person suffering such damage, in any case the operator will not be liable if the nuclear incident was due directly to act of armed conflict, civil war, insurrection or a grave natural disaster of an exceptional character (art. 4);

(c) Limits of liability and limitation of action established (arts. 5 and 6);

(d) Operator to maintain insurance or financial security to cover liability (art. 7).

Membership

Open for signature, followed by ratification, by States represented at the 1963 Diplomatic Conference. Open for accession to all other States members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Director-General of IAEA.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 21.05.1963 |
| Place of adoption | Vienna |
| Date of entry into force | 12.11.1977 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | IAEA |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac)/ Approval (Ap)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Argentina | 10.10.1966 | R | 25.04.1967 | 12.11.1977 |
| Armenia | | Ac | 24.08.1993 | 24.11.1993 |
| Belarus | 27.05.1997 | R | 09.02.1998 | 09.05.1998 |
| Bolivia | | Ac | 10.04.1968 | 12.11.1977 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 30.06.1998 | 01.03.1992 |
| Brazil | | Ac | 26.03.1993 | 26.06.1993 |
| Bulgaria | | Ac | 24.08.1994 | 24.11.1994 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac)/ Approval (Ap)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Cameroon | | Ac | 06.03.1964 | 12.11.1977 |
| Chile | 18.08.1988 | R | 23.11.1989 | 23.02.1990 |
| Colombia | 21.05.1963 | | | |
| Croatia | | S | 29.09.1992 ³¹ | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba | 10.12.1964 | R | 25.10.1965 | 12.11.1977 |
| Czech Republic | | Ac | 24.03.1994 | 24.06.1994 |
| Egypt | 19.08.1965 | R | 05.11.1965 | 12.11.1977 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 09.05.1994 | 09.08.1994 |
| Hungary | | Ac | 28.07.1989 | 28.10.1989 |
| Israel | 19.08.1997 | | | |
| Latvia | | Ac | 15.03.1995 | 15.06.1995 |
| Lebanon | 19.09.1995 | R | 17.04.1997 | 17.07.1997 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 15.09.1992 | 15.12.1992 |
| Mexico | | Ac | 25.04.1989 | 25.07.1989 |
| Morocco | 30.11.1984 | | | |
| Niger | | Ac | 24.07.1979 | 24.10.1979 |
| Peru | | Ac | 26.08.1980 | 26.11.1980 |
| Philippines | 21.05.1963 | R | 15.11.1965 | 12.11.1977 |
| Poland | | Ac | 23.01.1990 | 23.04.1990 |
| Republic of Moldova | | Ac | 07.05.1998 | 07.08.1998 |
| Romania | | Ac | 29.12.1992 | 29.03.1993 |
| Russian Federation | 08.05.1996 | R | 13.05.2005 | 13.08.2005 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | Ac | 18.09.2001 | 18.12.2001 |

³¹ The date of the notification with respect to succession.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac)/ Approval (Ap)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---|------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Serbia and Montenegro | 21.05.1963 | S | 05.02.2002 | 27.04.1992 |
| Slovakia | | Ac | 07.03.1995 | 07.06.1995 |
| Slovenia ³² | | | | |
| Spain | 06.09.1963 | | | |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | S | 08.04.1994 ³³ | 08.09.1991 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | Ac | 31.01.1966 | 12.11.1977 |
| Ukraine | | Ac | 20.09.1996 | 20.12.1996 |
| United Kingdom | 11.11.1964 | | | |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 13.04.1999 | 13.07.1999 |

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³² On 9 November 2001, the Director General of the IAEA received a notification of termination of application of the Vienna Convention from the Republic of Slovenia. Pursuant to Article XXV.2, the Convention ceased to apply to Slovenia as of 12 November 2002.

³³ The date of the notification with respect to succession.

31. CONVENTION SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE PARIS CONVENTION ON THIRD PARTY LIABILITY IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY (as amended)

Objectives

To supplement the measures contained in the Paris Convention with a view to increasing the amount of compensation for damage which might result from the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Summary of provisions

(a) Maximum compensation in respect of damage caused by nuclear incidents defined. Such compensation to be provided out of funds created by insurance or other financial security, out of public funds to be made available by the contracting party in whose territory the nuclear installation is situated, and out of public funds created according to a special formula for contributions. Liability of operator established (art. 3);

(b) Formula for contributions according to which the contracting parties shall make available the public funds determined (art. 12).

Membership

Restricted to the contracting parties to the Paris Convention.

| | | | Amendments |
|--------------------------|--|------------|-------------------|
| Date of adoption | 31.01.1963 | 28.01.1964 | 16.11.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Brussels | | |
| Date of entry into force | 04.12.1974 | 04.12.1974 | |
| Languages | Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish | | |
| Depositary | Belgium | | |

(Status as of October 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|-------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Belgium | R | 20.08.1985 | 20.11/1985 |
| Denmark | R | 04.09.1974 | 04.12.1974 |
| Finland | R | 14.01.1977 | 14.04.1977 |
| France | R | 30.03.1966 | 04.12.1974 |
| Germany | R | 01.10.1975 | 01.01.1976 |
| Italy | R | 03.05.1976 | 03.02.1976 |
| Netherlands | R | 28.09.1979 | 28.12.1979 |
| Norway | R | 07.07.1973 | 04.12.1974 |
| Spain | R | 27.07.1966 | 04.12.1974 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Sweden | R | 03.04.1968 | 04.12.1974 |
| United Kingdom ³⁴ | R | 24.03.1966 | 04.12.1974 |

³⁴ Extended to Isle of Man, Bailiwick of Guernsey and Bailiwick of Jersey.

32. OPTIONAL PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES³⁵

Objectives

To bring any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention to the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, unless some other form of settlement has been agreed upon by the parties within a reasonable period.

Summary of provisions

(a) Disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention shall lie within the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (art. 1);

(b) The parties to a dispute may agree to resort to an arbitral tribunal within a period of two months of notification that a dispute exists. After that period either party may bring the dispute before the Court (art. 2);

(c) Within the same period of two months a conciliation procedure may be adopted by the parties. If the parties to the dispute do not accept the conciliation commission's recommendations within two months after they have been delivered, either party may bring the dispute before the Court (art. 3).

Membership

Open to all States which become parties to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 21.05.1963 |
| Place of adoption | Vienna |
| Date of entry into force | 13.05.1999 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Director-General of International Atomic Energy Agency |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument | Date | Entry into force |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Colombia | 21.05.1963 | | | |
| Philippines | 21.05.1963 | R | 15.11.1965 | 13.05.1999 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 21.05.1963 | | | |
| United Kingdom | 11.11.1964 | | | |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 13.04.1999 | 13.05.1999 |

³⁵ To the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage.

33. TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER

Objectives

To obtain an agreement on general and complete disarmament under strict international control in accordance with the objectives of the United Nations; to put an end to the armaments race and eliminate incentives to the production and testing of all kinds of weapons, including nuclear weapons.

Summary of provisions

Parties to undertake to prohibit, prevent and not to carry out any nuclear weapon test explosion, or any other nuclear explosion, at any place under its jurisdiction or control:

(a) In the atmosphere, beyond its limits, including outer space, or under water, including territorial waters or high seas; or

(b) In any other environment if such explosion causes radioactive debris to be present outside the territorial limits of the State under whose jurisdiction or control such explosion is conducted.

Membership

Open to all States.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 05.08.1963 |
| Place of adoption | Moscow |
| Date of entry into force | 10.10.1963 |
| Languages | English, Russian |
| Depositaries | Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification(R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Afghanistan | 08.08.1963 | R | 12.03.1964 |
| Algeria | 14.08.1963 | | |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | S | 26.01.1989 |
| Argentina | 09.08.1963 | R | 14.11.1986 |
| Australia | 08.08.1963 | R | 12.11.1963 |
| Austria | 12.09.1963 | R | 17.07.1964 |
| Bahamas | | S | 11.08.1976 |
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 13.03.1985 |
| Belgium | 08.08.1963 | R | 01.03.1966 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification(R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Benin | 03.09.1963 | R | 22.04.1965 |
| Bhutan | | R | 08.06.1978 ³⁶ |
| Bolivia | 21.08.1963 | R | 25.01.1966 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 15.08.1994 ³⁶ |
| Botswana | | S | 14.02.1968 |
| Brazil | 08.08.1963 | R | 04.03.1965 |
| Bulgaria | 08.08.1963 | R | 02.12.1963 |
| Burkina Faso | 30.08.1963 ³⁶ | | |
| Burma | 14.08.1963 | R | 15.11.1963 |
| Burundi | 04.10.1963 ³⁶ | | |
| Cameroon | 06.09.1963 | | |
| Canada | 08.08.1963 | R | 28.01.1964 |
| Cape Verde | | R | 10.24.1979 |
| Central African Republic | | Ac | 24.08.1965 |
| Chad | 26.08.1963 ³⁶ | R | 01.03.1965 ³⁶ |
| Chile | 09.08.1963 | R | 06.10.1965 |
| China ³⁷ | | | |
| Colombia | 16.08.1963 ³⁶ | R | 17.10.1985 ³⁶ |
| Costa Rica | 09.08.1963 | R | 10.07.1967 ³⁶ |
| Croatia | | S | 08.10.1991 ³⁶ |
| Cyprus | 08.08.1963 | R | 15.04.1965 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 | S | |
| Denmark | 09.08.1963 | R | 15.01.1964 |

³⁶ The date of signature and/or the deposit of an instrument of ratification, accession or a notification of succession at Washington, D.C. Others indicate the dates of such formalities done at London.

³⁷ In the name of the Republic of China, the Treaty was signed and ratified at Washington, D.C. on 23.08.1963 and 18.05.1964 respectively.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification(R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Dominican Republic | 17.09.1963 | R | 18.06.1964 |
| Ecuador | 01.10.1963 | R | 08.05.1964 |
| Egypt | 08.08.1963 | R | 10.01.1964 |
| El Salvador | 22.08.1963 | R | 07.12.1964 |
| Ethiopia | 09.08.1963 | | |
| Fiji | | S | 14.08.1972 |
| Finland | 08.08.1963 | R | 09.01.1964 |
| Gabon | 10.09.1963 ³⁶ | R | 20.02.1964 ³⁶ |
| Gambia | | S | 06.05.1965 |
| Germany | 19.08.1963 | R | 01.12.1964 |
| Ghana | 04.09.1963 | R | 27.11.1963 |
| Greece | 09.08.1963 | R | 18.12.1963 |
| Guatemala | 23.09.1963 ³⁶ | R | 06.01.1964 ³⁶ |
| Haiti | 09.10.1963 | | |
| Honduras | 15.08.1963 | R | 02.12.1964 |
| Hungary | 08.08.1963 | R | 21.10.1963 |
| Iceland | 12.08.1963 | R | 29.04.1964 |
| India | 08.08.1963 | R | 10.10.1963 |
| Indonesia | 23.08.1963 | R | 08.05.1964 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 08.08.1963 | R | 05.05.1964 |
| Iraq | 13.08.1963 | R | 30.11.1964 |
| Ireland | 08.08.1963 | R | 18.12.1963 |
| Israel | 08.08.1963 | R | 15.01.1964 |
| Italy | 08.08.1963 | R | 10.12.1964 |
| Ivory Coast | 05.09.1963 ³⁶ | | 05.02.1965 ³⁶ |
| Jamaica | 13.08.1963 ³⁶ | R | 22.11.1991 ³⁶ |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification(R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Japan | 14.08.1963 | R | 15.06.1964 |
| Jordan | 12.08.1963 | R | 29.06.1964 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 10.06.1965 |
| Kuwait | 20.08.1963 | R | 21.05.1965 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 12.08.1963 | R | 10.02.1965 |
| Lebanon | 13.08.1963 | R | 20.05.1965 |
| Liberia | 16.08.1963 | R | 22.05.1964 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 09.08.1963 | R | 15.07.1968 |
| Luxembourg | 13.08.1963 | R | 10.02.1965 |
| Madagascar | 23.09.1963 ³⁶ | R | 15.03.1965 ³⁶ |
| Malawi | | S | 07.01.1965 |
| Malaysia | 12.08.1963 | R | 16.07.1964 |
| Mali | 23.08.1963 | | |
| Malta | | S | 01.12.1964 |
| Mauritania | 17.09.1963 | R | 15.04.1964 |
| Mauritius | | S | 12.05.1969 |
| Mexico | 08.08.1963 | R | 27.12.1963 |
| Mongolia | 08.08.1963 | R | 07.11.1963 |
| Morocco | 30.08.1963 | R | 01.02.1966 |
| Nepal | 26.08.1963 | R | 07.10.1964 |
| Netherlands ³⁸ | 09.08.1963 | R | 14.09.1964 |
| New Zealand | 08.08.1963 | R | 10.10.1963 |
| Nicaragua | 13.08.1963 | R | 26.01.1965 |
| Niger | 24.09.1963 | R | 06.07.1964 |

³⁸ Extended to the Netherlands Antilles and Suriname.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification(R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Nigeria | 02.09.1963 | R | 17.02.1967 |
| Norway | 09.08.1963 | R | 21.11.1963 |
| Pakistan | 14.08.1963 | R | 03.03.1988 |
| Panama | 20.09.1963 ³⁶ | R | 24.02.1966 ³⁶ |
| Papua New Guinea | | S | 27.10.1980 |
| Paraguay | 15.08.1963 | | |
| Peru | 23.08.1963 | R | 04.08.1964 |
| Philippines | 08.08.1963 | R | 10.11.1965 |
| Poland | 08.08.1963 | R | 14.10.1963 |
| Portugal | 09.10.1963 | | |
| Republic of Korea | 30.08.1963 | R | 24.07.1964 |
| Romania | 08.08.1963 | R | 12.12.1963 |
| Russian Federation | 05.08.1963 | R | 10.10.1963 |
| Rwanda | | Ac | 22.10.1963 |
| San Marino | 20.09.1963 | R | 03.07.1964 |
| Senegal | 23.09.1963 | R | 06.05.1964 |
| Seychelles | | Ac | 12.03.1985 |
| Sierra Leone | 04.09.1963 | R | 21.02.1964 |
| Singapore | | S | 23.07.1968 |
| Slovakia | | S | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 07.04.1992 |
| Somalia | 19.08.1963 ³⁶ | | |
| South Africa | | Ac | 10.10.1963 |
| Spain | 14.08.1963 | R | 17.12.1964 |
| Sri Lanka | 22.08.1963 | R | 13.02.1964 |
| Sudan | 09.08.1963 | R | 04.03.1966 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification(R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Suriname | | Ac | 09.04.1993 ³⁶ |
| Swaziland | | Ac | 29.05.1969 |
| Sweden | 12.08.1963 | R | 09.12.1963 |
| Switzerland | 26.08.1963 | R | 16.01.1964 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 13.08.1963 | R | 01.06.1964 |
| Thailand | 08.08.1963 | R | 15.11.1963 |
| Togo | 18.09.1963 ³⁶ | R | 07.12.1964 ³⁶ |
| Tonga | | S | 07.07.1971 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 12.08.1963 | R | 16.07.1964 |
| Tunisia | 12.08.1963 | R | 26.05.1965 |
| Turkey | 09.08.1963 | R | 08.07.1965 |
| Uganda | 29.08.1963 | R | 24.03.1964 |
| United Kingdom | 05.08.1963 | R | 10.10.1963 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 16.09.1963 | R | 06.02.1964 |
| United States of America | 05.08.1963 | R | 10.10.1963 |
| Uruguay | 27.09.1963 | R | 25.02.1969 |
| Venezuela | 20.08.1963 | R | 03.03.1965 |
| Viet-Nam Republic | 01.10.1963 ³⁶ | | |
| Western Samoa | 05.09.1963 | R | 19.01.1965 |
| Yemen Arab Republic | 06.09.1963 ³⁶ | | |
| Yugoslavia | 08.08.1963 | R | 15.01.1964 |
| Zaire | 09.08.1963 | R | 28.10.1965 ³⁶ |
| Zambia | | S | 08.02.1965 |

34. AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE EASTERN REGION OF ITS DISTRIBUTION AREA IN SOUTH-WEST ASIA (as amended)

Objectives

Through the establishment of a commission within the framework of FAO, to promote national and international research and action to control the desert locust in the region (Afghanistan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan and any territories adjacent to them).

Summary of provisions

- (a) The Commission established (art. 1);
- (b) Parties to maintain locust information and control services, hold reserves of insecticides and equipment and encourage and support training, survey and research work (art. 2);
- (c) The Commission to have functions of joint action and assistance, information and coordination and cooperation in the field of research, training and control (art. 4)

Membership

Open to members and associate members of FAO and such members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or IAEA as are situated in the region as defined in the preamble.

Method of participation

- (a) For members and associate members of FAO: by depositing an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General, which becomes effective on the date of receipt;
- (b) For other States that are members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or IAEA: submission to the Commission of an application for membership and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept the Agreement as in force at the time of admission. Admission to membership is decided by the Commission by a two-thirds majority of its members.

Amendment

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| Date of adoption | 03.12.1963 | | |
| Place of adoption | Rome | | |
| Date of entry into force | 15.12.1964 | 11.11.1977 | Nov. 2001 |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish | | |
| Depositary | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | | |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Acceptance | Entry into force |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Afghanistan | 14.07.1964 | 15.12.1964 |
| India | 15.12.1964 | 15.12.1964 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 19.11.1964 | 15.12.1964 |
| Pakistan | 12.07.1965 | 12.07.1965 |

35. CONVENTION AND STATUTE RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHAD BASIN (as amended)

Objectives

To intensify cooperation and efforts in the development of the Chad Basin and to establish an institution for this purpose.

Summary of provisions

- (a) An intergovernmental organization, the Chad Basin Commission established (Convention, art. 1);
- (b) Utilization of the Chad Basin to be open to all parties, without prejudice to the sovereign rights of each (Statute, art. 3);
- (c) Development of the Basin, and in particular the utilization of surface and ground waters, shall be given its widest connotation, and refers in particular to domestic, industrial and agricultural development, the collection of the products of its fauna and flora and navigation (Statute, arts. 4 and 7);
- (d) Parties to abstain from taking, without prior consultation with the Commission, any measure likely to have an appreciable effect either on the extent of the loss of water or on the nature of the yearly hydrogramme and certain other features of the Basin, on the conditions of water use, sanitary conditions, fauna and flora (Statute, art. 5);
- (e) The Commission's functions to include the maintenance of liaison between member States to ensure the most efficient use of the water of the Basin, collection, evaluation and dissemination of information on proposals made by States, recommendations for common projects and joint research programmes (Statute, art. 8).

Membership

Restricted to the riparian signatory States.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 22.05.1964 | Amendment |
| Place of adoption | N'Djamena | 22.10.1972 |
| Date of entry into force | | Yaounde |
| Languages | English, French | |
| Depositary | Chad | |

| Participant |
|-------------|
| Cameroon |
| Chad |
| Niger |
| Nigeria |

36. CONVENTION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA (as amended)

Objectives

To provide a new constitution for the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea established in Copenhagen in 1902.

Summary of provisions

(a) The Council to promote and encourage research and investigations for the study of the sea, and particularly its living resources, to draw up programmes for this purpose and to disseminate the results of such research (art. 1);

(b) The Council to be concerned with the Atlantic Ocean and its adjacent seas, and primarily with the north Atlantic (art. 2);

(c) The Council to maintain working arrangements with other international organizations (art. 4).

Membership

Open for accession to any State subject to the approval of three quarters of the Parties. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Government of Denmark.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 12.09.1964 | Amending protocol 13.08.1970 |
| Place of adoption | Copenhagen | |
| Date of entry into force | 22.08.1968 | 12.11.1975 |
| Languages | English, French | |
| Depositary | Denmark | |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 22.07.1968 |
| Canada | 22.07.1968 |
| Denmark | 22.07.1968 |
| Estonia | 16.12.1993 |
| Finland | 22.07.1968 |
| France | 22.07.1968 |
| Germany | 22.07.1968 |
| Iceland | 22.07.1968 |
| Ireland | 22.07.1968 |
| Netherlands ³⁹ | 22.07.1968 |

³⁹ Extended to Aruba with effect from 01.01.1989.

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Norway | 22.07.1968 |
| Poland | 22.07.1968 |
| Portugal | 22.07.1968 |
| Russian Federation | 22.07.1968 |
| Spain | 22.07.1968 |
| United Kingdom | 22.07.1968 |
| United States of America | 18.04.1973 |

37. AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE CENTRAL REGION (as amended)

Objectives

Through the establishment of a commission within the framework of FAO, to promote national and international research and action to control the desert locust in the region.

Summary of provisions

As for the Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Eastern Region of its Distribution in South-West Asia.

Membership

Open to member nations and associate members of FAO and such members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or IAEA, as are situated in the region as defined in the Preamble.

Method of participation

(a) For members and associate members of FAO: by depositing an instrument of acceptance which becomes effective on the date of receipt;

(b) For other States that are members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or IAEA: submission to the Commission of an application for membership and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept the Agreement as in force at the time of admission. Admission to membership is decided by the Commission by a two-thirds majority of its members.

Amendments

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| Date of adoption | 02.07.1965 | 22.10.1976 | Dec. 1994 |
| Place of adoption | Rome | | |
| Date of entry into force | 21.02.1967 | 11.11.1977 | June 1995 |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish | | |
| Depositary | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | | |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Acceptance | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------|------------------|
| Bahrain | 24.02.1969 | 24.02.1969 |
| Djibouti | 20.07.2001 | 20.07.2001 |
| Egypt | 06.07.1967 | 21.04.1969 |
| Eritrea | 24.06.2005 | 24.06.2005 |
| Ethiopia | 13.01.2004 | 13.01.2004 |
| Iraq | 09.01.1970 | 09.01.1970 |
| Jordan | 14.11.1966 | 21.02.1967 |
| Kuwait | 10.08.1967 | 21.02.1967 |
| Lebanon | 22.08.1966 | 21.02.1967 |

| Participant | Acceptance | Entry into force |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Oman | 09.10.1972 | 09.10.1972 |
| Qatar | 31.12.1968 | 31.12.1968 |
| Saudi Arabia | 17.10.1972 | 17.10.1972 |
| Sudan | 21.02.1967 | 21.02.1967 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 03.12.1968 | 03.12.1968 |
| United Arab Emirates | 31.05.1974 | 31.05.1974 |
| Yemen | 20.03.1969 | 20.03.1969 |

38. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS

Objectives

To maintain populations of tuna and tuna-like fish in the Atlantic Ocean at levels permitting the maximum sustainable catch for food and other purposes.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Applies to all waters of the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas (art. 1);
- (b) An International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic tunas established (art. 3);
- (c) The Commission to be responsible for research into the abundance, ecology and biometry of the fish, the oceanography of their environment and the effects of human and natural factors on their abundance (art. 4);
- (d) The Commission, on the basis of scientific evidence, to make recommendations for the maintenance of the populations of tuna and tuna-like fish (art. 8).

Membership

Open to any State member of the United Nations or of any of its specialized agencies by way of signature subject to ratification or approval by signatory States, or adherence by any non-signatory State.

Amendments

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 14.05.1966 | 10.07.1984 | 05.06.1992 |
| Place of adoption | Rio de Janeiro | Paris | Madrid |
| Date of entry into force | 21.03.1969 | 19.01.1997 | 10.03.2005 |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish | English, French, Spanish | English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | | |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Adherence (Ad) | Date | Entry into force | Withdrawal |
|-------------|--|------------|------------------|------------|
| Algeria | Ad | 16.02.2001 | 16.02.2001 | |
| Angola | Ad | 29.07.1976 | 29.07.1976 | |
| Barbados | Ad | 13.12.2000 | 13.12.2000 | |
| Belize | Ad | 19.07.2005 | 19.07.2005 | |
| Benin | Ad | 09.01.1978 | 09.01.1978 | 31.12.1994 |
| Brazil | R | 01.04.1969 | 01.04.1969 | |
| Canada | Ad | 20.08.1968 | 21.03.1969 | |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Adherence (Ad) | Date | Entry into force | Withdrawal |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|------------------|------------|
| Cape Verde | Ad | 11.10.1979 | 11.10.1979 | |
| China ⁴⁰ | Ad | 24.10.1996 | 24.10.1996 | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Ad | 06.12.1972 | 06.12.1972 | |
| Croatia | Ad | 20.10.1997 | 20.10.1997 | |
| Cyprus | Ad | 20.03.2003 | 20.03.2003 | |
| Cuba | Ad | 15.01.1975 | 15.01.1975 | 31.12.1991 |
| Equatorial Guinea | Ad | 13.05.1987 | 13.05.1987 | |
| European Community ⁴¹ | Ad | 14.11.1997 | 14.11.1997 | |
| France ⁴² | Ad | 07.11.1968 | 21.03.1969 | 31.12.1997 |
| Gabon | R | 19.09.1977 | 19.09.1977 | |
| Ghana | Ad | 17.04.1968 | 21.03.1969 | |
| Guinea | Ad | 05.06.1991 | 05.06.1991 | |
| Honduras | Ad | 30.01.2001 | 30.01.2001 | |
| Iceland | Ad | 30.10.2002 | 30.10.2002 | |
| Italy ⁴² | R | 06.08.1997 | 06.08.1997 | 31.12.1997 |
| Japan | R | 24.08.1967 | 21.03.1969 | |
| Korea, Republic of | R | 28.08.1970 | 28.08.1970 | |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | Ad | 27.11.1995 | 27.11.1995 | |
| Malta | Ad | 07.08.2003 | 07.08.2003 | |
| Mexico | Ad | 24.05.2002 | 24.05.2002 | |
| Morocco | Ad | 26.09.1969 | 26.09.1969 | |

⁴⁰ Currently does not apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China

⁴¹ EC became party as a result of entry into force of the Paris Protocol.

⁴² Pursuant to Article XIV.6 of the Convention Spain, Portugal, Italy, France and the United Kingdom ceased to be parties of ICCAT as a consequence of the EC's adherence to the Convention. However, France and United Kingdom continue their membership in the Commission on behalf of their overseas territories not covered by the Treaty of Rome.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Adherence (Ad) | Date | Entry into force | Withdrawal |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Namibia | R | 10.11.1999 | 10.11.1999 | |
| Nicaragua | Ad | 11.03.2004 | 11.03.2004 | |
| Norway | Ad | 05.03.2004 | 05.03.2004 | |
| Panama | Ad | 28.12.1998 | 28.12.1998 | |
| Philippines | Ad | 09.01.2004 | 09.01.2004 | |
| Portugal ⁴² | Ad | 03.09.1969 | 03.09.1969 | 31.12.1997 |
| Russian Federation | Ad | 07.01.1977 | 07.01.1977 | |
| Sao Tome & Principe | Ad | 15.09.1983 | 17.09.1983 | |
| Senegal | Ad | 21.12.2004 ⁴³ | 21.12.2004 | |
| South Africa | Ad | 17.10.1967 | 21.03.1969 | |
| Spain ⁴² | R | 21.03.1969 | 21.03.1969 | 31.12.1997 |
| Trinidad & Tobago | Ad | 30.03.1999 | 30.03.1999 | |
| Tunisia | Ad | 16.12.1997 | 16.12.1997 | |
| United Kingdom ⁴² | Ad | 10.11.1995 | 10.11.1995 | |
| United States of America | R | 18.05.1967 | 21.03.1969 | |
| Uruguay | Ad | 16.03.1983 | 16.03.1983 | |
| Vanuatu | Ad | 25.10.2002 | 25.10.2002 | |
| Venezuela | R | 17.11.1983 | 17.11.1983 | |

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⁴³ Senegal had withdrawn on 31 December 1988 from ICCAT but became a party again on 21 December 2004.

39. TREATY ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES

Objectives

To establish an international legal regime for the exploration and use of outer space.

Summary of provisions

(a) Exploration and use of outer space shall be the province of all mankind (art. 1) and shall not lead to national appropriation (art. II)

(b) Parties shall refrain from placing objects carrying nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction in outer space, and shall use the Moon and other celestial bodies exclusively for peaceful purposes (art. IV);

(c) Parties shall bear international responsibility for their national activities in outer space (art. VI), and shall be internationally liable for damage they may cause to other parties (art. VII);

(d) Parties shall avoid harmful contamination of outer space and adverse changes in the environment of the Earth resulting from the introduction of extraterrestrial matter (art. IX).

Membership

Open to all States.

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|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 27.01.1967 |
| Place of adoption | London, Moscow, Washington, D.C. |
| Date of entry into force | 10.10.1967 |
| Languages | Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositaries | Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Afghanistan | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 17.03.1988 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 27.01.1992 ⁴⁴ |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | S | 16.11.1988 ⁴⁴ |
| Argentina | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | Ac | 26.03.1969 ⁴⁴ |
| Australia | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 10.10.1967 ⁴⁴ |
| Austria | 20.02.1967 | R | 26.02.1968 |
| Bahamas | | S | 11.08.1976 |
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 14.01.1986 |
| Barbados | | Ac | 12.09.1968 ⁴⁴ |

⁴⁴ The date of signature and/or the deposit of an instrument of ratification/accession or notification of succession at Washington, D.C. Others indicate the dates of such formalities done at London.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Belgium | 27.01.1967 | R | 31.03.1973 |
| Benin | | Ac | 02.07.1986 |
| Bolivia | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Botswana | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Brazil | 02.02.1967 | R | 05.03.1969 |
| Bulgaria | 27.01.1967 | R | 19.04.1967 |
| Burkina Faso | 03.03.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 18.06.1968 ⁴⁴ |
| Burma | 22.05.1967 | R | 18.03.1970 |
| Burundi | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Cameroon | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Canada | 27.01.1967 | R | 10.10.1967 |
| Central African Republic | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Chile | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 08.10.1981 ⁴⁴ |
| China | | Ac | 12.01.1984 |
| Colombia | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Cyprus | 16.02.1967 | R | 05.07.1972 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 01.01.1993 ⁴⁴ |
| Denmark | 27.01.1967 | R | 10.10.1967 |
| Dominican Republic | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 21.11.1968 ⁴⁴ |
| Ecuador | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 07.03.1969 ⁴⁴ |
| Egypt | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 10.10.1967 ⁴⁴ |
| El Salvador | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 15.01.1969 ⁴⁴ |
| Ethiopia | 27.01.1967 | | |
| Fiji | | S | 14.08.1972 |
| Finland | 27.01.1967 | R | 12.07.1967 |
| France | 25.09.1967 | R | 05.08.1970 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Gambia | 02.06.1967 | | |
| Germany | 27.01.1967 | R | 10.02.1971 |
| Ghana | 03.03.1967 | | |
| Greece | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 19.01.1971 |
| Guyana | 03.02.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Haiti | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Holy See | 05.04.1967 | | |
| Honduras | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Hungary | 27.01.1967 | R | 26.06.1967 |
| Iceland | 27.01.1967 | R | 05.02.1968 |
| India | 03.03.1967 | R | 18.01.1982 |
| Indonesia | 14.02.1967 | | 25.06.2002 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 27.01.1967 | | |
| Iraq | 27.02.1967 | R | 23.09.1969 |
| Ireland | 27.01.1967 | R | 19.07.1968 |
| Israel | 27.01.1967 | R | 01.03.1977 |
| Italy | 27.01.1967 | R | 04.05.1972 |
| Jamaica | 29.06.1967 | R | 10.08.1970 |
| Japan | 27.01.1967 | R | 10.10.1967 |
| Jordan | 02.02.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Kenya | | Ac | 19.01.1984 |
| Kuwait | | Ac | 20.06.1972 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 30.01.1967 | R | 15.01.1973 |
| Lebanon | 23.02.1967 | R | 31.03.1969 |
| Lesotho | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Libya | | Ac | 03.07.1968 ⁴⁴ |
| Luxembourg | 31.01.1967 | | |
| Madagascar | | Ac | 22.08.1968 ⁴⁴ |
| Malaysia | 21.02.1967 | | |
| Mauritius | | S | 21.04.1969 |
| Mexico | 27.01.1967 | R | 31.01.1968 |
| Morocco | | Ac | 21.12.1967 |
| Nepal | 06.02.1967 | R | 10.10.1967 |
| Netherlands ⁴⁵ | 10.02.1967 | R | 10.10.1967 |
| New Zealand | 27.01.1967 | R | 31.05.1968 |
| Nicaragua | 13.02.1967 | | |
| Niger | 01.02.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 17.04.1967 |
| Nigeria | | Ac | 14.11.1967 |
| Norway | 03.02.1967 | R | 01.07.1969 |
| Pakistan | 12.09.1967 | R | 08.04.1968 |
| Panama | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |
| Papua New Guinea | | S | 27.10.1980 |
| Peru | 30.06.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 01.03.1979 |
| Philippines | 27.01.1967 | | |
| Poland | 27.01.1967 | R | 30.01.1968 |
| Republic of Korea | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 13.10.1967 ⁴⁴ |
| Romania | 27.01.1967 | R | 09.04.1968 |
| Russian Federation | 27.01.1967 | R | 10.10.1967 |
| Rwanda | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | | |

⁴⁵ Extended to the Netherlands Antilles and Suriname (which is now independent).

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | S | 13.05.1999 |
| San Marino | 24.04.1967 | R | 03.02.1969 |
| Saudi Arabia | | Ac | 17.12.1976 ⁴⁴ |
| Seychelles | | Ac | 05.01.1978 |
| Sierra Leone | 27.01.1967 | R | 25.10.1967 |
| Singapore | | Ac | 10.09.1976 |
| Slovakia | | S | 01.01.1993 ⁴⁴ |
| Somalia | 02.02.1967 | | |
| South Africa | 01.03.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 30.09.1968 ⁴⁴ |
| Spain | | Ac | 27.11.1968 |
| Sri Lanka | 10.03.1967 | R | 18.11.1986 |
| Sweden | 27.01.1967 | R | 11.10.1967 |
| Switzerland | 27.01.1967 | R | 18.10.1969 |
| Thailand | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 05.09.1968 |
| Togo | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 26.06.1989 ⁴⁴ |
| Tonga | | S | 07.07.1971 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 24.07.1967 | | |
| Tunisia | 27.01.1967 | R | 28.03.1968 |
| Turkey | 27.01.1967 | R | 27.03.1968 |
| Uganda | | Ac | 24.04.1968 |
| United Kingdom ⁴⁶ | 27.01.1967 | R | 10.10.1967 |
| United States of America | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 10.10.1967 ⁴⁴ |

⁴⁶ Extended to Antigua (now independent as Antigua and Barbuda), Dominica (now independent), Grenada (now independent), Saint Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla (Saint Christopher and Nevis now independent), Saint Lucia (now independent) and various other territories under the territorial sovereignty of the United Kingdom, as well as Brunei and Swaziland (now independent) and the British Solomon Islands Protectorate (now independent as the Solomon Islands).

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Uruguay | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 31.08.1970 ⁴⁴ |
| Venezuela | 27.01.1967 ⁴⁴ | R | 03.03.1970 |
| Viet Nam ⁴⁷ | | Ac | 20.06.1980 |
| Yugoslavia | 27.01.1967 | | |
| Zaire | 04.05.1967 | | |
| Zambia | | Ac | 28.08.1973 |

⁴⁷ On 27.01.1967, the Treaty was signed by the Republic of Viet Nam. The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam deposited an instrument of accession at Moscow on 20.06.1980.

40. PHYTO-SANITARY CONVENTION FOR AFRICA⁴⁸

Objectives

To control and eliminate plant diseases in Africa and prevent the introduction of new diseases.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to control import of plants as considered necessary by the Organization of African Unity (OAU);
- (b) Parties to take measure of quarantine, certification or inspection in respect of living organisms, plants, plant material, seeds, soil, compost and packing material;
- (c) Parties to take action as necessary to deal effectively with diseases of plants and insect pests;
- (d) Panel of scientific consultants established to advise OAU on technical problems relating to plant health and protection.

Membership

Applicable to all member States of the Organization of African Unity (which was succeeded by the African Union).

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 13.09.1967 |
| Place of adoption | Kinshasa |
| Date of entry into force | |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | African Union |

(Status as of December 2005)

| Participant | Deposit of the instrument of ratification/adhesion |
|--------------------------|--|
| Benin | 01.04.1974 |
| Burundi | 06.10.1992 |
| Cameroon | 08.06.1987 |
| Central African Republic | 22.12.1983 |
| Egypt | 10.10.1968 |
| Ethiopia | 15.08.1974 |
| Lesotho | 21.01.1983 |
| Niger | 25.04.1968 |
| Rwanda | 31.08.1981 |
| Togo | 20.11.1979 |

⁴⁸ This Convention superseded the Phyto-Sanitary Convention for Africa South of the Sahara, done at London on 29 July 1954 and amended by a Protocol signed in London on 11 October 1961.

41. AFRICAN CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Objectives

To encourage individual and joint action for the conservation, utilization and development of soil, water, flora and fauna for the present and future welfare of mankind, from an economic, nutritional, scientific, educational, cultural and aesthetic point of view.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Fundamental principle - "The Contracting States shall undertake to adopt the measures necessary to ensure conservation, utilization and development of soil, water, floral and faunal resources in accordance with scientific principles and with due regard to the best interests of the people"(art. II);
- (b) Parties to take effective measures to conserve and improve the soil and to control erosion and land use (art. IV);
- (c) Parties to establish policies to conserve, utilize and develop water resources, prevent pollution and control water use (art. V);
- (d) Parties to protect flora and ensure its best utilization, the management of forests and control of burning, land clearance and overgrazing (art. VI);
- (e) Parties to conserve faunal resources and use them wisely, manage populations and habitats, control hunting, capture and fishing, and prohibit the use of poisons, explosives and automatic weapons in hunting (art. VII);
- (f) Protected species in list A enjoy full total protection, while those in list B may be taken only with authorization (art. VII);
- (g) Traffic in trophies to be tightly controlled, to prevent trade in illegally killed and obtained trophies (art. IX);
- (h) Conservation areas to be established and maintained (art. X);
- (i) Customary rights to be reconciled with the Convention (art. XI);
- (j) Conservation education to be undertaken at all levels (art. XIII);
- (k) Conservation and ecological factors to be considered in development plans (art. XIV);
- (l) Parties to cooperate wherever necessary in implementing the Convention (art. XVI).

Membership

Open for accession by any independent African State.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 15.09.1968 |
| Place of adoption | Algiers |
| Date of entry into force | 16.06.1969 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | African Union |

(Status as of December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Deposit of the instrument of ratification / adhesion |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|
| Algeria | 15.09.1968 | 24.05.1983 |
| Benin | 15.09.1968 | |
| Botswana | 15.09.1968 | |
| Burkina Faso | 19.09.1968 | 29.08.1969 |
| Burundi | 15.09.1968 | |
| Cameroon | 15.09.1968 | 29.09.1978 |
| Central African Republic | 15.09.1968 | 16.03.1970 |
| Chad | 15.09.1968 | |
| Comoros | 07.12.2004 | 18.03.2004 |
| Congo | 15.09.1968 | 29.04.1981 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 15.09.1968 | 15.01.1969 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 15.09.1968 | 14.10.1976 |
| Djibouti | | 17.04.1978 |
| Egypt | 15.09.1968 | 16.03.1972 |
| Ethiopia | 15.09.1968 | |
| Gabon | 15.09.1968 | 18.11.1988 |
| Gambia | 15.09.1968 | |
| Ghana | 15.09.1968 | 17.05.1969 |
| Guinea | 15.09.1968 | |
| Kenya | 15.09.1968 | 12.05.1969 |
| Lesotho | 15.09.1968 | |
| Liberia | 15.09.1968 | 22.11.1978 |
| Libya | 15.09.1968 | |
| Madagascar | 15.09.1968 | 23.09.1971 |
| Malawi | | 12.03.1973 |

| Participant | Signature | Deposit of the instrument of ratification / adhesion |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|
| Mali | 15.09.1968 | 20.06.1974 |
| Mauritania | 15.09.1968 | |
| Mauritius | 15.09.1968 | |
| Morocco | 15.09.1968 | 11.11.1977 |
| Mozambique | | 01.04.1981 |
| Niger | 15.09.1968 | 27.01.1970 |
| Nigeria | 15.09.1968 | 07.05.1974 |
| Rwanda | | 04.02.1980 |
| Senegal | 15.09.1968 | 24.02.1972 |
| Seychelles | | 14.10.1977 |
| Somalia | 15.09.1968 | |
| Sudan | 15.09.1968 | 30.10.1973 |
| Swaziland | 15.09.1968 | 07.04.1969 |
| Togo | 15.09.1968 | 20.11.1974 |
| Tunisia | 15.09.1968 | 04.02.1977 |
| Uganda | 15.09.1968 | 30.11.1977 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 15.09.1968 | 15.11.1974 |
| Zambia | 15.09.1968 | 01.05.1972 |

Note: The Revised African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources was adopted in Maputo, Mozambique on 11 July 2003 at the second ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union.

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42. EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON THE RESTRICTION OF THE USE OF CERTAIN DETERGENTS IN WASHING AND CLEANING PRODUCTS

Objectives

To protect the supply of water for the population, industry, agriculture and other business occupations, and the natural aquatic fauna and flora, in particular in so far as they contribute to human well-being, and to foster the unhindered enjoyment of places devoted to leisure and sport.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to legislate nationally so that washing or cleaning products containing one or more synthetic detergents are not put on the market unless the detergents are, as a whole, as least 80 per cent susceptible to biological degradation (art. I);

(b) Compliance with the above must not result in the use of detergents which, in normal use, might adversely affect human or animal health.

Membership

Open to signature by member States of the Council of Europe which take part in activities in the field of public health under resolution (59) 23 of the Council. Instruments of acceptance or ratification to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

Amendment

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Date of adoption | 16.09.1968 | 25.10.1983 |
| Place of adoption | Strasbourg, France | Strasbourg, France |
| Date of entry into force | 16.02.1971 | 01.11.1984 |
| Languages | English, French | English, French |
| Depositary | Council of Europe | Council of Europe |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 29.10.1968 | R | 20.04.1970 | 16.02.1971 |
| Denmark | 15.01.1971 | R | 15.01.1971 | 16.02.1971 |
| France | 15.07.1969 | R | 29.04.1971 | 30.05.1971 |
| Germany | 16.09.1968 | R | 01.02.1973 | 02.03.1973 |
| Italy | 21.05.1975 | R | 27.11.1978 | 28.12.1978 |
| Luxembourg | 13.12.1968 | R | 10.10.1980 | 11.11.1980 |
| Netherlands | 17.12.1969 | R | 27.01.1971 | 28.02.1971 |
| Spain | | Ac | 10.09.1975 | 11.10.1975 |
| Switzerland | 04.10.1973 | R | 21.11.1975 | 22.12.1975 |
| United Kingdom | 16.09.1968 | R | 16.09.1968 | 16.02.1971 |

43. EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT

Objectives

To safeguard, as far as possible, animals in transport from suffering, through the adoption of common provisions regarding the international transport of animals.

Summary of Provisions

(a) Five categories of animals identified: (1) Domestic animals of soliped, bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine species; (2) Domestic birds and domestic rabbits; (3) Domestic dogs and domestic cats; (4) Other mammals and birds; (5) Cold-blooded animals;

(b) Animals of class (1) covered by detailed provisions regarding fitness to travel, construction and marking of containers, means of attachment of animals, feeding and watering in transit, need for attendant and veterinary attention (arts. 3-37);

(c) Animals of class (2) covered by most of those provisions (arts. 38 and 39), as are animals of class (3) except when accompanied by the owner or his representative (arts. 40 and 41);

(d) Animals of class (4) similarly covered, with special provisions for wild animals (arts. 42-45);

(e) Animals of class (5) covered briefly (art. 46).

Membership

Open to signature by member States of the Council of Europe, subject to ratification. Non-member States may be invited to accede.

Amendment

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Date of adoption | 13.12.1968 | 10.05.1979 |
| Place of adoption | Paris | Strasbourg |
| Date of entry into force | 20.02.1971 | 07.11.1989 |
| Languages | English, French | English, French |
| Depositary | Council of Europe | Council of Europe |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Signature (s) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation Effective Date |
|----------------|--|------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Austria | R | 14.09.1973 | 15.03.1974 | |
| Belgium | R | 21.11.1973 | 01.07.1974 | |
| Bulgaria | s | 21.05.2003 | | |
| Cyprus | R | 08.02.1977 | 09.08.1977 | |
| Czech Republic | R | 23.09.1998 | 24.03.1999 | |
| Denmark | R | 24.06.1969 | 20.02.1971 | |
| Finland | Ac | 04.02.1975 | 05.08.1975 | |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Signature (s) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation Effective Date |
|--------------------|--|------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| France | R | 09.01.1974 | 01.07.1974 | |
| Germany | R | 09.01.1974 | 01.07.1974 | |
| Greece | R | 25.05.1978 | 26.11.1978 | 14.03.2006 |
| Iceland | R | 01.05.1969 | 20.02.1971 | |
| Italy | R | 03.05.1974 | 04.11.1974 | |
| Lithuania | R | 02.03.2004 | 03.09.2004 | |
| Luxembourg | R | 13.04.1972 | 14.10.1972 | 03.11.2005 |
| Netherlands | R | 04.09.1980 | 05.03.1981 | |
| Norway | R | 25.06.1969 | 20.02.1971 | 03.09.2005 |
| Portugal | R | 01.06.1982 | 02.12.1982 | |
| Romania | Ac | 26.04.1991 | 27.10.1991 | |
| Russian Federation | Ac | 13.11.1990 | 14.05.1991 | |
| Spain | R | 02.08.1974 | 03.02.1975 | |
| Sweden | R | 20.10.1971 | 21.04.1972 | 07.05.2004 |
| Switzerland | R | 19.08.1970 | 20.02.1971 | 24.03.2006 |
| Turkey | R | 19.12.1975 | 20.06.1976 | |
| United Kingdom | R | 09.01.1974 | 01.07.1974 | |

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44. EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

Objectives

To apply stringent scientific methods to archaeological research and discoveries to preserve their full historical significance; to prevent illicit excavation and through education to give archaeological excavations their full scientific significance.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to delimit and protect sites and areas of archaeological interest (art. 2);
- (b) Parties to prohibit illicit excavation, to entrust excavation only to qualified persons and to ensure control and conservation of finds (art. 3);
- (c) Parties to establish national inventories and scientific catalogues of publicly and, where possible, privately owned archaeological objects (art. 4);
- (d) Circulation of objects of scientific, cultural and education purposes to be promoted (art. 5).

Membership

Open to signature by member States of the Council of Europe, Instruments of ratification or acceptance to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Date of adoption | 06.05.1969 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | 20.11.1970 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Council of Europe |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation |
|------------------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Austria | R | 27.02.1974 | 28.05.1974 | |
| Belgium | R | 02.12.1969 | 20.11.1970 | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Ac | 29.12.1994 | 30.03.1995 | |
| Bulgaria | Ac | 31.01.1991 | 01.05.1991 | 03.12.1993 |
| Croatia | Ac | 27.01.1993 | 28.04.1993 | 07.02.2005 |
| Cyprus | R | 23.11.1970 | 24.02.1971 | 09.10.1998 |
| Denmark | R | 06.05.1969 | 20.11.1970 | |
| France | R | 03.07.1972 | 04.10.1972 | 11.01.1996 |
| Germany | R | 21.01.1975 | 22.04.1975 | 23.07.2003 |
| Greece | R | 20.07.1981 | 21.10.1981 | |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation |
|---|---|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Holy See | Ac | 17.05.1972 | 18.08.1972 | 08.11.1999 |
| Iceland | R | 19.09.1989 | 20.12.1989 | |
| Italy | R | 16.09.1974 | 17.12.1974 | |
| Liechtenstein | Ac | 14.01.1976 | 15.04.1976 | 02.01.1997 |
| Luxembourg | R | 07.03.1972 | 08.06.1972 | |
| Malta | R | 30.04.1971 | 01.08.1971 | 25.05.1995 |
| Portugal | R | 06.07.1982 | 07.10.1982 | 06.02.1999 |
| Russian Federation | Ac | 13.11.1990 | 14.02.1991 | |
| Slovenia | Ac | 02.07.1992 | 03.10.1992 | 08.11.1999 |
| Spain | Ac | 28.02.1975 | 01.06.1975 | |
| Sweden | R | 17.03.1975 | 18.06.1975 | 12.04.1996 |
| Switzerland | R | 19.08.1970 | 20.11.1970 | 28.09.1996 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Ac | 30.03.1994 | 01.07.1994 | |
| United Kingdom | R | 08.12.1972 | 09.03.1973 | 20.03.2001 |

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45. AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH POLLUTION OF THE NORTH SEA BY OIL⁴⁹

Objectives

To ensure cooperation between the coastal States in providing manpower, supplies, equipment and scientific advice at short notice to deal with discharges of oil or other noxious or hazardous substances in the North Sea.

Summary of provisions

(a) Covers the North Sea south of latitude 61 north and the English Channel east of a line 50 nautical miles west of a line joining the Scilly Isles and Ushant (art. 2);

(b) Parties to cooperate in informing each other of casualties or oil slicks in the area and in requiring masters of ships and pilots of aircraft registered in their territories to report such incidents (art. 5);

(c) Area divided into national zones, for each of which the relevant party has prime responsibility (art. 7);

(d) Assistance should be requested first from any other State likely to be affected by the pollution (art. 7);

Membership

Open to any Government for signature, ratification or approval; instruments of ratification or approval to be deposited with the Government of Germany.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 09.06.1969 |
| Place of adoption | Bonn |
| Date of entry into force | 09.08.1969 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Germany |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|----------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 09.08.1969 |
| Denmark | 09.08.1969 |
| France | 09.08.1969 |
| Germany | 09.08.1969 |
| Netherlands | 08.03.1974 |
| Norway | 28.11.1970 |
| Sweden | 09.08.1969 |
| United Kingdom | 09.08.1969 |
| United Kingdom | 09.08.1969 |

⁴⁹ This agreement has been replaced by the Agreement for Cooperation in Dealing with the Pollution of the North Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances (Bonn, 13 September 1983) which entered into force on 1 September 1989.

46. CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE SOUTH-EAST ATLANTIC⁵⁰

Objectives

To achieve cooperation in the conservation and rational exploitation of the living resources of the South-East Atlantic Ocean.

Summary of provisions

(a) An International Commission for the South-East Atlantic Fisheries established (art. 4);

(b) The Commission to be responsible for research into the ecology, biometry, abundance and environment of all living resources, and to collect, analyze and publish scientific information (art. 6);

(c) The Commission to establish committee for each region of the area, and stock committees for certain stocks within the area (art. 7);

(d) These committees to draft recommendations, based on scientific investigations, for measures applicable to the region or stock concerned (art. 7);

The Commission may make recommendations regarding mesh sizes, size limits of fish, open and closed seasons and areas and regulation of fishing gear and catches (art. 8).

Membership

Open to any State represented at the Conference which adopted the Convention, any member of the United Nations or of any of its specialized agencies, or any other State unanimously invited by the Commission to become a party to the Convention.

Method of participation

Signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by signatory States or adherence by any non-signatory State.

Protocol of Termination

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|
| Date of adoption | 23.10.1969 | 19.07.1990 |
| Place of adoption | Rome | Madrid |
| Date of entry into force | 24.10.1971 | |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish | |
| Depositary | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. | |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Acceptance (At)/ Adherence (Ad) | Date | Entry into force | Withdrawal / Acceptance of the Protocol of Termination |
|-------------|--|------------|------------------|--|
| Angola | Ad | 04.10.1976 | 03.11.1976 | 23.10.1990 |
| Belgium | R | 31.10.1973 | 30.11.1976 | 31.12.1982 |
| Bulgaria | Ad | 24.04.1972 | 24.05.1972 | |

⁵⁰ The Protocol of Termination of the Convention was concluded in Madrid on 19 July 1990 by a Conference of Plenipotentiaries. The Convention terminates when all Contracting Parties have deposited an instrument of acceptance of the Protocol with the depositary.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Acceptance (At)/ Adherence (Ad) | Date | Entry into force | Withdrawal / Acceptance of the Protocol of Termination |
|--------------------|--|------------|------------------|--|
| Cuba | R | 15.01.1975 | 14,92,1865 | 31.12.1990 |
| France | Ad | 04.10.1972 | 03.11.1972 | |
| Germany | R | 17.11.1976 | 17.12.1976 | |
| Iraq | Ad | 04.06.1981 | 04.07.1981 | |
| Israel | Ad | 05.01.1976 | 04.02.1976 | |
| Italy | R | 22.12.1975 | 21.01.1976 | |
| Japan | At | 22.06.1970 | 24.10.1971 | 31.12.1991 |
| Poland | Ad | 02.03.1972 | 01.04.1972 | |
| Portugal | R | 22.01.1971 | 24.10.1971 | |
| Republic of Korea | R | 19.01.1981 | 18.02.1981 | |
| Romania | Ad | 18.08.1977 | 17.09.1977 | |
| Russian Federation | Ap | 24.09.1971 | 24.10.1971 | |
| South Africa | R | 02.10.1970 | 24.10.1971 | |
| Spain | R | 06.12.1971 | 05.01.1972 | 04.02.2002 |

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47. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE (as amended)

Objectives

To ensure that adequate compensation is available to persons who suffer damage caused by pollution resulting from the escape or discharge of oil from ships. To standardize international rules and procedures for determining questions of liability and adequate compensation in such areas.

Summary of provisions

- (a) The owner of a ship at the time of an incident causing oil pollution damage shall be liable for any damage so caused, unless the incident is caused by act of war, exceptional natural phenomenon, malicious act of a third party or negligence of a Government or other authority in maintaining navigational aids (art. 3);
- (b) Contributory liability on the part of the plaintiff may be established in certain cases (art. 3);
- (c) Where two or more ships have caused such damage, the owners shall be jointly and severally liable (art. 4);
- (d) Limits to liability established (art. 5);
- (e) Ships carrying over 2,000 tons of oil as cargo must maintain insurance (art. 7);
- (f) Limitations of three and six years for rights of action (art. 8);
- (g) Warships are excluded (art. 11).

Membership

Open to all Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies or parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to be deposited with the Secretary-General of IMO.

Amendments

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 29.11.1969 | 19.11.1976 | 25.05.1984 |
| Place of adoption | Brussels | London | London |
| Date of entry into force | 19.06.1975 | 08.04.1981 | Not yet in force |
| Languages | English, French | English, French | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization | | |

(Status as of 31 December 2003)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force | Effective date of denunciation |
|---------------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Albania | Ac | 06.04.1994 | 05.07.1994 | |
| Algeria | Ac | 14.06.1974 | 19.06.1975 | 03.08.1999 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Ac | 23.06.1997 | 21.09.1997 | 14.06.2001 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force | Effective date of denunciation |
|---------------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Australia | R | 07.11.1983 | 05.02.1984 | 15.05.1998 |
| Bahamas | R | 22.07.1976 | 20.10.1976 | 15.05.1998 |
| Bahrain | Ac | 03.05.1996 | 01.08.1996 | 15.05.1998 |
| Barbados | Ac | 06.05.1994 | 04.08.1994 | 07.07.1999 |
| Belgium | R | 12.01.1977 | 12.04.1977 | 06.10.1999 |
| Belize | Ac | 02.04.1991 | 01.07.1991 | 27.11.1999 |
| Benin | Ac | 01.11.1985 | 30.01.1986 | |
| Brazil | R | 17.12.1976 | 17.03.1977 | |
| Brunei Darussalam | Ac | 29.09.1992 | 28.12.1992 | 31.01.2003 |
| Cambodia | Ac | 28.11.1994 | 26.02.1995 | |
| Cameroon | R | 14.05.1984 | 12.08.1984 | 15.10.2002 |
| Canada | Ac | 24.01.1989 | 24.04.1989 | 29.05.1999 |
| Chile | Ac | 02.08.1977 | 31.10.1977 | |
| China ⁵¹ | Ac | 30.01.1980 | 29.04.1980 | 05.01.2000 |
| Colombia | Ac | 26.03.1990 | 14.06.1990 | |
| Costa Rica | Ac | 08.12.1997 | 08.03.1998 | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | R | 21.06.1973 | 19.06.1975 | |
| Croatia | S | | 08.10.1991 | 30.07.1999 |
| Cyprus | Ac | 19.06.1989 | 17.09.1989 | 15.05.1998 |
| Denmark | Ac | 02.04.1975 | 19.06.1975 | 15.05.1998 |
| Djibouti | Ac | 01.03.1990 | 30.05.1990 | 17.05.2002 |
| Dominican Republic | R | 02.04.1975 | 19.06.1975 | |
| Ecuador | Ac | 23.12.1976 | 23.03.1977 | |
| Egypt | Ac | 03.02.1989 | 04.05.1989 | |

⁵¹ Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force | Effective date of denunciation |
|--------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Equatorial Guinea | Ac | 24.04.1996 | 23.07.1996 | |
| Estonia | Ac | 01.12.1992 | 01.03.1993 | |
| Fiji | Ac | 15.08.1972 | 19.06.1975 | 30.11.2000 |
| Finland | R | 10.10.1980 | 08.01.1981 | 15.05.1998 |
| France | R | 17.03.1975 | 19.06.1975 | 15.05.1998 |
| Gabon | Ac | 21.01.1982 | 21.04.1982 | 31.05.2003 |
| Gambia | Ac | 01.11.1991 | 30.01.1992 | |
| Georgia | Ac | 19.04.1994 | 18.07.1974 | |
| Germany | R | 20.05.1975 | 18.08.1975 | 15.05.1998 |
| Ghana | R | 20.04.1978 | 19.07.1978 | |
| Greece | Ac | 29.06.1976 | 27.09.1976 | 15.05.1998 |
| Guatemala | Ac | 20.10.1982 | 18.01.1983 | |
| Guyana | Ac | 10.12.1997 | 10.03.1998 | |
| Honduras | Ac | 02.12.1998 | 02.03.1999 | |
| Iceland | R | 17.07.1980 | 15.10.1980 | 10.02.2001 |
| India | Ac | 01.05.1987 | 30.07.1987 | 21.06.2001 |
| Indonesia | R | 01.09.1978 | 30.11.1978 | |
| Ireland | R | 19.11.1992 | 17.02.1993 | 15.05.1998 |
| Italy | R | 27.02.1979 | 28.05.1979 | 08.10.2000 |
| Japan | Ac | 03.06.1976 | 01.09.1976 | 15.05.1998 |
| Kazakhstan | Ac | 07.03.1994 | 05.06.1994 | |
| Kenya | Ac | 15.12.1992 | 15.03.1993 | 07.07.2001 |
| Kuwait | Ac | 02.04.1981 | 01.07.1981 | |
| Latvia | Ac | 10.07.1992 | 08.10.1992 | |
| Lebanon | Ac | 09.04.1974 | 19.06.1975 | |
| Liberia | Ac | 25.09.1972 | 19.06.1975 | 15.05.1998 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force | Effective date of denunciation |
|--------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Luxembourg | Ac | 14.02.1991 | 15.05.1991 | |
| Malaysia | Ac | 06.01.1995 | 06.04.1995 | |
| Maldives | Ac | 16.03.1981 | 14.06.1981 | |
| Malta | Ac | 27.09.1991 | 26.12.1991 | 06.01.2001 |
| Marshall Islands | Ac | 24.01.1994 | 24.04.1994 | 15.05.1998 |
| Mauritania | Ac | 17.11.1995 | 15.02.1996 | |
| Mauritius | Ac | 06.04.1995 | 05.07.1995 | 06.12.2000 |
| Mexico | Ac | 13.05.1994 | 11.08.1994 | 15.05.1998 |
| Monaco | R | 21.08.1975 | 19.11.1975 | 15.05.1998 |
| Mongolia | Ac | 03.03.2003 | 01.06.2003 | |
| Morocco | Ac | 11.04.1974 | 19.06.1975 | 25.10.2001 |
| Mozambique | Ac | 23.12.1996 | 23.03.1997 | 26.04.2003 |
| Netherlands | R | 09.09.1975 | 08.12.1975 | 15.05.1998 |
| New Zealand | Ac | 27.04.1976 | 02.09.1996 | 25.06.1999 |
| Nicaragua | Ac | 04.06.1996 | 02.09.1996 | |
| Nigeria | Ac | 07.05.1981 | 05.08.1981 | 24.05.2003 |
| Norway | Ac | 21.03.1975 | 19.06.1975 | 15.05.1998 |
| Oman | Ac | 24.01.1985 | 24.04.1985 | 15.05.1998 |
| Panama | R | 07.01.1976 | 06.04.1976 | 11.05.2000 |
| Papua New Guinea | Ac | 12.03.1980 | 10.06.1980 | 23.01.2002 |
| Peru | Ac | 24.02.1987 | 25.05.1987 | |
| Poland | R | 18.03.1976 | 16.06.1976 | 21.12.2000 |
| Portugal | R | 26.11.1976 | 24.02.1977 | |
| Qatar | Ac | 02.06.1988 | 31.08.1988 | 20.11.2002 |
| Republic of Korea | Ac | 18.12.1978 | 18.03.1979 | 15.05.1998 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force | Effective date of denunciation |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Russian Federation | Ac | 24.06.1975 | 22.09.1975 | 20.03.2001 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | Ac | 14.09.1994 | 13.12.1994 | |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | Ac | 09.04.1989 | 18.07.1989 | 09.10.2002 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | Ac | 29.10.1998 | 27.01.1999 | |
| Saudi Arabia | Ac | 15.04.1993 | 14.07.1993 | |
| Senegal | Ac | 27.03.1972 | 19.06.1975 | |
| Seychelles | Ac | 12.04.1988 | 11.07.1988 | 23.07.2000 |
| Sierra Leone | Ac | 13.08.1993 | 11.11.1993 | 04.06.2002 |
| Singapore | Ac | 16.09.1981 | 15.12.1981 | 31.12.1998 |
| Slovenia | S | | 25.06.1991 | 19.07.2001 |
| South Africa | Ac | 17.03.1976 | 15.06.1976 | |
| Spain | R | 08.12.1975 | 07.03.1976 | 15.05.1998 |
| Sri Lanka | Ac | 12.04.1983 | 11.07.1983 | 22.01.2000 |
| Sweden | R | 17.03.1975 | 19.06.1975 | 15.05.1998 |
| Switzerland | R | 15.12.1987 | 14.03.1988 | 15.05.1998 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | Ac | 06.02.1975 | 19.06.1975 | |
| Tonga | Ac | 01.02.1996 | 01.05.1996 | 10.12.2000 |
| Tunisia | Ac | 04.05.1976 | 02.08.1976 | 15.05.1998 |
| Tuvalu | S | | 01.10.1978 | |
| United Arab Emirates | Ac | 15.12.1983 | 14.03.1984 | |
| United Kingdom ⁵² | R | 17.03.1975 | 19.06.1975 | 15.05.1998 |

⁵² Extended to the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey and the Isle of Man on 01.02.1976; Bermuda on 03.02.1976; the British Indian Ocean Territory, the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands on 01.04.1976; the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and Dependencies, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena and Dependencies on 1.04.1976; Seychelles (now an independent

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force | Effective date of denunciation |
|--------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Vanuatu | Ac | 02.02.1983 | 03.05.1983 | 18.02.2000 |
| Venezuela | Ac | 21.01.1992 | 20.04.1992 | 22.07.1999 |
| Yemen | Ac | 06.03.1979 | 04.06.1979 | |

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State), the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United Kingdom Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia on the Island of Cyprus on 01.04.1976 and Anguilla on 01.09.1984.

48. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RELATING TO INTERVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS IN CASES OF OIL POLLUTION CASUALTIES

Objectives

To enable countries to take action on the high seas in cases of a maritime casualty resulting in danger of oil pollution of sea and coastlines; to establish that such action would not affect the principle of freedom of the high seas.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties may take such measures on the high seas as may be necessary to prevent, mitigate or eliminate grave and imminent danger to their coastline or related interests from pollution or threat of pollution of the sea by oil (art. 1);

(b) Before taking action, a coastal State should notify the flag State of the ship, consult independent experts and notify any person whose interests may reasonably be expected to be affected by such action. In cases of extreme urgency measure may be taken at once. In any case the coastal State must endeavour to protect human life and assist persons in distress (art. 3);

(c) Such measures shall not go beyond what is reasonably necessary to achieve the end mentioned in article 1, and shall be proportionate to the damage, actual or threatened (art. 3);

Membership

Open to all Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies or International Atomic Energy Agency or Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice. They may become Parties by (signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, signature subject to ratification, acceptance, approval followed by ratification acceptance or approval, or accession.

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|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 29.11.1969 |
| Place of adoption | Brussels |
| Date of entry into force | 06.05.1975 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization |

(Status as at 31 December 2003)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S)/ Signature (s) | Date | Entry into force or Succession |
|-------------------------|--|------------|--------------------------------|
| Angola | Ac | 04.10.2001 | 02.01.2002 |
| Argentina ⁵³ | Ac | 21.04.1987 | 20.07.1987 |
| Australia ⁵³ | R | 07.11.1983 | 05.02.1984 |
| Bahamas | Ac | 22.07.1976 | 20.10.1976 |
| Bangladesh | Ac | 06.11.1981 | 04.02.1982 |

⁵³ With a declaration.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S)/ Signature (s) | Date | Entry into force or Succession |
|------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Barbados | Ac | 06.05.1994 | 04.08.1994 |
| Belgium | R | 21.10.1971 | 06.05.1975 |
| Benin | Ac | 01.11.1985 | 30.01.1986 |
| Bulgaria ⁵³ | Ac | 02.11.1983 | 31.01.1984 |
| Cameroon | R | 14.05.1984 | 12.08.1984 |
| Chile | Ac | 28.02.1995 | 29.05.1995 |
| China ⁵⁴ | Ac | 23.02.1990 | 24.05.1990 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | R | 08.01.1988 | 07.04.1988 |
| Croatia | S | | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba ⁵³ | AC | 05.05.1976 | 03.08.1976 |
| Denmark ⁵⁵ | s | 18.12.1970 | 06.05.1975 |
| Djibouti | Ac | 01.03.1990 | 30.05.1990 |
| Dominican Republic | R | 05.02.1975 | 06.05.1975 |
| Ecuador | Ac | 23.12.1976 | 23.03.1977 |
| Egypt | Ac | 03.02.1989 | 04.05.1989 |
| Equatorial Guinea | Ac | 24.04.1996 | 23.07.1996 |
| Fiji | Ac | 15.08.1972 | 06.05.1975 |
| Finland | R | 06.09.1976 | 05.12.1976 |
| France | R | 10.05.1972 | 06.05.1975 |
| Gabon | Ac | 21.01.1982 | 21.04.1982 |
| Georgia | Ac | 25.08.1995 | 23.11.1995 |
| Germany | R | 07.05.1975 | 05.08.1975 |
| Ghana | R | 20.04.1978 | 19.07.1978 |

⁵⁴ Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China with effect from 01.07.1997.

⁵⁵ Signature without reservation as to ratification.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S)/ Signature (s) | Date | Entry into force or Succession |
|---------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Guyana | Ac | 10.12.1997 | 10.03.1998 |
| Iceland | R | 17.07.1980 | 15.10.1980 |
| India | Ac | 16.06.2000 | 14.09.2000 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | Ac | 25.07.1997 | 23.10.1997 |
| Ireland | R | 21.08.1980 | 19.11.1980 |
| Italy | R | 27.02.1979 | 28.05.1979 |
| Jamaica | Ac | 13.03.1991 | 11.06.1991 |
| Japan | At | 06.04.1971 | 06.05.1975 |
| Kuwait | Ac | 02.04.1981 | 01.07.1981 |
| Latvia | Ac | 09.08.2001 | 07.11.2001 |
| Lebanon | Ac | 05.06.1975 | 03.09.1975 |
| Liberia | Ac | 25.09.1972 | 06.05.1975 |
| Marshall Islands | Ac | 16.10.1995 | 14.01.1996 |
| Mauritania | Ac | 24.11.1997 | 22.02.1998 |
| Mauritius | Ac | 17.12.2002 | 17.03.2003 |
| Mexico | Ac | 08.04.1976 | 07.07.1976 |
| Monaco | R | 24.02.1975 | 06.05.1975 |
| Morocco | Ac | 11.04.1974 | 06.05.1975 |
| Netherlands ⁵⁶ | R | 19.09.1975 | 18.12.1975 |
| New Zealand | Ac | 26.03.1975 | 06.05.1975 |
| Nicaragua | Ac | 15.11.1994 | 13.02.1995 |
| Norway | Ac | 12.07.1972 | 06.05.1975 |
| Oman | Ac | 24.01.1985 | 24.04.1985 |

⁵⁶ Extended to the Netherlands Antilles and Suriname.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S)/ Signature (s) | Date | Entry into force or Succession |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Pakistan | Ac | 13.01.1995 | 13.04.1995 |
| Panama | R | 07.01.1976 | 06.04.1976 |
| Papua New Guinea | Ac | 12.03.1980 | 10.06.1980 |
| Poland | R | 0-1.06.1976 | 30.08.1976 |
| Portugal | R | 15.02.1980 | 15.05.1980 |
| Qatar | Ac | 02.06.1988 | 31.08.1988 |
| Russian Federation ⁵³ | Ac | 30.12.1974 | 06.05.1975 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | Ac | 12.05.1999 | 10.08.1999 |
| Senegal | Ac | 27.03.1972 | 06.05.1975 |
| Slovenia | S | | 25.06.1991 |
| South Africa | Ac | 01.07.1986 | 29.09.1986 |
| Spain | R | 08.11.1973 | 06.05.1975 |
| Sri Lanka | Ac | 12.04.1983 | 11.07.1983 |
| Suriname | S | | 25.11.1975 |
| Sweden | At | 08.02.1973 | 06.05.1975 |
| Switzerland | R | 15.12.1987 | 14.03.1988 |
| Syrian Arab Republic ⁵³ | Ac | 06.02.1975 | 06.05.1975 |
| Tonga | Ac | 01.02.1996 | 01.05.1996 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | Ac | 06.03.2000 | 04.06.2000 |
| Tunisia | Ac | 04.05.1976 | 02.08.1976 |
| Ukraine | S | | 17.12.1993 |
| United Arab Emirates | Ac | 15.12.1983 | 14.03.1984 |
| United Kingdom | R | 12.01.1971 | 06.05.1975 |
| United States of America | R | 21.02.1974 | 06.05.1975 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S)/ Signature (s) | Date | Entry into force or Succession |
|--------------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Vanuatu | Ac | 14.09.1992 | 13.12.1992 |
| Yemen | Ac | 06.03.1979 | 04.06.1979 |

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49. BENELUX CONVENTION ON THE HUNTING AND PROTECTION OF BIRDS (as amended)

Objectives

To harmonize legislation and regulations relating to hunting and the protection of wild birds in the three contracting States.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to standardize their classification of different types of game into four categories;
- (b) Parties to harmonize their regulations for open and closed seasons for hunting and for weapons, ammunition and means of hunting;
- (c) Areas in which shooting is permitted to have minimum dimensions;
- (d) Regulations concerning the transport and sale of game to be standardized;
- (e) Parties to protect birds, other than those classified as game, their eggs and their nests.

Membership

Restricted to the three signatory States.

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | Amendments | |
| Date of adoption | 10.06.1970 | 20.06.1977 | 23.06.1987 |
| Place of adoption | Brussels | Luxembourg | |
| Date of entry into force | 01.07.1972 | 01.02.1983 | 23.06.1987 |
| Languages | French, Dutch | | |
| Depositary | Benelux Economic Union | | |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 01.07.1972 |
| Luxembourg | 01.07.1972 |
| Netherlands | 01.07.1972 |

50. AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN NORTH-WEST AFRICA (as amended)

Objectives

Through the establishment of a commission within the framework of FAO, to promote national and international research and action to control the desert locust in the region.

Summary of provisions

As for the Agreement concerning the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Eastern Region of its Distribution in South-West Asia.

Membership

Open to members and associate members of FAO and such non-member States as are members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or IAEA.

Method of participation

- (i) For members and associate members of FAO: by depositing an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General which becomes effective on the date of receipt;
- (ii) For other States that are members of the United Nations, any of its specialized agencies or IAEA: submission to the Commission of an application for membership and a declaration made in a formal instrument that they accept the Agreement as in force at the time of admission. Admission to membership is decided by the Commission by a two-thirds majority of its members.

Amendments

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|--------------------------|---|------------|
| Date of adoption | 11.11.1970 | |
| Place of adoption | Rome | |
| Date of entry into force | 17.08.1971 | 11.11.1977 |
| Languages | Spanish | |
| Depositary | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Acceptance | Entry into force | Withdrawal Effective Date |
|------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Algeria | 17.08.1971 | 17.08.1971 | 26.11.2004 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 13.05.1971 | 17.08.1971 | 24.11.2006 |
| Mauritania | 16.01.1989 | 16.01.1989 | |
| Morocco | 01.10.1971 | 01.10.1971 | |
| Tunisia | 22.07.1971 | 17.08.1971 | |

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51. CONVENTION ON WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE ESPECIALLY AS WATERFOWL HABITAT

Objectives

To stem the progressive encroachment on and loss of wetlands now and in the future, recognizing the fundamental ecological functions of wetlands and their economic, cultural, scientific and recreational value.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to designate at least one national wetlands for inclusion in a List of Wetlands of International Importance (art. 2);

(b) Parties to consider their international responsibilities for conservation, management and wise use of migratory stocks of wildfowl (art. 2);

(c) Parties to establish wetland nature reserves, cooperate in the exchange of information and train personnel for wetland management (art. 4);

(d) Conferences on the conservation of wetlands and water-fowl to be convened as the need arises.

Membership

Open for signature indefinitely and for accession to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or IAEA; signature may be with or without reservation as to ratification.

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|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 02.02.1971 |
| Place of adoption | Ramsar, Iran (Islamic Republic of) |
| Date of entry into force | 21.12.1975 |
| Languages | English, French, German, Russian |
| Depositary | Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession notification (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Albania | Ac | 31.10.1995 | 29.02.1996 |
| Algeria | Ac | 04.11.1983 | 04.03.1984 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Ac | 02.06.2005 | 02.10.2005 |
| Argentina | R | 04.05.1992 | 04.09.1992 |
| Armenia | Ac | 06.07.1993 | 06.11.1993 |
| Australia | R | 08.05.1974 | 21.12.1975 |
| Austria | Ac | 16.12.1982 | 16.04.1983 |
| Azerbaijan | Ac | 21.05.2001 | 21.09.2001 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession notification (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Bahamas | R | 07.02.1997 | 07.06.1997 |
| Bahrain | Ac | 27.10.1997 | 27.02.1998 |
| Bangladesh | Ac | 21.05.1992 | 21.09.1992 |
| Barbados | Ac | 12.12.2005 | 12.04.2006 |
| Belarus | S | 10.09.1099 | 25.08.1991 |
| Belgium | R | 04.03.1986 | 04.07.1986 |
| Belize | Ac | 22.04.1998 | 22.08.1998 |
| Benin | Ac | 24.01.2000 | 24.05.2000 |
| Bolivia | Ac | 27.06.1990 | 27.10.1990 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | S | 24.09.2001 | 01.03.1992 |
| Botswana | Ac | 09.12.1996 | 09.04.1997 |
| Brazil | Ac | 24.05.1993 | 24.09.1993 |
| Bulgaria | R | 24.09.1975 | 24.01.1976 |
| Burkina Faso | Ac | 27.06.1990 | 27.10.1990 |
| Burundi | Ac | 05.06.2002 | 05.10.2002 |
| Cambodia | Ac | 23.06.1999 | 23.10.1999 |
| Canada | Ac | 15.01.1981 | 15.05.1981 |
| Cape Verde | Ac | 18.07.2005 | 18.11.2005 |
| Chad | Ac | 13.06.1990 | 13.10.1990 |
| Central African Republic | Ac | 05.12.2005 | 05.04.2006 |
| Chile | Ac | 27.07.1981 | 27.11.1981 |
| China | Ac | 31.03.1992 | 31.07.1992 |
| Colombia | Ac | 18.06.1998 | 18.10.1998 |
| Comoros | Ac | 09.02.1995 | 09.06.1995 |
| Congo | Ac | 18.06.1998 | 18.10.1998 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession notification (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Costa Rica | R | 27.12.1991 | 27.04.1992 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | R | 27.02.1996 | 27.06.1996 |
| Croatia | S | 19.11.1992 | 25.06.1991 |
| Cuba | R | 12.04.2001 | 12.08.2001 |
| Cyprus | Ac | 11.07.2001 | 11.11.2001 |
| Czech Republic | S | 31.03.1993 | 01.01.1993 |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | Ac | 18.01.1996 | 18.05.1996 |
| Denmark | Ac | 02.09.1977 | 02.01.1978 |
| Djibouti | Ac | 22.11.2002 | 22.03.2003 |
| Dominican Republic | Ac | 15.05.2002 | 15.09.2002 |
| Ecuador | Ac | 07.09.1990 | 07.01.1991 |
| Egypt | Ac | 09.09.1988 | 09.09.1988 |
| El Salvador | R | 22.01.1999 | 22.05.1999 |
| Equatorial Guinea | Ac | 02.06.2003 | 02.10.2003 |
| Estonia | R | 29.03.1994 | 29.07.1994 |
| Finland | R | 28.05.1974 | 21.12.1975 |
| France | R | 01.12.1986 | 01.04.1987 |
| Gabon | R | 30.12.1986 | 30.04.1987 |
| Gambia | R | 16.09.1996 | 16.01.1997 |
| Georgia | Ac | 07.02.1997 | 07.06.1997 |
| Germany | R | 26.02.1976 | 26.06.1976 |
| Ghana | Ac | 22.02.1988 | 22.06.1988 |
| Greece | Ac | 21.08.1975 | 21.12.1975 |
| Guatemala | Ac | 26.06.1990 | 26.10.1990 |
| Guinea | R | 18.11.1992 | 18.03.1993 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession notification (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Guinea Bissau | Ac | 14.05.1990 | 14.09.1990 |
| Honduras | R | 23.06.1993 | 23.10.1993 |
| Hungary | Ac | 11.04.1975 | 11.08.1979 |
| Iceland | Ac | 02.12.1977 | 02.04.1978 |
| India | Ac | 01.10.1981 | 01.02.1982 |
| Indonesia | R | 08.04.1992 | 08.08.1992 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | R | 23.06.1975 | 21.12.1975 |
| Ireland | R | 15.11.1984 | 15.03.1985 |
| Israel | R | 12.11.1996 | 12.03.1997 |
| Italy | R | 14.12.1976 | 14.04.1977 |
| Jamaica | Ac | 07.10.1997 | 07.02.1998 |
| Japan | Ac | 17.06.1980 | 17.10.1980 |
| Jordan | Ac | 10.01.1977 | 10.05.1977 |
| Kenya | Ac | 05.06.1990 | 05.10.1990 |
| Kyrgyzstan | Ac | 12.11.2002 | 12.03.2003 |
| Latvia | R | 25.07.1995 | 25.11.1995 |
| Lebanon | Ac | 16.04.1999 | 16.08.1999 |
| Lesotho | Ac | 01.07.2004 | 01.11.2004 |
| Liberia | Ac | 02.07.2003 | 02.11.2003 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | Ac | 05.04.2000 | 05.08.2000 |
| Liechtenstein | R | 06.08.1991 | 06.12.1991 |
| Lithuania | R | 20.08.1993 | 20.12.1993 |
| Luxembourg | R | 15.04.1998 | 15.08.1998 |
| Madagascar | Ac | 25.09.1998 | 25.01.1999 |
| Malawi | Ac | 14.11.1996 | 14.03.1997 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession notification (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Malaysia | R | 10.11.1994 | 10.03.1995 |
| Mali | Ac | 25.05.1987 | 25.09.1987 |
| Malta | Ac | 30.09.1988 | 30.01.1989 |
| Marshall Islands | Ac | 13.07.2004 | 13.11.2004 |
| Mauritania | Ac | 22.10.1982 | 22.02.1983 |
| Mauritius | R | 30.05.2001 | 30.09.2001 |
| Mexico | Ac | 04.07.1986 | 04.11.1986 |
| Monaco | Ac | 20.08.1997 | 20.12.1997 |
| Mongolia | Ac | 08.12.1997 | 08.04.1998 |
| Morocco | R | 20.06.1980 | 20.10.1980 |
| Mozambique | Ac | 03.08.2004 | 03.12.2004 |
| Myanmar | Ac | 17.01.2004 | 17.03.2005 |
| Namibia | Ac | 23.08.1995 | 23.12.1995 |
| Nepal | Ac | 17.12.1987 | 17.04.1988 |
| Netherlands | Ac | 23.05.1980 | 23.09.1980 |
| New Zealand | R | 13.08.1976 | 13.12.1976 |
| Nicaragua | Ac | 30.07.1997 | 30.11.1997 |
| Niger | R | 30.04.1987 | 30.08.1987 |
| Nigeria | Ac | 02.10.2000 | 02.02.2001 |
| Norway | R | 09.07.1974 | 21.12.1975 |
| Pakistan | R | 23.07.1976 | 23.11.1976 |
| Palau | Ac | 18.10.2002 | 18.02.2003 |
| Panama | Ac | 26.11.1990 | 26.03.1993 |
| Papua New Guinea | Ac | 16.03.1993 | 16.07.1993 |
| Paraguay | R | 07.06.1995 | pu.10.1995 |
| Peru | Ac | 08.07.1994 | 08.11.1994 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession notification (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Philippines | Ac | 08.07.1994 | 08.11.1994 |
| Poland | Ac | 22.11.1972 | 22.03.1978 |
| Portugal | R | 24.11.1980 | 24.03.1981 |
| Republic of Korea | Ac | 28.03.1997 | 28.07.1997 |
| Republic of Moldova | Ac | 20.06.2000 | 20.10.2000 |
| Romania | Ac | 21.05.1991 | 21.09.1991 |
| Russian Federation | R | 11.10.1976 | 11.02.1977 |
| Rwanda | Ac | 01.12.2005 | 01.04.2006 |
| Saint Lucia | Ac | 19.02.2002 | 19.06.2002 |
| Samoa | Ac | 06.10.2004 | 06.02.2005 |
| Senegal | Ac | 11.07.1977 | 11.11.1977 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | S | 03.07.2001 | 27.04.1992 |
| Seychelles | Ac | 22.11.2004 | 22.03.2005 |
| Sierra Leone | Ac | 13.12.1999 | 13.04.2000 |
| Slovak Republic | S | 31.03.1993 | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | S | 05.11.1992 | 25.06.1991 |
| South Africa | R | 12.03.1975 | 21.12.1975 |
| Spain | Ac | 04.05.1982 | 04.09.1982 |
| Sri Lanka | Ac | 15.06.1990 | 15.10.1990 |
| Sudan | R | 07.01.2005 | 07.05.2005 |
| Suriname | R | 18.05.1985 | 18.07.1985 |
| Sweden | R | 05.12.1974 | 21.12.1975 |
| Switzerland | R | 16.01.1976 | 16.05.1976 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | R | 05.03.1998 | 05.07.1998 |
| Tajikistan | Ac | 18.07.2001 | 18.11.2001 |
| Thailand | S | 13.05.1998 | 13.09.1998 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession notification (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | S | 04.04.1995 | 08.09.1991 |
| Togo | Ac | 04.07.1995 | 04.11.1995 |
| Trinidad & Tobago | Ac | 21.12.1992 | 21.04.1993 |
| Tunisia | Ac | 24.11.1980 | 24.03.1981 |
| Turkey | Ac | 13.07.1994 | 13.11.1994 |
| Uganda | R | 04.03.1988 | 04.07.1988 |
| Ukraine | S | 15.07.1997 | 01.12.1991 |
| United Kingdom | R | 18.12.1986 | 18.04.1987 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | Ac | 13.04.2000 | 13.08.2000 |
| United States of America | R | 18.12.1986 | 18.04.1987 |
| Uruguay | Ac | 22.05.1984 | 22.09.1984 |
| Uzbekistan | Ac | 08.10.2001 | 08.02.2002 |
| Venezuela | Ac | 23.11.1988 | 23.11.1988 |
| Viet Nam | Ac | 20.09.1988 | 20.01.1989 |
| Zambia | R | 28.08.1991 | 28.12.1991 |

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52. TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE EMBLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ON THE SEA BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR AND IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF

Objectives

To exclude the sea bed, the ocean floor and the subsoil thereof from the arms race as a step towards disarmament, the reduction of international tensions and the maintenance of world peace.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties undertake not to place on the sea bed, on the ocean floor or in the subsoil thereof, nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction, or structures for launching, storing, testing or using such weapons (art. 1);

(b) Outer limit of the sea bed zone to be the 12 mile limit referred to in the Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone, 1958 (art. 2);

(c) Observers from any party may observe and verify the activities of any other party on the sea bed. In case of doubt parties shall consult and cooperate to remove such doubt by means of inspection and any other agreed procedures. If a serious question still remains concerning the fulfilment of the obligations under the Treaty, a party may refer the matter to the United Nations Security Council (art. 3).

Membership

Open to all States for signature subject to ratification, or accession. Instruments of ratification or accession to be deposited with the depositary Governments.

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|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 11.02.1971 |
| Places of adoption | London, Moscow, Washington, D.C. |
| Date of entry into force | 18.05.1972 |
| Languages | Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositaries | Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Afghanistan | 11.02.1971 | R | 23.04.1971 |
| Algeria | | Ac ⁵⁷ | 27.01.1992 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | S | 26.01.1989 |
| Argentina | 03.09.1971 | R | 21.03.1983 |
| Australia | 11.02.1971 | R | 23.01.1973 |
| Austria | 11.02.1971 | R | 10.08.1972 |
| Bahamas | | Ac ⁵⁷ | 07.06.1989 |

⁵⁷ The date of signature and/or the deposit of an instrument of ratification/accession or a notification of succession at Washington, D.C. Others indicate the dates of such formalities done at London.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Belgium | 11.02.1971 | R | 20.11.1972 |
| Benin | 18.03.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 02.07.1986 |
| Bolivia | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 15.08.1994 ⁵⁷ |
| Botswana | | R | 10.11.1972 ⁵⁷ |
| Brazil | 03.09.1971 | R | 10.05.1988 |
| Bulgaria | 11.02.1971 | R | 26.05.1971 |
| Canada | 11.02.1971 | R | 17.05.1972 |
| Myanmar | 11.02.1971 | | |
| Central African Republic | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 09.07.1981 ⁵⁷ |
| China | | Ac | 28.02.1991 |
| Colombia | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Congo | | Ac | 23.10.1978 |
| Costa Rica | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Cyprus | 11.02.1971 | R | 17.11.1972 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 01.01.1993 ⁵⁷ |
| Denmark | 11.02.1971 | R | 15.06.1971 |
| Dominican Republic | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 11.02.1972 ⁵⁷ |
| Equatorial Guinea | 04.06.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Ethiopia | 11.02.1971 | R | 12.07.1977 |
| Finland | 11.02.1971 | R | 08.06.1971 |
| Gambia | 18.05.1971 | | |
| Germany | 08.06.1971 | | |
| Ghana | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 09.08.1972 ⁵⁷ |
| Greece | 12.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 28.05.1985 ⁵⁷ |
| Guatemala | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Guinea | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Honduras | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Hungary | 11.02.1971 | R | 13.08.1971 |
| Iceland | 11.02.1971 | R | 30.05.1972 |
| India | | Ac | 20.07.1973 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 11.02.1971 | R | 26.08.1971 |
| Ireland | 11.02.1971 | R | 19.08.1971 |
| Italy | 11.02.1971 | R | 03.09.1974 |
| Ivory Coast | | Ac | 14.01.1972 ⁵⁷ |
| Jamaica | 11.10.1971 | R | 30.07.1986 |
| Japan | 11.02.1971 | R | 21.06.1971 |
| Jordan | 11.02.1971 | R | 01.11.1971 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 11.02.1971 | R | 19.10.1971 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 24.06.1992 |
| Lebanon | 11.02.1971 | | |
| Lesotho | 08.09.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 03.04.1973 ⁵⁷ |
| Liberia | 11.02.1971 | | |
| Liechtenstein | | Ac | 30.05.1991 |
| Luxembourg | 11.02.1971 | R | 11.11.1982 |
| Madagascar | 14.09.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Malaysia | 20.05.1971 | R | 21.06.1972 |
| Mali | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Malta | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 04.05.1971 ⁵⁷ |
| Mauritius | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | Ac | 03.05.1971 ⁵⁷ |
| Mexico | | Ac | 23.03.1984 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Mongolia | 11.02.1971 | R | 15.11.1971 |
| Morocco | 18.02.1971 | R | 26.07.1971 |
| Nepal | 24.02.1971 | R | 06.07.1971 |
| Netherlands ⁵⁸ | 11.02.1971 | R | 14.01.1976 |
| New Zealand | 11.02.1971 | R | 24.02.1972 |
| Norway | 11.02.1971 | R | 28.06.1971 |
| Panama | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 20.03.1974 ⁵⁷ |
| Paraguay | 23.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Philippines | | Ac | 05.11.1993 |
| Poland | 11.02.1971 | R | 15.11.1971 |
| Portugal | | Ac | 24.06.1975 |
| Qatar | | Ac | 12.11.1974 |
| Republic of Korea | 11.02.1971 | R | 25.06.1987 |
| Romania | 11.02.1971 | R | 10.07.1972 |
| Russian Federation | 11.02.1971 | R | 18.05.1972 |
| Rwanda | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | Ac | 20.05.1975 ⁵⁷ |
| Saudi Arabia | 07.01.1972 ⁵⁷ | R | 23.06.1972 ⁵⁷ |
| Senegal | 17.03.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Seychelles | | Ac | 12.03.1985 |
| Sierra Leone | 11.02.1971 | | |
| Singapore | 05.05.1971 | R | 10.09.1976 |
| Slovakia | | S | 01.01.1993 ⁵⁷ |
| Slovenia | | S | 07.04.1992 |
| Solomon Islands | | S | 17.06.1981 |
| South Africa | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 14.11.1973 ⁵⁷ |

⁵⁸ In respect of the Kingdom in Europe, Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Spain | | Ac | 15.07.1987 |
| Sudan | 11.02.1971 | | |
| Swaziland | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 09.08.1971 ⁵⁷ |
| Sweden | 11.02.1971 | R | 28.04.1972 |
| Switzerland | 11.02.1971 | R | 04.05.1976 |
| Togo | 02.04.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 28.06.1971 ⁵⁷ |
| Tunisia | 11.02.1971 | R | 28.10.1971 |
| Turkey | 25.02.1971 | R | 25.10.1972 |
| United Kingdom ⁵⁹ | 11.02.1971 | R | 18.05.1972 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| United States of America | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | R | 18.05.1972 ⁵⁷ |
| Uruguay | 11.02.1971 ⁵⁷ | | |
| Yugoslavia ⁶⁰ | 02.03.1971 | R | 25.10.1973 |
| Zambia | | Ac | 09.10.1972 |

⁵⁹ Extended to Antigua (now independent as Antigua and Barbuda), Dominica (now independent), Grenada (now independent), St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, Saint Christopher and Nevis (now independent), St Lucia (now independent), St. Vincent (now independent as Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) and territories under the territorial sovereignty of the United Kingdom, as well as the State of Brunei (now independent).

⁶⁰ As of 4 February 2003, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia became known as 'Serbia and Montenegro'.

53. CONVENTION RELATING TO CIVIL LIABILITY IN THE FIELD OF MARITIME CARRIAGE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

Objectives

Further to the Paris Convention of 29 July 1960 and the Vienna Convention of 21 May 1963, to ensure that the operator of a nuclear installation will be exclusively liable for damage caused by a nuclear incident occurring in the course of maritime carriage of nuclear material.

Summary of provisions

(a) Persons other than the operator of a nuclear installation exonerated from liability for damage caused by a nuclear incident during maritime carriage of such material (art. 1);

The operator's liability extended to cover damage to the means of transport and to the installation (art. 2).

Membership

Open to all Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency or Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 17.12.1971 |
| Place of adoption | Brussels |
| Date of entry into force | 15.07.1975 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization |

(Status as at 31 December 2003)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|-----------------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Argentina | Ac | 18.05.1981 | 16.08.1981 |
| Belgium | R | 15.06.1989 | 13.09.1989 |
| Denmark ⁶¹ | R | 14.09.1974 | 15.07.1975 |
| Dominica | Ac | 31.08.2001 | 29.11.2001 |
| Finland | At | 06.06.1991 | 04.09.1991 |
| France | R | 02.02.1973 | 15.07.1975 |
| Gabon | Ac | 21.01.1982 | 21.04.1982 |
| Germany ⁶¹ | R | 01.10.1975 | 30.12.1975 |
| Italy ⁶¹ | R | 21.07.1980 | 19.10.1980 |
| Latvia | Ac | 25.01.2002 | 25.04.2002 |
| Liberia | R | 17.02.1981 | 18.05.1981 |

⁶¹ With a reservation or declaration.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Netherlands | Ac | 01.08.1991 | 30.10.1991 |
| Norway | R | 16.04.1975 | 15.07.1975 |
| Spain | Ac | 21.05.1974 | 15.07.1975 |
| Sweden | R | 22.11.1974 | 15.07.1975 |
| Yemen | Ac | 06.03.1979 | 04.06.1979 |

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54. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE (as amended)⁶²

Objectives

To supplement the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969; to ensure that adequate compensation is available to persons who suffer damage caused by pollution resulting from the escape or by discharge of oil from ships; and to ensure that the oil cargo interests bear a part of the economic consequences of such oil pollution damage, to be relief of the shipping industry.

Summary of provisions

- (a) An International Oil Pollution Compensation for established (art. 2);
- (b) Compensation to be paid by the Fund to any person suffering pollution damage who is unable to obtain full and adequate compensation under the terms of the 1969 Liability Convention, including the cost of measures reasonably taken to minimize the damage (art. 4);
- (c) The Fund will incur no obligation if the damage was caused by act of war, hostilities or by discharge from a warship (art. 4);
- (d) Limits to the Fund's obligations set at million francs (as defined in the 1969 Convention) for any one incident (art. 4);
- (e) The Fund to indemnify shipowners for the amount of liability incurred in excess of 1,500 francs per ton of ship's tonnage, but not in excess of 2,000 francs per ton or in any case of 210 million francs (art. 5);
- (f) Contributions to the Fund to be made in respect of each party by any person who, in the calendar year before the entry into force of the Convention for that party, received quantities of oil exceeding 150,000 tons, such contributions to be calculated on a "per ton" basis, as determined by the Assembly of the Fund (arts. 10-12).

Membership

Open to States parties to the 1969 Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage.

Amendments (Protocols)

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|--------------------------|--|------------|------------------|------------|
| Date of adoption | 18.12.1971 | 19.11.1976 | 25.05.1984 | 27.09.2000 |
| Place of adoption | Brussels | London | London | London |
| Date of entry into force | 16.10.1978 | 22.11.1994 | Not yet in force | 27.06.2001 |
| Languages | English, French | | | |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization | | | |

(Status as of 31 August 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation |
|-------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Albania | Ac | 06.04.1994 | 05.07.1994 | |

⁶² Due to a number of denunciations of the 1971 Fund Convention, this Convention ceased to be in force on 24 May 2002 and the 1971 Fund therefore has no Member States.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation |
|----------------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Algeria | R | 02.06.1975 | 16.10.1978 | 03.08.1999 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Ac | 23.06.1997 | 21.09.1997 | 14.06.2001 |
| Australia | Ac | 10.10.1994 | 08.01.1995 | 15.05.1998 |
| Bahamas | Ac | 22.07.1976 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Bahrain | Ac | 03.05.1996 | 01.08.1996 | 15.05.1998 |
| Barbados | Ac | 06.05.1994 | 04.08.1994 | 07.07.1999 |
| Belgium | R | 01.12.1994 | 01.03.1995 | 06.10.1999 |
| Benin | Ac | 01.11.1985 | 30.01.1986 | |
| Brunei Darussalam | Ac | 29.09.1992 | 28.12.1992 | 31.01.2003 |
| Cameroon | Ac | 14.05.1984 | 12.08.1984 | |
| Canada ⁶³ | Ac | 24.01.1989 | 24.04.1989 | 29.05.1999 |
| China ⁶⁴ | | | 01.07.1997 | 05.01.2000 |
| Colombia | Ac | 13.03.1997 | 11.06.1997 | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Ac | 05.10.1987 | 03.01.1988 | |
| Croatia | S | | 08.10.1991 | 30.07.1999 |
| Cyprus | Ac | 26.07.1989 | 24.10.1989 | 15.05.1998 |
| Denmark | Ac | 02.04.1975 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Djibouti | Ac | 01.03.1990 | 30.05.1990 | 17.05.2002 |
| Estonia | Ac | 01.12.1992 | 01.03.1993 | |
| Fiji | Ac | 04.03.1983 | 02.06.1983 | 30.11.2000 |
| Finland | R | 10.10.1980 | 08.01.1981 | 15.05.1998 |
| France | Ac | 11.05.1978 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Gabon | Ac | 21.01.1982 | 21.04.1982 | |
| Gambia | Ac | 01.11.1991 | 30.01.1992 | |

⁶³With a declaration.

⁶⁴ China declared that the Convention will no longer be applicable to the Hong Kong Special Administration Region.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation |
|---------------------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Germany ⁶³ | R | 30.12.1976 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Ghana | R | 20.04.1978 | 16.10.1978 | |
| Greece | Ac | 16.12.1986 | 16.03.1987 | 15.05.1998 |
| Guyana | Ac | 10.12.1997 | 10.03.1998 | |
| Iceland | Ac | 17.07.1980 | 15.10.1980 | 10.02.2001 |
| India | Ac | 10.07.1990 | 08.10.1990` | 21.06.2001 |
| Indonesia | Ac | 01.09.1978 | 30.11.1978 | 26.06.1999 |
| Ireland | R | 19.11.1992 | 17.02.1993 | 15.05.1998 |
| Italy | Ac | 27.02.1979 | 28.05.1979 | 08.10.2000 |
| Japan | R | 07.07.1976 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Kenya | Ac | 15.12.1992 | 15.03.1993 | 07.07.2001 |
| Kuwait | Ac | 02.04.1981 | 01.07.1981 | |
| Liberia | Ac | 25.09.1972 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Malaysia | Ac | 06.01.1995 | 06.04.1995 | |
| Maldives | Ac | 16.03.1981 | 14.06.1981 | |
| Malta | Ac | 27.09.1991 | 26.12.1991 | 06.01.2001 |
| Marshall Islands | Ac | 30.11.1994 | 28.02.1995 | 15.05.1998 |
| Mauritania | Ac | 17.11.1995 | 15.02.1996 | |
| Mauritius | Ac | 06.04.1995 | 05.07.1995 | 06.12.2000 |
| Mexico | Ac | 13.05.1994 | 11.08.1994 | 15.05.1998 |
| Monaco | Ac | 23.08.1979 | 21.11.1979 | 15.05.1998 |
| Morocco | Ac | 31.12.1992 | 31.03.1993 | 25.10.2001 |
| Mozambique | Ac | 23.12.1996 | 23.03.1997 | 26.04.2003 |
| Netherlands | Ap | 03.08.1982 | 01.11.1982 | 15.05.1998 |
| New Zealand ⁶⁵ | Ac | 22.11.1996 | 20.02.1997 | 25.06.1999 |

⁶⁵ Accession by New Zealand was declared not to extend to Tokelau.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation |
|------------------------------|--|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Nigeria | Ac | 11.09.1987 | 10.12.1987 | |
| Norway | R | 21.03.1975 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Oman | Ac | 10.05.1985 | 08.08.1985 | 15.05.1998 |
| Panama | Ac | 18.03.1999 | 16.07.1999 | 11.05.2000 |
| Papua New Guinea | Ac | 12.03.1980 | 10.06.1980 | 23.01.2002 |
| Poland | R | 16.09.1985 | 15.12.1985 | 21.12.2000 |
| Portugal | R | 11.09.1985 | 10.12.1985 | |
| Qatar | Ac | 02.06.1988 | 31.08.1988 | 20.11.2002 |
| Republic of Korea | Ac | 08.12.1992 | 08.03.1993 | 15.05.1998 |
| Russian Federation | Ac | 17.06.1987 | 15.09.1987 | 20.03.2001 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | Ac | 14.09.1994 | 13.12.1994 | |
| Serbia and Montenegro | R | 16.03.1978 | 16.03.1978 | |
| Seychelles | Ac | 12.04.1988 | 11.07.1988 | 23.07.2000 |
| Sierra Leone | Ac | 13.08.1993 | 11.11.1993 | 04.06.2002 |
| Slovenia | S | | 25.06.1991 | 19.07.2001 |
| Spain | Ac | 08.10.1981 | 06.01.1982 | 15.05.1998 |
| Sri Lanka | Ac | 12.04.1983 | 11.07.1983 | 22.02.2000 |
| Sweden | R | 17.03.1975 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Switzerland | R | 04.07.1996 | 02.10.1996 | 15.05.1998 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | Ac | 06.02.1975 | 16.10.1978 | |
| Tonga | Ac | 01.02.1996 | 01.05.1996 | 10.12.2000 |
| Tunisia | Ac | 04.05.1976 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |
| Tuvalu | S | | 16.10.1978 | |
| United Arab Emirates | Ac | 15.12.1983 | 14.03.1984 | 24.05.2002 |
| United Kingdom ⁶⁶ | R | 02.04.1976 | 16.10.1978 | 15.05.1998 |

⁶⁶ Extended on 16.10.1978 to the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey, Bermuda, the British Indian Ocean Territory, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation |
|--------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Vanuatu | Ac | 13.01.1989 | 13.04.1989 | 18.02.2000 |
| Venezuela | Ac | 21.01.1992 | 20.04.1992 | 22.07.1999 |

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55. CONVENTION CONCERNING PROTECTION AGAINST HAZARDS OF POISONING ARISING FROM BENZENE

Objectives

To protect workers from hazards arising from the production, handling or use of benzene.

Summary of provisions

- (a) The Convention to apply to all activities involving exposure of workers to benzene (the aromatic hydrocarbon benzene (C₆ H₆) and products containing benzene;
- (b) Parties to use harmless or less harmful substitute products instead of benzene or products containing benzene, whenever such substitution is possible;
- (c) The use of benzene or of products containing benzene to be prohibited in certain work processes to be specified by national laws and regulations;
- (d) In premises where benzene or products containing benzene are manufactured, handled or used, all necessary measures to be taken to prevent the escape of benzene vapour into the air of places of employment, and the concentration of benzene in no case to exceed 25 parts per million;
- (e) Workers who may be exposed to benzene or products containing benzene to be provided with adequate means of personal protection and the duration of exposure to be limited as far as possible.

Membership

Open to all States members of the International Labour Organization.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 23.06.1971 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 27.07.1973 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Director-General of the International Labour Office |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Ratification |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Bolivia | 31.01.1977 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 02.06.1993 |
| Brazil | 24.03.1993 |
| Chile | 14.10.1994 |
| Colombia | 16.11.1976 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 21.02.1973 |
| Croatia | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba | 17.11.1972 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |
| Ecuador | 27.03.1975 |

| Participant | Ratification |
|---|---------------------|
| Finland | 13.01.1976 |
| France | 30.06.1972 |
| Germany | 26.09.1973 |
| Greece | 24.01.1977 |
| Guinea | 26.05.1977 |
| Guyana | 10.01.1983 |
| Hungary | 11.09.1972 |
| India | 11.06.1991 |
| Iraq | 27.07.1972 |
| Israel | 21.06.1979 |
| Italy | 23.06.1981 |
| Kuwait | 29.03.1974 |
| Lebanon | 23.02.2000 |
| Malta | 18.05.1990 |
| Morocco | 22.07.1974 |
| Nicaragua | 01.10.1981 |
| Romania | 06.11.1975 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 24.11.2000 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | 29.05.1992 |
| Spain | 08.05.1973 |
| Switzerland | 25.03.1975 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 07.02.1977 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 17.11.1991 |
| Uruguay | 02.06.1977 |
| Zambia | 24.05.1973 |

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56. AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954, CONCERNING TANK ARRANGEMENTS AND LIMITATION OF TANK SIZE

Objectives

To regulate tank arrangements and limit tank size in oil tankers in order to avoid the possibility of serious environmental pollution resulting from a single accident involving a tanker.

Summary of provisions

(a) To apply to all tankers scheduled for delivery after 1 January 1977, or for which a contract was placed after 1 January 1972 (new art. 6b);

(b) Tankers built to these specifications to carry a government-authorized certificate attesting such compliance;

(c) Annex C added to the Convention containing detailed specifications for tank arrangements and size.

Membership

Open to all States parties to the 1954 Convention.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 15.10.1971 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | Not yet in force |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | International Maritime Organization |

| Participant | Acceptance |
|---------------|------------|
| Algeria | 04.10.1976 |
| Australia | 13.11.1981 |
| Bahamas | 28.03.1977 |
| Bahrain | 21.10.1985 |
| Canada | 14.08.1974 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 18.05.1972 |
| Denmark | 16.11.1976 |
| Finland | 15.03.1974 |
| France | 24.03.1975 |
| Greece | 28.02.1975 |
| Italy | 17.06.1976 |
| Jordan | 08.12.1972 |

| Participant | Acceptance |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Lebanon | 21.12.1972 |
| Liberia | 25.09.1972 |
| Malta | 10.04.1975 |
| Norway | 13.08.1974 |
| Philippines | 16.05.1973 |
| Russian Federation | 22.10.1976 |
| Saudi Arabia | 05.09.1975 |
| Sweden | 26.10.1972 |
| Switzerland | 21.06.1977 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 10.09.1975 |
| Tunisia | 11.09.1973 |
| United Arab Emirates | 15.03.1984 |
| United Kingdom | 14.10.1974 |
| Uruguay | 30.04.1979 |
| Yugoslavia | 25.06.1976 |

57. AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954, CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

Objectives

To protect the Great Barrier Reef of Australia from pollution by oil.

Summary of provisions

Amendment of the definition of "nearest land" in article 1 of the 1954 Convention, to include a precise description of the "nearest land" off the north-East coast of Australia.

Membership

Open to all States parties to the 1954 Convention. Instruments of acceptance to be deposited with the International Maritime Organization.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 12.10.1971 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | Not yet in force |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | International Maritime Organization |

| Participant | Acceptance |
|-------------|------------|
| Algeria | 04.10.1976 |
| Australia | 13.11.1981 |
| Bahamas | 16.02.1979 |
| Bahrain | 21.10.1985 |
| Canada | 14.08.1974 |
| Denmark | 16.11.1976 |
| Finland | 15.03.1974 |
| France | 24.03.1975 |
| Germany | 26.03.1979 |
| Greece | 28.02.1975 |
| Italy | 17.06.1976 |
| Jordan | 08.12.1972 |
| Lebanon | 21.12.1972 |
| Liberia | 25.09.1972 |
| Malta | 10.04.1975 |

| Participant | Acceptance |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| New Zealand | 27.04.1976 |
| Norway | 13.08.1974 |
| Philippines | 16.05.1973 |
| Russian Federation | 22.10.1976 |
| Saudi Arabia | 05.09.1975 |
| Sweden | 26.10.1972 |
| Switzerland | 21.06.1977 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 10.09.1975 |
| Tunisia | 11.09.1973 |
| United Arab Emirates | 15.03.1984 |
| United Kingdom | 02.06.1977 |
| Uruguay | 30.04.1979 |

58. CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING FROM SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT (AS AMENDED)

Objectives

To control the dumping of harmful substances from ships and aircraft in the sea.

Summary of provisions

(a) Includes the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans north of latitude 36° north, east of longitude 42° west and west of longitude 51° east, excluding the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas (art. 2);

(b) Parties to apply measures so as to prevent dumping being diverted outside the area (art. 3);

(c) Dumping of materials listed in annex I to be prohibited (art. 5);

(d) Dumping of materials listed in annex II to be allowed only with a specific permit in each case (art. 6);

(e) No substance or material to be dumped without the approval of the national authority concerned (art. 7);

(f) Annex III contains provisions governing the issue of permits and approvals for the dumping of wastes at sea, both as to the characteristics of the waste and as to those of the dumping site and method of dumping;

(g) Parties to ensure compliance by ships and aircraft registered in their territories loading materials to be dumped in their territories, or believed to be engaged in dumping within their territorial sea.

Membership

Open for accession by any State which participated in the Conference on Marine Pollution, Oslo, 19-22 October 1971, or by any other State unanimously invited by the contracting parties to accede to the Convention. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Government of Norway.

Amending Protocols

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Date of adoption | 15.02.1972 | 02.03.1983 | 05.12.1989 |
| Place of adoption | Oslo | Oslo | Oslo |
| Date of entry into force | 07.04.1974 | 01.09.1989 | - |
| Languages | English, French | | |
| Depositary | Norway | | |

| Participant | Ratification/Accession | Entry into force |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 28.02.1978 | 30.03.1978 |
| Denmark | 28.07.1972 | 07.04.1974 |
| Finland | 02.05.1979 | 01.06.1979 |
| France | 08.03.1974 | 07.04.1974 |
| Germany | 23.11.1977 | 23.12.1977 |
| Iceland | 27.06.1973 | 07.04.1974 |

| Participant | Ratification/Accession | Entry into force |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ireland | 25.01.1982 | 24.02.1982 |
| Netherlands | 29.09.1975 | 29.10.1975 |
| Norway | 02.06.1972 | 07.04.1974 |
| Portugal | 14.06.1973 | 07.04.1974 |
| Spain | 14.06.1973 | 07.04.1974 |
| Sweden | 13.06.1972 | 07.04.1974 |
| United Kingdom | 30.06.1975 | 30.07.1975 |

59. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE SENEGAL RIVER AND CONVENTION ESTABLISHING THE SENEGAL RIVER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION⁶⁷

Objectives

To promote cooperation among the riparian States of the Senegal river in the management and development of its resources.

Summary of provisions

(a) Projects for agricultural or industrial exploitation likely to modify the characteristics of the river appreciably to be implemented only with prior approval of the contracting States (art. 4);

(b) Joint programme of work for the coordinated development and rational exploitation of water resources to be defined by the Organization (art. 8);

(c) Joint projects to be carried out by management agencies (art. 15), and coordinated by the Office of the High Commissioner (arts. 19 and 20);

(d) The organization to be governed by a Council of Ministers, assisted by a Standing Commission to define principles and procedures for sharing the waters of the river, and an advisory Inter-State Committee for Research and Agricultural Development.

Membership

Restricted to the Senegal River riparian States.

Amendments

| | | |
|-------------------|------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 11.03.1972 | 17.12.1975 21.12.1978 11.12.1979 |
| Place of adoption | Nouakchott | |
| Entry into force | | |
| Depositary | Mauritania | |

| Participant |
|-------------|
| Mali |
| Mauritania |
| Senegal |

⁶⁷ This Convention superseded the Bamako Convention of 26 July 1963 and the Dakar Convention of 7 February 1964.

60. CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC SEALS

Objectives

To promote and achieve the protection, scientific study and rational use of Antarctic seals, and to maintain a satisfactory balance within the ecological system of the Antarctic.

Summary of provisions

(a) Applies to seas south of latitude 60° south, to five species of seals and to all southern fur seals (art. 1);

(b) Annex contains specific measures adopted by the parties. Parties may also take measures relating to permissible catch, protected and unprotected species, open and closed areas and seasons, designated areas where seals are not to be disturbed, types of gear, etc. (art. 3);

(c) Parties to exchange information among themselves and through the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research of ICSU.

Membership

Open for accession by any non-signatory State at the invitation of all contracting parties. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 01.06.1972 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | 11.03.1978 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | United Kingdom |

(Status as of November 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Acceptance (At) | Date |
|-------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Argentina ⁶⁸ | 09.06.1972 | R | 07.03.1978 |
| Australia | 05.10.1972 | R | 01.07.1987 |
| Belgium | 09.06.1972 | R | 09.02.1978 |
| Brazil | | Ac | 11.02.1991 |
| Canada | | Ac | 04.10.1990 |
| Chile ⁶⁸ | 28.12.1972 | R | 07.02.1980 |
| France | 19.12.1972 | At | 19.02.1975 |
| Germany | | Ac | 30.09.1987 |
| Italy | | Ac | 02.04.1992 |
| Japan | 28.12.1972 | At | 28.08.1980 |

⁶⁸ With a reservation or declaration.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Acceptance (At) | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| New Zealand | 09.06.1972 | | |
| Norway | 09.06.1972 | R | 10.12.1973 |
| Poland | | Ac | 15.08.1980 |
| Russian Federation ⁶⁸ | 09.06.1972 | R | 08.02.1978 |
| South Africa | 09.06.1972 | R | 15.08.1972 |
| United Kingdom | 09.06.1972 | R | 10.09.1974 |
| United States of America | 28.06.1972 | R | 19.01.1977 |

61. CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN WEAPONS, AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

Objectives

To prohibit the development of biological weapons and eliminate them, as a step towards general disarmament for the sake of all mankind.

Summary of provisions

(a) Each party undertakes never in any circumstances to develop, produce, stockpile or otherwise acquire or retain: (i) biological agents or toxins in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful purposes; (ii) weapons, equipment or means of delivery designed to use such agents or toxins for hostile purposes or in armed conflict (art. 1);

(b) Parties to destroy any existing stockpiles and means of delivery, taking precautions to protect populations and the environment (art. 2);

(c) Parties not to assist any other State or person to develop such agents, toxins or weapons (art. 3);

(d) Complaints regarding breaches of obligations under the Convention to be reported to the United Nations Security Council (art. 6);

(e) States to continue negotiations for the effective prohibition of chemical weapons (art. 9).

Membership

Open to all States.

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|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 10.04.1972 |
| Place of adoption | London, Moscow, Washington, D.C. |
| Date of entry into force | 26.03.1975 |
| Languages | Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositaries | Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America |

(Status as of 1 January 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------|------------|--|--------------------------|
| Afghanistan | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.03.1975 |
| Albania | | Ac | 03.06.1992 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 22.07.2001 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | Ac | 29.01.2003 |
| Argentina | 03.08.1972 | R | 05.12.1979 |
| Armenia | | Ac | 07.06.1994 ⁶⁹ |

⁶⁹ The date of signature and/or the deposit of an instrument of ratification/accession or a notification of succession at Washington, D.C. Others indicate the dates of such formalities done at London.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Australia | 10.04.1972 | R | 05.10.1977 |
| Austria | 10.04.1972 | R | 10.08.1973 |
| Azerbaijan | | Ac | 26.02.2004 |
| Bahamas | | Ac | 26.11.1986 |
| Bahrain | | Ac | 28.10.1988 |
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 13.03.1985 |
| Barbados | 16.02.1973 ⁶⁹ | R | 16.02.1973 ⁶⁹ |
| Belarus | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.03.1975 |
| Belgium | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.03.1975 |
| Belize | | S | 20.10.1986 |
| Benin | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 25.04.1975 ⁶⁹ |
| Bhutan | | Ac | 08.06.1978 ⁶⁹ |
| Bolivia | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 30.10.1975 ⁶⁹ |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | Ac | 15.08.1994 ⁶⁹ |
| Botswana | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 05.02.1992 ⁶⁹ |
| Brazil | 10.04.1972 | R | 27.02.1973 |
| Brunei Darussalam | | Ac | 31.01.1991 |
| Bulgaria | 10.04.1972 | R | 02.08.1972 |
| Burma | 10.04.1972 | | |
| Burkina Faso | | Ac | 17.04.1991 ⁶⁹ |
| Burundi | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | | |
| Cambodia | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 09.03.1983 ⁶⁹ |
| Canada | 10.04.1972 | R | 18.09.1972 |
| Cape Verde | | Ac | 20.10.1977 |
| Central African Republic | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | | |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Chile | 10.04.1972 | R | 22.04.1980 |
| China | | Ac | 15.11.1984 |
| Colombia | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 19.12.1983 ⁶⁹ |
| Congo | | Ac | 23.10.1978 |
| Costa Rica | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 17.12.1973 ⁶⁹ |
| Croatia | | S | 28.04.1993 ^{69/70} |
| Cuba | | R | 21.04.1976 |
| Cyprus | 10.04.1972 | R | 06.11.1973 |
| Czech Republic | | Ac | 05.04.1993 ^{69/70} |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | | Ac | 13.03.1987 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 10.04.1972 | R | 16.09.19975 |
| Denmark | 10.04.1972 | R | 01.03.1973 |
| Dominica | | Ac | 08.11.1978 |
| Dominican Republic | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 23.02.1973 ⁶⁹ |
| Ecuador | 14.06.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 12.03.1975 ⁶⁹ |
| El Salvador | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 31.12.1991 ⁶⁹ |
| Equatorial Guinea | | Ac | 29.07.1992 ⁶⁹ |
| Estonia | | Ac | 21.06.1993 ⁶⁹ |
| Ethiopia | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.05.1975 |
| Fiji | 22.02.2973 | R | 01.10.1973 |
| Finland | 10.04.1972 | R | 04.02.1974 |
| France | | Ac | 27.09.1984 |
| Gambia | 02.06.1972 | R | 21.11.1991 |
| Georgia | | Ac | 22.05.1996 |

⁷⁰ Effective date of notification of succession.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Germany | 10.04.1972 | R | 07.04.1983 |
| Ghana | 10.04.1972 | R | 06.06.1975 |
| Greece | 10.04.1972 | R | 10.12.1975 ⁶⁹ |
| Grenada | | Ac | 22.10.1986 |
| Guatemala | 09.05.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 19.09.1973 ⁶⁹ |
| Guyana | 03.01.1978 ⁶⁹ | | |
| Haiti | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | | |
| Guinea-Bissau | | Ac | 20.08.1976 |
| Holy See | 04.01.2002 | R | 04.01.2002 |
| Honduras | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 14.03.1979 ⁶⁹ |
| Hungary | 10.04.1972 | R | 27.12.1972 |
| Iceland | 10.04.1972 | R | 15.02.1973 |
| India | 15.01.1973 | R | 15.07.1974 |
| Indonesia | 20.06.1972 | R | 19.02.1992 |
| Iran | 16.11.1972 | R | 22.08.1973 |
| Iraq | 11.05.1972 | R | 19.06.1991 |
| Ireland | 10.04.1972 | R | 27.10.1972 |
| Italy | 10.04.1972 | R | 30.05.1975 |
| Ivory Coast | 23.05.1972 ⁶⁹ | | |
| Jamaica | | Ac | 13.08.1975 |
| Japan | 10.04.1972 | R | 18.06.1982 |
| Jordan | 17.04.1972 | R | 27.06.1975 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 07.01.1976 |
| Kuwait | 27.04.1972 | R | 26.06.1972 |
| Lao's People Democratic Republic | 10.04.1972 | R | 25.04.1973 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 06.02.1997 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Lebanon | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.03.1975 |
| Lesotho | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 06.09.1977 |
| Libya | | Ac | 19.01.1982 |
| Liechtenstein | | Ac | 06.06.1991 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 10.02.1998 |
| Luxembourg | 10.04.1972 | R | 23.03.1976 |
| Madagascar | 13.10.1972 | | |
| Malawi | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | | |
| Malaysia | 10.04.1972 | R | 06.09.1991 |
| Maldives | | Ac | 02.08.1993 |
| Mali | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 25.11.2002 |
| Malta | 11.09.1972 | R | 07.04.1975 |
| Mauritius | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 07.08.1972 ⁶⁹ |
| Mexico | 10.04.1972 | R | 08.04.1974 |
| Monaco | | Ac | 30.04.1999 |
| Mongolia | 10.04.1972 | R | 05.09.1972 |
| Morocco | 02.05.1972 | R | 21.03.2002 |
| Netherlands ⁷¹ | 10.04.1972 | R | 22.06.1981 |
| New Zealand | 10.04.1972 | R | 18.12.1972 |
| Nicaragua | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 07.08.1975 ⁶⁹ |
| Niger | 21.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 23.06.1972 ⁶⁹ |
| Nigeria | 10.07.1972 | R | 09.07.1973 |
| Norway | 10.04.1972 | R | 01.08.1973 |
| Oman | | Ac | 31.03.1992 ⁶⁹ |
| Pakistan | 10.04.1972 | R | 03.10.1974 |

⁷¹ Extended to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Palau | | Ac | 20.02.2003 |
| Panama | 02.05.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 20.03.1974 ⁶⁹ |
| Papua New Guinea | | Ac | 27.10.1980 |
| Paraguay | | Ac | 09.06.1976 |
| Peru | 10.04.1972 | R | 05.06.1985 |
| Philippines | 10.04.1972 | R | 21.05.1973 ⁶⁹ |
| Poland | 10.04.1972 | R | 25.01.1973 |
| Portugal | 29.06.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 15.05.1975 |
| Qatar | 14.11.1972 | R | 17.04.1975 |
| Republic of Korea | 10.04.1972 | R | 25.06.1987 |
| Romania | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.07.1979 |
| Russian Federation | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.03.1975 |
| Rwanda | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 20.05.1975 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | | Ac | 02.04.1991 |
| Saint Lucia | | S | 26.11.1986 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | Ac | 13.05.1999 |
| San Marino | 21.03.1973 | R | 11.03.1975 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | | Ac | 24.08.1979 |
| Saudi Arabia | 12.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 24.05.1972 ⁶⁹ |
| Senegal | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 26.03.1975 ⁶⁹ |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 10.04.1972 | S | 13.06.2001 |
| Seychelles | | Ac | 11.10.1979 |
| Sierra Leone | 24.11.1972 | R | 29.06.1976 |
| Singapore | 19.06.1972 | R | 02.12.1975 |
| Slovakia | | S | 17.05.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 07.04.1992 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Solomon Islands | | S | 17.06.1981 |
| South Africa | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 03.11.1975 ⁶⁹ |
| Spain | 10.04.1972 | R | 20.06.1979 |
| Sri Lanka | 10.04.1972 | R | 18.11.1986 |
| Sudan | | Ac | 17.10.2003 |
| Suriname | | Ac | 06.01.1993 |
| Swaziland | | Ac | 18.06.1991 |
| Sweden | 27.02.1975 | R | 05.02.1976 |
| Switzerland | 10.04.1972 | R | 04.05.1976 |
| Thailand | 17.01.1973 ⁶⁹ | R | 28.05.1975 ⁶⁹ |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | Ac | 14.03.1997 |
| Timor Leste | | Ac | 05.05.2003 |
| Togo | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 10.11.1976 ⁶⁹ |
| Tonga | | Ac | 28.09.1976 |
| Tunisia | 10.04.1972 | R | 06.06.1973 |
| Turkey | 10.04.1972 | R | 04.11.1974 |
| Turkmenistan | | Ac | 08.03.1996 ⁶⁹ |
| Uganda | | Ac | 12.05.1992 ⁶⁹ |
| Ukraine | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.03.1975 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ⁷² | 10.04.1972 | R | 26.03.1975 |
| United States of America | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 26.03.1975 ⁶⁹ |

⁷² Extended to Dominica (now independent) and various other territories under the territorial sovereignty of the United Kingdom, as well as the State of Brunei (now independent), the British Solomon Islands Protectorate (now independent as the Solomon Islands) and, within the limits of United Kingdom jurisdiction therein, the Condominium of the New Hebrides (now part of Vanuatu).

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Uruguay | | Ac | 06.04.1981 |
| Uzbekistan | | Ac | 11.01.1996 |
| Vanuatu | | Ac | 12.10.1990 |
| Venezuela | 10.04.1972 ⁶⁹ | R | 18.10.1978 ⁶⁹ |
| Vietnam ⁷³ | 10.04.1972 | Ac | 20.06.1980 |
| Yemen | 26.04.1972 | R | 01.06.1979 |
| Zimbabwe | | Ac | 05.11.1990 |

⁷³ The Republic of Viet Nam signed the Convention on 10.04.1972.

62. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

Objectives

To establish an effective system of collective protection of the cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value, organized on a permanent basis and in accordance with modern scientific methods.

Summary of provisions

(a) Each State party recognizes that the duty of identification, protection, conservation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural heritage belongs primarily to that State (art. 4);

(b) Parties to integrate the protection of their heritage into comprehensive planning programmes, to set up services for the protection of their heritage, to develop scientific and technical studies and to take necessary legal, scientific, administrative and financial steps to protect their heritage (art. 5);

(c) Parties undertake to assist each other in the protection of the cultural and natural heritage (art. 6);

(d) A World Heritage Committee established, to which each party will submit an inventory of its national heritage and which will publish a "World Heritage List" and a "List of World Heritage in Danger" (arts. 8-11);

(e) A World Heritage Fund established, to be financed by the parties and other interested bodies (art. 15);

(f) Any party may request assistance for property forming part of its listed heritage, and such assistance may be granted by the Fund in the form of studies, provision of experts, training of staff, supply of equipment, loans or subsidies (arts. 19-22).

Membership

Open for ratification or acceptance by all States members of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and open for accession by other States upon invitation by the General Conference of UNESCO.

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|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 16.11.1972 |
| Place of adoption | Paris |
| Date of entry into force | 17.12.1975 |
| Languages | Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Director-General of UNESCO |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac)/Succession (S)/Acceptance (At) | Date |
|-------------|--|------------|
| Afghanistan | R | 20.03.1979 |
| Albania | R | 10.07.1989 |
| Algeria | R | 24.06.1974 |
| Andorra | At | 03.01.1997 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac)/Succession (S)/Acceptance (At) | Date |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| Angola | R | 07.11.1991 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | At | 01.11.1983 |
| Argentina | At | 23.08.1978 |
| Armenia | S | 05.09.1993 |
| Australia | R | 22.08.1974 |
| Austria | R | 18.12.1992 |
| Azerbaijan | R | 16.12.1993 |
| Bahrain | R | 28.05.1991 |
| Bangladesh | At | 03.08.1983 |
| Barbados | At | 09.04.2002 |
| Belarus | R | 12.10.1988 |
| Belgium | R | 24.07.1996 |
| Belize | R | 06.11.1990 |
| Benin | R | 14.06.1982 |
| Bhutan | R | 22.10.2001 |
| Bolivia | R | 04.10.1976 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | S | 12.07.1993 |
| Botswana | At | 23.11.1998 |
| Brazil | At | 01.09.1977 |
| Bulgaria | At | 07.03.1974 |
| Burkina Faso | R | 02.04.1987 |
| Burundi | R | 19.05.1982 |
| Cambodia | At | 28.11.1991 |
| Cameroon | R | 07.12.1982 |
| Canada | At | 23.07.1976 |
| Cape Verde | At | 28.04.1988 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac)/Succession (S)/Acceptance (At) | Date |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Central African Republic | R | 22.12.1980 |
| Chad | R | 23.06.1999 |
| Chile | R | 20.02.1980 |
| China | R | 12.12.1985 |
| Colombia | At | 24.05.1983 |
| Comoros | R | 27.09.2000 |
| Congo | R | 10.12.1987 |
| Costa Rica | R | 23.08.1977 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | R | 09.01.1981 |
| Croatia | S | 06.07.1992 |
| Cuba | R | 24.03.1981 |
| Cyprus | At | 14.08.1975 |
| Czech Republic | S | 26.03.1993 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | At | 21.07.1998 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | R | 23.09.1974 |
| Denmark | R | 25.07.1979 |
| Dominica | R | 04.04.1995 |
| Dominican Republic | R | 12.02.1985 |
| Ecuador | At | 16.06.1975 |
| Egypt | R | 07.02.1974 |
| El Salvador | At | 08.10.1991 |
| Eritrea | At | 24.10.2001 |
| Estonia | R | 27.10.1995 |
| Ethiopia | R | 06.07.1977 |
| Fiji | R | 21.11.1990 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac)/Succession (S)/Acceptance (At) | Date |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| Finland | R | 04.03.1987 |
| France | At | 27.06.1975 |
| Gabon | R | 30.12.1986 |
| Gambia | R | 01.07.1987 |
| Georgia | S | 04.11.1992 |
| Germany | R | 23.08.1976 |
| Ghana | R | 04.07.1975 |
| Greece | R | 17.07.1981 |
| Grenada | At | 13.08.1998 |
| Guatemala | R | 16.01.1979 |
| Guinea | R | 18.03.1979 |
| Guyana | At | 20.06.1977 |
| Haiti | R | 18.01.1980 |
| Holy See | Ac | 07.10.1982 |
| Honduras | R | 08.06.1979 |
| Hungary | At | 15.07.1985 |
| Iceland | R | 19.12.1995 |
| India | R | 14.11.1977 |
| Indonesia | At | 06.07.1989 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | At | 26.02.1975 |
| Iraq | At | 05.03.1974 |
| Ireland | R | 16.09.1991 |
| Israel | At | 06.10.1999 |
| Italy | R | 23.06.1978 |
| Jamaica | At | 14.06.1983 |
| Japan | At | 30.06.1992 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac)/Succession (S)/Acceptance (At) | Date |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Jordan | R | 05.05.1975 |
| Kazakhstan | At | 29.04.1994 |
| Kenya | At | 05.06.1991 |
| Kiribati | At | 12.05.2000 |
| Kuwait | R | 06.06.2002 |
| Kyrgyzstan | At | 03.07.1995 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | R | 20.03.1987 |
| Latvia | At | 10.01.1995 |
| Lebanon | R | 03.02.1983 |
| Lesotho | At | 25.11.2003 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | R | 13.10.1978 |
| Liberia | At | 28.03.2002 |
| Lithuania | At | 31.03.1992 |
| Luxembourg | R | 28.09.1983 |
| Madagascar | R | 19.07.1983 |
| Malawi | R | 05.01.1982 |
| Malaysia | R | 07.12.1988 |
| Maldives | Ac | 22.05.1986 |
| Mali | Ac | 05.04.1977 |
| Malta | At | 14.11.1978 |
| Marshall Islands | At | 24.04.2002 |
| Mauritania | R | 02.03.1981 |
| Mauritius | R | 19.09.1995 |
| Mexico | At | 23.02.1984 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | At | 22.07.2002 |
| Monaco | R | 07.11.1978 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac)/Succession (S)/Acceptance (At) | Date |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| Mongolia | At | 02.02.1990 |
| Morocco | R | 28.10.1975 |
| Mozambique | R | 27.11.1982 |
| Myanmar | At | 29.04.1994 |
| Namibia | At | 06.04.2000 |
| Nepal | At | 20.06.1978 |
| Netherlands | At | 26.08.1992 |
| New Zealand | R | 22.11.1984 |
| Nicaragua | At | 17.11.1979 |
| Niger | At | 23.12.1974 |
| Nigeria | R | 23.10.1974 |
| Niue | At | 23.01.2001 |
| Norway | R | 12.05.1977 |
| Oman | At | 06.10.1981 |
| Pakistan | R | 23.07.1976 |
| Palau | At | 11.06.2002 |
| Panama | R | 03.03.1978 |
| Papua New Guinea | At | 28.07.1997 |
| Paraguay | R | 27.04.1988 |
| Peru | R | 24.02.1982 |
| Philippines | R | 19.09.1985 |
| Poland | R | 29.06.1976 |
| Portugal | R | 30.09.1980 |
| Qatar | At | 12.09.1984 |
| Republic of Korea | At | 14.09.1988 |
| Republic of Moldova | R | 23.09.2002 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac)/Succession (S)/Acceptance (At) | Date |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Romania | At | 16.05.1990 |
| Russian Federation | R | 12.10.1988 |
| Rwanda | At | 28.12.2000 |
| Saint Christopher and Nevis | At | 10.07.1986 |
| Saint Lucia | R | 14.10.1991 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | R | 03.02.2003 |
| Samoa | At | 28.08.2001 |
| San Marino | R | 18.10.1991 |
| Saudi Arabia | At | 07.08.1978 |
| Senegal | R | 13.02.1976 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | S | 11.09.2001 |
| Seychelles | At | 09.04.1980 |
| Sierra Leone | R | 07.01.2005 |
| Slovakia | S | 31.03.1993 |
| Slovenia | S | 05.11.1992 |
| Solomon Islands | Ac | 10.06.1992 |
| South Africa | R | 10.07.1997 |
| Spain | At | 04.05.1982 |
| Sri Lanka | At | 06.06.1980 |
| Sudan | R | 06.06.1974 |
| Suriname | At | 23.10.1997 |
| Sweden | R | 22.01.1985 |
| Switzerland | R | 17.09.1975 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | At | 13.08.1975 |
| Tajikistan | S | 28.08.1992 |
| Thailand | At | 17.09.1987 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac)/Succession (S)/Acceptance (At) | Date |
|--|---|-------------|
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | S | 30.04.1997 |
| Togo | At | 15.04.1998 |
| Tonga | At | 03.06.2004 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | R | 16.02.2005 |
| Tunisia | R | 10.03.1975 |
| Turkey | R | 16.03.1983 |
| Turkmenistan | S | 30.09.1994 |
| Uganda | At | 20.11.1987 |
| Ukraine | R | 12.10.1988 |
| United Arab Emirates | Ac | 11.05.2001 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | R | 29.05.1984 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | R | 02.08.1977 |
| United States of America | R | 07.12.1973 |
| Uruguay | At | 09.03.1989 |
| Uzbekistan | S | 13.01.1993 |
| Vanuatu | R | 13.06.2002 |
| Venezuela | At | 30.10.1990 |
| Vietnam | At | 19.10.1987 |
| Yemen | R | 07.10.1980 |
| Zambia | R | 04.06.1984 |
| Zimbabwe | R | 16.08.1982 |

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63. CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER (AS AMENDED)

Objectives

To control pollution of the sea by dumping, and to encourage regional agreements supplementary to the Convention.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Covers all seas, and all deliberate disposal of wastes other than that incidental to the normal operation of ships, aircraft, etc.;
- (b) Dumping of matter listed in annex I is prohibited. Dumping of matter listed in annex II is allowable only by general permit (art. 4);
- (c) Exceptions permitted only in the case of force majeure or extreme emergency;
- (d) Parties to establish authorities to issue permits, keep records and monitor the condition of the seas (art. 6);
- (e) Parties to enforce measures on all flag aircraft and ships, as well as ships and aircraft loading within their territories/territorial seas (art. 7);
- (f) Parties with particular interests in certain areas of the sea to enter into regional agreements to prevent marine pollution (art. 8);
- (g) Parties to collaborate in training personnel, supplying equipment for research and monitoring, and disposing of and treating wastes (art. 9);
- (h) Procedures to be developed for assessment of liability and settlement of disputes (art. 10);
- (i) Parties to promote measures to prevent pollution by hydrocarbons, other matter transported other than for dumping, wastes generated during operation of ships etc., radioactive pollutants and matter originating from exploration of the sea bed (art. 12).

Membership

Open to any States.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 29.12.1972 |
| Places of adoption | London, Mexico City, Moscow, Washington, D.C. |
| Date of entry into force | 30.08.1975 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositaries | Mexico, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America |

(Status as of 31 December 2003)

| Participant | Signature | Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification / Accession / Succession |
|---------------------|------------|--|
| Afghanistan | | 02.04.1975 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | 06.01.1989 |
| Argentina | 10.05.1973 | 11.09.1979 |
| Australia | 10.10.1973 | 21.08.1985 |

| Participant | Signature | Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification / Accession / Succession |
|--|------------|--|
| Azerbaijan | | 01.07.1997 |
| Barbados | | 04.05.1994 |
| Belarus | | 29.01.1976 |
| Belgium | 25.09.1973 | 12.06.1985 |
| Bolivia | | 10.07.1999 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | 15.08.1994 |
| Brazil | | 26.07.1982 |
| Canada | 09.02.1973 | 13.11.1975 |
| Cape Verde | | 26.05.1977 |
| Chad | 29.12.1972 | |
| Chile | | 04.08.1977 |
| China ⁷⁴ , ⁷⁵ | | 14.11.1985 |
| Costa Rica | | 16.06.1986 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | | 09.10.1987 |
| Croatia | | 23.09.1992 |
| Cuba | | 01.12.1975 |
| Cyprus | | 07.06.1990 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo ⁷⁶ | | 16.09.1975 |
| Denmark ⁷⁷ | 29.12.1972 | 23.10.1974 |
| Dominican Republic | | 07.12.1973 |
| Egypt | | 30.07.1992 |
| Equatorial Guinea | | 21.01.2004 |

⁷⁴ Applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997.

⁷⁵ Ceased to apply to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

⁷⁶ Formerly Zaire.

⁷⁷ Ratification by Denmark was declared to be effective in respect of the Faroe Islands as from 15 November 1976.

| Participant | Signature | Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification / Accession / Succession |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Finland | 29.12.1972 | 03.05.1979 |
| France | 31.05.1973 | 03.02.1977 |
| Gabon | | 05.02.1982 |
| Germany | 22.01.1973 | 18.11.1977 |
| Greece | 09.11.1973 | 10.08.1981 |
| Guatemala | | 14.07.1975 |
| Haiti | [signed at Moscow] | 28.08.1975 |
| Honduras | | 02.05.1980 |
| Hungary | 14.12.1973 | 05.02.1976 |
| Iceland | 29.12.1972 | 24.05.1973 |
| Iran | | 13.01.1997 |
| Ireland | 31.12.1973 | 17.02.1982 |
| Italy | 29.12.1972 | 30.04.1984 |
| Jamaica | | 22.03.1991 |
| Japan | 22.06.1973 | 15.10.1980 |
| Jordan | 04.01.1973 | 11.11.1974 |
| Kenya | | 07.01.1976 |
| Kiribati | | 12.07.1979 |
| Korea, Republic of | | 21.12.1993 |
| Lebanon | 15.05.1973 | |
| Lesotho | 08.01.1973 | |
| Liberia | 01.01.1973 | |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | 22.11.1976 |
| Luxembourg | 29.12.1972 | 21.02.1991 |
| Malta | | 28.12.1989 |
| Mexico | 29.12.1972 | 07.04.1975 |
| Monaco | 05.10.1973 | 16.05.1977 |

| Participant | Signature | Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification / Accession / Succession |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Morocco | 22.06.1973 | 18.02.1977 |
| Nauru | | 26.07.1982 |
| Nepal | 01.01.1973 | |
| Netherlands ⁷⁸ | 12.04.1973 | 02.12.1977 |
| New Zealand | 30.05.1973 | 30.04.1975 |
| Nigeria | | 19.03.1976 |
| Norway | 29.12.1972 | 04.04.1974 |
| Oman | | 13.03.1984 |
| Pakistan | | 09.03.1995 |
| Panama | | 31.07.1975 |
| Papua New Guinea | | 10.03.1980 |
| Peru | | 07.05.2003 |
| Philippines | 29.12.1972 | 10.08.1973 |
| Poland | | 23.01.1979 |
| Portugal | 29.12.1972 | 14.04.1978 |
| Russian Federation | 29.12.1972 | 30.12.1975 |
| Saint Lucia | | 23.08.1985 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | 24.10.2001 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | 27.04.1992 |
| Seychelles | | 29.10.1984 |
| Slovenia | | 27.05.1992 |
| Solomon Islands | | 06.03.1984 |
| South Africa | | 07.08.1978 |
| Spain | 27.04.1973 | 31.07.1974 |
| Suriname | | 21.10.1980 |

⁷⁸ For the Kingdom of the Netherlands (all parts of the Kingdom).

| Participant | Signature | Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification / Accession / Succession |
|------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Sweden | 29.12.1972 | 21.02.1974 |
| Switzerland | 06.06.1973 | 31.07.1979 |
| Togo | 21.11.1973 | |
| Tonga | | 08.11.1995 |
| Tunisia | | 13.04.1976 |
| Tuvalu | | |
| Ukraine | | 05.02.1976 |
| United Arab Emirates | | 09.08.1974 |
| United Kingdom ⁷⁹ | 29.12.1972 | 17.11.1975 |
| United States of America | 29.12.1972 | 29.04.1974 |
| Vanuatu | | 22.09.1992 |

⁷⁹ The United Kingdom considers that in the light of existing international law and taking into account the work being prepared in this field, the provisions of the present Convention cannot be interpreted as recognizing any right in a coastal State to control dumping beyond that which it has under generally accepted principles of international law.

64. CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

Objectives

To protect certain endangered species from over-exploitation by means of a system of import-export permits.

Summary of provisions

(a) Includes animals and plants whether dead or alive, and any recognizable parts of derivatives thereof (art. 1);

(b) Appendix I covers endangered species, trade in which is to be tightly controlled; appendix II covers species that may become endangered unless trade is regulated; appendix III covers species that any party wishes to regulate and requires international cooperation to control trade; appendix IV contains model permits;

(c) Permits are required for species listed in appendices I and II stating that export/import will not be detrimental to the survival of the species (arts. 3 and 4).

Membership

Open to any State.

| | | | Amendments |
|--------------------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 03.03.1973 | 22.06.1979 | 30.04.1983 |
| Place of adoption | Washington, D.C. | Bonn | Gaborone |
| Date of entry into force | 01.07.1975 | 13.04.1987 | Not yet in force |
| Languages | Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish | | |
| Depositary | Switzerland | | |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Afghanistan | Ac | 30.10.1985 | 28.01.1986 |
| Albania | Ac | 27.06.2003 | 25.09.2003 |
| Algeria | Ac | 23.11.1983 | 21.02.1984 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Ac | 08.07.1997 | 06.10.1997 |
| Argentina | R | 08.01.1981 | 08.04.1981 |
| Australia | R | 29.07.1976 | 27.10.1976 |
| Austria | Ac | 27.01.1982 | 27.04.1982 |
| Azerbaijan | Ac | 23.11.1998 | 21.02.1999 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Bahamas | Ac | 20.06.1979 | 18.09.1979 |
| Bangladesh | R | 20.11.1981 | 18.02.1982 |
| Barbados | Ac | 09.12.1992 | 09.03.1993 |
| Belarus | Ac | 10.08.1995 | 08.11.1995 |
| Belgium | R | 03.10.1983 | 01.01.1984 |
| Belize | S | 19.08.1986 | 21.09.1981 |
| Benin | Ac | 28.02.1984 | 28.05.1984 |
| Bhutan | Ac | 15.08.2002 | 13.11.2002 |
| Bolivia | R | 06.07.1979 | 04.10.1979 |
| Botswana | Ac | 14.11.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Brazil | R | 06.08.1975 | 04.11.1975 |
| Brunei Darussalam | Ac | 04.05.1990 | 02.08.1990 |
| Bulgaria | Ac | 16.01.1991 | 16.04.1991 |
| Burkina Faso | Ac | 13.10.1989 | 11.01.1990 |
| Burundi | Ac | 08.08.1988 | 06.11.1988 |
| Cambodia | R | 04.07.1997 | 02.10.1997 |
| Cameroon | Ac | 05.06.1981 | 03.09.1981 |
| Canada | R | 10.04.1975 | 09.07.1975 |
| Cape Verde | Ac | 10.08.2005 | 08.11.2005 |
| Central African Republic | Ac | 27.08.1980 | 25.11.1980 |
| Chad | Ac | 02.02.1989 | 03.05.1989 |
| Chile | R | 14.02.1975 | 01.07.1975 |
| China | Ac | 08.01.1981 | 08.04.1981 |
| Colombia | R | 31.08.1981 | 29.11.1981 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Comoros | Ac | 23.11.1994 | 21.02.1995 |
| Congo | Ac | 31.01.1983 | 01.05.1983 |
| Costa Rica | R | 30.06.1975 | 28.09.1975 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Ac | 21.11.1994 | 19.02.1995 |
| Croatia | Ac | 14.03.2000 | 12.06.2000 |
| Cuba | Ac | 20.04.1990 | 19.07.1990 |
| Cyprus | R | 18.10.1974 | 01.07.1975 |
| Czech Republic | S | 14.04.1993 | 01.01.1993 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Ac | 20.07.1976 | 18.10.1976 |
| Denmark | R | 26.07.1977 | 24.10.1977 |
| Djibouti | Ac | 07.02.1992 | 07.05.1992 |
| Dominica | Ac | 04.08.1995 | 02.11.1995 |
| Dominican Republic | Ac | 17.12.1986 | 17.03.1987 |
| Ecuador | R | 11.02.1975 | 01.07.1975 |
| Egypt | Ac | 04.01.1978 | 04.04.1978 |
| El Salvador | Ac | 30.04.1987 | 29.07.1987 |
| Equatorial Guinea | Ac | 10.03.1992 | 08.06.1992 |
| Eritrea | Ac | 24.10.1994 | 22.01.1995 |
| Estonia | Ac | 22.07.1992 | 20.10.1992 |
| Ethiopia | Ac | 05.04.1989 | 04.07.1989 |
| Fiji | Ac | 30.09.1997 | 29.12.1997 |
| Finland | Ac | 10.05.1976 | 08.07.1976 |
| France | Ap | 11.05.1978 | 09.08.1978 |
| Gabon | Ac | 13.02.1989 | 14.05.1989 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Gambia | Ac | 26.08.1977 | 24.11.1977 |
| Georgia | Ac | 13.09.1996 | 12.12.1996 |
| Germany | R | 22.03.1976 | 20.06.1976 |
| Ghana | R | 14.11.1975 | 12.02.1976 |
| Greece | Ac | 08.10.1992 | 06.01.1993 |
| Grenada | Ac | 30.08.1999 | 28.11.1999 |
| Guatemala | R | 07.11.1979 | 05.02.1980 |
| Guinea-Bissau | Ac | 16.05.1990 | 14.08.1990 |
| Guinea | Ac | 21.09.1981 | 20.12.1981 |
| Guyana | Ac | 27.05.1977 | 25.08.1977 |
| Honduras | Ac | 15.03.1985 | 13.06.1985 |
| Hungary | Ac | 29.05.1985 | 27.08.1985 |
| Iceland | Ac | 03.01.2000 | 02.04.2000 |
| India | R | 20.07.1976 | 18.10.1976 |
| Indonesia | Ac | 28.12.1978 | 28.03.1979 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | R | 03.08.1976 | 01.11.1976 |
| Ireland | R | 08.01.2002 | 08.04.2002 |
| Israel | R | 18.12.1979 | 17.03.1980 |
| Italy | R | 02.10.1979 | 31.12.1979 |
| Jamaica | Ac | 23.04.1997 | 22.07.1997 |
| Japan | At | 06.08.1980 | 04.11.1980 |
| Jordan | Ac | 14.12.1978 | 14.03.1979 |
| Kazakhstan | Ac | 20.01.2000 | 19.04.2000 |
| Kenya | R | 13.12.1978 | 13.03.1979 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Kuwait | R | 12.08.2002 | 10.11.2002 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | Ac | 01.03.2004 | 30.05.2004 |
| Latvia | Ac | 11.02.1997 | 12.05.1997 |
| Lesotho | R | 01.10.2003 | 30.12.2003 |
| Liberia | Ac | 11.03.1981 | 09.06.1981 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | Ac | 28.01.2003 | 28.04.2003 |
| Liechtenstein | Ac | 30.11.1979 | 28.02.1980 |
| Lithuania | Ac | 10.12.2001 | 09.03.2002 |
| Luxembourg | R | 13.12.1983 | 12.03.1984 |
| Madagascar | R | 20.08.1975 | 18.11.1975 |
| Malawi | Ac | 05.02.1982 | 06.05.1982 |
| Malaysia | Ac | 20.10.1977 | 18.01.1978 |
| Mali | Ac | 18.07.1994 | 16.10.1994 |
| Malta | Ac | 17.04.1989 | 16.07.1989 |
| Mauritania | Ac | 13.03.1998 | 11.06.1998 |
| Mauritius | R | 28.04.1975 | 27.07.1975 |
| Mexico | Ac | 02.07.1991 | 30.09.1991 |
| Monaco | Ac | 19.04.1978 | 18.07.1978 |
| Mongolia | Ac | 05.01.1996 | 04.04.1996 |
| Morocco | R | 16.10.1975 | 14.01.1976 |
| Mozambique | Ac | 25.03.1981 | 23.06.1981 |
| Myanmar | Ac | 13.06.1997 | 11.09.1997 |
| Namibia | Ac | 18.12.1990 | 18.03.1991 |
| Nepal | Ac | 18.06.1975 | 16.09.1975 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Netherlands | R | 19.04.1984 | 18.07.1984 |
| New Zealand | Ac | 10.05.1989 | 08.08.1989 |
| Nicaragua | Ac | 06.08.1977 | 04.11.1977 |
| Niger | R | 08.09.1975 | 07.12.1975 |
| Nigeria | R | 09.05.1974 | 01.07.1975 |
| Norway | R | 27.07.1976 | 25.10.1976 |
| Pakistan | Ac | 20.04.1976 | 19.07.1976 |
| Palau | Ac | 16.04.2004 | 15.07.2004 |
| Panama | R | 17.08.1978 | 15.11.1978 |
| Papua New Guinea | Ac | 12.12.1975 | 11.03.1976 |
| Paraguay | R | 15.11.1976 | 13.02.1977 |
| Peru | R | 27.06.1975 | 25.09.1975 |
| Philippines | R | 18.08.1981 | 16.11.1981 |
| Poland | R | 12.12.1989 | 12.03.1990 |
| Portugal | R | 11.12.1980 | 11.03.1981 |
| Qatar | Ac | 08.05.2001 | 06.08.2001 |
| Republic of Korea | Ac | 09.07.1993 | 07.10.1993 |
| Republic of Moldova | Ac | 29.03.2001 | 27.06.2001 |
| Romania | Ac | 18.08.1994 | 16.11.1994 |
| Russian Federation | C | 13.01.1992 | 01.01.1992 |
| Rwanda | Ac | 20.10.1980 | 18.01.1981 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | Ac | 14.02.1994 | 15.05.1994 |
| Saint Lucia | Ac | 15.12.1982 | 15.03.1983 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | Ac | 30.11.1988 | 28.02.1989 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Samoa | Ac | 09.11.2004 | 07.02.2005 |
| San Marino | Ac | 22.07.2005 | 20.10.2005 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | Ac | 09.08.2001 | 07.11.2001 |
| Saudi Arabia | Ac | 12.03.1996 | 10.06.1996 |
| Senegal | Ac | 05.08.1977 | 03.11.1977 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | Ac | 27.02.2002 | 28.05.2002 |
| Seychelles | Ac | 08.02.1977 | 09.05.1977 |
| Sierra Leone | Ac | 28.10.1994 | 26.01.1995 |
| Singapore | Ac | 30.11.1986 | 28.02.1987 |
| Slovakia | S | 02.03.1993 | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | Ac | 24.01.2000 | 23.04.2000 |
| Somalia | Ac | 02.12.1985 | 02.03.1986 |
| South Africa | R | 15.07.1975 | 13.10.1975 |
| Spain | Ac | 30.05.1986 | 28.08.1986 |
| Sri Lanka | Ac | 04.05.1979 | 02.08.1979 |
| Sudan | R | 26.10.1982 | 24.01.1983 |
| Suriname | Ac | 17.11.1980 | 15.02.1981 |
| Swaziland | Ac | 26.02.1997 | 27.05.1997 |
| Sweden | R | 20.08.1974 | 01.07.1975 |
| Switzerland | R | 09.07.1974 | 01.07.1975 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | Ac | 30.04.2003 | 29.07.2003 |
| Thailand | R | 21.01.1983 | 21.04.1983 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Ac | 04.07.2000 | 02.10.2000 |
| Togo | R | 23.10.1978 | 21.01.1979 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|--|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Trinidad and Tobago | Ac | 19.01.1984 | 18.04.1984 |
| Tunisia | R | 10.07.1974 | 01.07.1975 |
| Turkey | Ac | 23.09.1996 | 22.12.1996 |
| Uganda | Ac | 18.07.1991 | 16.10.1991 |
| Ukraine | Ac | 30.12.1999 | 29.03.2000 |
| United Arab Emirates | Ac | 08.02.1990 | 09.05.1990 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | R | 02.08.1976 | 31.10.1976 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | R | 29.11.1979 | 27.02.1980 |
| United States of America | R | 14.01.1974 | 01.07.1975 |
| Uruguay | R | 02.04.1975 | 01.07.1975 |
| Uzbekistan | Ac | 10.07.1997 | 08.10.1997 |
| Vanuatu | Ac | 17.07.1989 | 15.10.1989 |
| Venezuela | R | 24.10.1977 | 22.01.1978 |
| Viet Nam | Ac | 20.01.1994 | 20.04.1994 |
| Yemen | Ac | 05.05.1997 | 03.08.1997 |
| Zambia | Ac | 24.11.1980 | 22.02.1981 |
| Zimbabwe | Ac | 19.05.1981 | 17.08.1981 |

65. CONVENTION ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT INTER-STATE DROUGHT CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR THE SAHEL

Objectives

To protect the life of the peoples of the Sudano-Sahelian region and their economy against the drought.

Summary of provisions

- (a) A Permanent Inter-State Drought Control Committee for the Sahel (CILSS) established (arts. 1-3);
- (b) The Committee to coordinate all action to combat the drought and its consequences at the subregional level; to appeal for resources to carry out the emergency programme drawn up by the States as part of the campaign to combat the drought; to mobilize resources in order to finance operations within the framework of subregional cooperation; and to assist member States and existing bodies in the area in seeking financing for their individual programmes (art. 4);
- (c) The Committee's funds to be derived from contributions from member States and assistance of all kinds (art. 10);
- (d) Emergency operations, and also the application of certain measures of interest to member States, may be financed by special donations in cash and in kind and by the Special Fund for the Sahel (art. 12).

Membership

Restricted to the six signatory States. Membership of the Committee shall be open to any African country: (a) whose agricultural and stock-breeding economy is dominated by the ecological conditions of the Sudano-Sahelian region; (b) which has been declared a disaster area and recognized as such.

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Date of adoption | 12.09.1973 |
| Place of adoption | Ouagadougou |
| Date of entry into force | |
| Language | French |
| Depositary | Burkina Faso |

| Participant |
|--------------|
| Burkina Faso |
| Chad |
| Mali |
| Mauritania |
| Niger |
| Senegal |

66. CONVENTION ON FISHING AND CONSERVATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES IN THE BALTIC SEA AND BELTS

Objectives

To achieve greater and closer cooperation between the parties in order to maintain the maximum stable productivity of the living resources of the region

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to cooperate to achieve optimum yield from the living resources, particularly in the field of research, including programmes for the artificial reproduction of valuable fish species (art. 1);

(b) An International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission established (art. 9);

(c) The Commission to keep under review the living resources and fisheries of the region by collecting, analyzing and disseminating data; to draft proposals to coordinate scientific research; and to submit recommendations to the parties based on scientific research (art. 9);

(d) Such recommendations to concern regulation of fishing gear, size limits of fish, closed seasons or areas, improving and increasing marine resources, total allowable catch and any other measure related to the conservation of these resources (art. 10).

Membership

Open for accession to any State interested in the preservation and rational exploitation of living resources in the Baltic Sea and Belts, subject to invitation from the parties. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Government of Poland.

| | | Amendment |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 13.09.1973 | 11.11.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Gdansk, Poland | Warsaw |
| Date of entry into force | 28.07.1974 | |
| Languages | Danish, English, Finnish, German, Polish, Russian, Swedish | English |
| Depositary | Poland | Poland |

| Participant ⁸⁰⁸¹ | Entry into force | Acceptance of Amendment |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Estonia | 24.07.1992 | |
| European Community | 18.03.1984 | |
| Latvia | 23.07.1992 | |
| Lithuania | 09.07.1992 | |
| Poland | 28.07.1974 | 27.08.1983 |

⁸⁰ The Convention entered into force for Denmark and Germany on 28.07.1974 and 09.10.1977 respectively. In accordance with Appendix to Article XVII of the Convention as amended, Denmark and Germany ceased to be Parties at the moment the Convention entered into force on 18.03.1984 for the European Community.

⁸¹ Finland and Sweden became members of the European Community on 01.01.1995 and consequently withdrew from the Convention in accordance with its article XIX.

| Participant ⁸⁰⁸¹ | Entry into force | Acceptance of Amendment |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Russian Federation | 28.07.1974 | 11.11.1983 |

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67. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Objectives

To preserve the marine environment by achieving the complete elimination of international pollution by oil and other harmful substances and the minimization of accidental discharge of such substances.

Summary of provisions

(a) The Convention itself is a vehicle for enforcement and administration of the detailed provisions in the attached annexes I-V, the Protocol on Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Marine Pollution by Substances Other than Oil, and protocols I and II;

(b) Protocol I contains provisions concerning reports on incidents involving harmful substances;

(c) Annex I contains Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Oil, including a list of oils;

(d) Annex II contains Regulations for the Control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk, including lists of such substances;

(e) Annex III contains Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances carried by Sea in Packaged Forms, or in Freight Containers, Portable Tanks or Road and Rail Tank Wagons;

(f) Annex IV contains Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships;

(g) Annex V contains Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships.

Membership

Open to all States.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 02.11.1973 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | Not in force ⁸² |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|
| Antigua and Barbuda | Ac | 09.02.1987 |
| Belgium ⁸³ | Ac | 06.03.1984 |
| Benin | Ac | 01.11.1985 |
| Brunei Darussalam ⁸³ | Ac | 23.10.1986 |

⁸² The Convention is not intended to enter into force and be applied on its own. The Convention is incorporated in the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, subject to the modifications in the Protocol.

⁸³ Except for annexes III, IV and V.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Bulgaria ⁸³ | Ac | 12.12.1984 |
| Colombia | Ac | 27.07.1981 |
| Congo | Ac | 07.01.1993 |
| Georgia | Ac | 19.04.1994 |
| Germany ⁸⁴ | R | 21.01.1982 |
| Guinea ⁸³ | Ac | 18.06.1993 |
| Hungary | R | 16.12.1983 |
| Ireland ⁸⁵ | R | 06.01.1995 |
| Italy | R | 01.10.1982 |
| Jordan | Ac | 17.03.1975 |
| Kenya | Ac | 12.09.1975 |
| Malawi | Ac | 09.03.1993 |
| Mexico ⁸³ | Ac | 23.04.1992 |
| Malawi | Ac | 09.03.1993 |
| Malaysia ⁸⁵ | Ac | 28.01.1997 |
| Mexico ⁸³ | Ac | 23.04.1992 |
| Morocco | Ac | 27.01.1993 |
| Norway | Ac | 15.07.1980 |
| Peru | Ac | 25.04.1980 |
| Tunisia | Ac | 04.05.1976 |
| United Kingdom ⁸³ | | 22.05.1980 ⁸⁶ |
| Uruguay | Ac | 30.04.1979 |
| Viet Nam ⁸³ | Ac | 18.12.1990 |
| Yemen | Ac | 06.03.1979 |

⁸⁴ With a declaration.

⁸⁵ Except for annexes III and IV.

⁸⁶ The United Kingdom deposited the instrument of ratification with respect to Annexes III and V on 27 May 1986.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date |
|-------------|---|------------|
| Yugoslavia | Ac | 31.10.1980 |

68. AGREEMENT ON CONSERVATION OF POLAR BEARS

Objectives

To achieve protection of the polar bear as a significant resource of the Arctic region through further conservation and management measures.

Summary of provisions

(a) In general, the taking of polar bears to be prohibited (art. 1), except for bona fide scientific or conservation purposes, or to prevent disturbance of the management of other living resources, or by local people using traditional methods in accordance with the laws of the party concerned (art. 3);

(b) Parties to take action to preserve the ecosystems of which the polar bears are part (art. 2);

(c) Parties to conduct research into management and conservation of the species, coordinate such research and exchange information (art. 7).

Membership

Restricted to the signatory States.

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 15.11.1973 |
| Place of adoption | Oslo |
| Date of entry into force | 26.05.1976 |
| Languages | English, Russian |
| Depositary | Norway |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Canada | 26.05.1976 |
| Denmark | 25.01.1978 |
| Norway | 26.05.1976 |
| Russian Federation | 26.05.1976 |
| United States of America | 01.11.1976 |

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69. PROTOCOL RELATING TO INTERVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS IN CASES OF MARINE POLLUTION BY SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN OIL (as amended)

Objectives

To enable States to take action on the high seas in cases of maritime casualties resulting in grave and imminent danger of pollution to their coastline or related interests by substances other than oil.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties may take such measures as are necessary on the high seas to prevent, mitigate or eliminate grave and imminent danger to their coastline or related interests from pollution or the threat of pollution by substances other than oil following a maritime casualty (art. 1);

(b) Article I, paragraph 2 and articles II-VIII of the 1969 International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties and its annexes are applicable to this Protocol (art. 2);

(c) A list of substances is to be established and maintained by an appropriate body.

Membership

Open to States which have ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the 1969 International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties.

| | | Amendments | |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|
| Date of adoption | 02.11.1973 | 1991 | 1996 |
| Place of adoption | London | | |
| Date of entry into force | 30.03.1983 | 24.07.1992 | 19.12.1997 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish | | |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization | | |

(Status as of 31 December 2003)

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|-------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Australia | Ac | 07.11.1983 | 05.02.1984 |
| Bahamas | Ac | 05.03.1981 | 30.03.1983 |
| Barbados | Ac | 06.05.1994 | 04.08.1994 |
| Belgium | Ac | 09.09.1982 | 30.03.1983 |
| Chile | Ac | 28.02.1995 | 29.05.1995 |
| China | Ac | 23.02.1990 | 24.05.1990 |
| Croatia | S | | 08.10.1991 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Denmark | R | 09.05.1983 | 07.08.1983 |
| Egypt | Ac | 03.02.1989 | 04.05.1989 |
| Finland | Ac | 04.08.1986 | 02.11.1986 |
| France | Ac | 31.12.1985 | 31.03.1986 |
| Georgia | Ac | 25.08.1995 | 23.11.1995 |
| Germany | R | 21.08.1985 | 19.11.1985 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | Ac | 25.07.1997 | 23.10.1997 |
| Ireland | Ac | 06.01.1995 | 06.04.1995 |
| Italy | R | 10.10.1982 | 30.03.1983 |
| Jamaica | Ac | 13.03.1991 | 11.06.1991 |
| Latvia | Ac | 09.08.2001 | 07.11.2001 |
| Liberia | Ac | 17.02.1981 | 30.03.1983 |
| Marshall Islands | Ac | 16.10.1995 | 14.01.1996 |
| Mauritania | Ac | 24.11.1997 | 22.02.1998 |
| Mauritius | Ac | 06.11.2003 | 04.02.2004 |
| Mexico | Ac | 11.04.1980 | 30.03.1983 |
| Morocco | Ac | 30.01.2001 | 30.04.2001 |
| Netherlands | R | 10.09.1980 | 30.03.1983 |
| Nicaragua | Ac | 15.11.1994 | 13.02.1995 |
| Norway | Ac | 15.07.1980 | 30.03.1983 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Oman | Ac | 24.01.1985 | 24.04.1985 |
| Pakistan | Ac | 13.01.1995 | 13.04.1995 |
| Poland | R | 10.07.1981 | 30.03.1983 |
| Portugal | Ac | 08.07.1987 | 06.10.1987 |
| Russian Federation | At | 30.12.1982 | 30.03.1983 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | Ac | 12.05.1999 | 10.08.1999 |
| Slovenia | S | | 25.06.1991 |
| South Africa | Ac | 25.09.1997 | 24.12.1997 |
| Spain | Ac | 14.03.1994 | 12.06.1994 |
| Sweden | R | 28.06.1976 | 30.03.1983 |
| Switzerland | Ac | 15.12.1987 | 14.03.1988 |
| Tonga | Ac | 01.02.1996 | 01.05.1996 |
| Tunisia | Ac | 04.05.1976 | 30.03.1983 |
| United Kingdom | R | 05.11.1979 | 30.03.1983 |
| United States of America | R | 07.09.1978 | 30.03.1983 |
| Vanuatu | Ac | 14.09.1992 | 13.12.1992 |
| Yemen | Ac | 06.03.1979 | 30.03.1983 |

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70. CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT BETWEEN DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN

Objectives

To protect and improve the environment through cooperation to ensure that activities under the jurisdiction of one State do not cause damage to the environment of other States.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Any person who is affected by environmentally harmful activities in another contracting State shall have a right of action in that State (art. 3);
- (b) Each State to establish a special authority to safeguard general environmental interests as regards nuisances arising from environmentally harmful activities in another contracting State (art. 4);
- (c) In considering the permissibility of environmentally harmful activities, the nuisance such activities entail in another contracting State shall be equated with a nuisance in the State where the activities are carried out (art. 2).

Membership

Restricted to the original contracting Parties; no provision for accessing by other States.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 19.02.1974 |
| Place of adoption | Stockholm |
| Date of entry into force | 05.10.1976 |
| Languages | Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish |
| Depositary | Sweden |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Denmark | 05.10.1976 |
| Finland | 05.10.1976 |
| Norway | 05.10.1976 |
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71. CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA (as amended)

Objectives

To protect and enhance the marine environment of the Baltic Sea area by means of regional cooperation.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to control and restrict the introduction of hazardous and noxious substances into the area, including pollution from land-based sources;
- (b) Parties to prevent pollution from ships, pollution by dumping and pollution caused by exploitation of the sea bed;
- (c) Parties to cooperate in combating marine pollution;
- (d) Annexes to the Convention contain lists of substances to be controlled;
- (e) A Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission established, to keep under review the implementation of the Convention and the contents of the annexes.

Membership

Open for accession to any State invited by all the contracting Parties. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Government of Finland.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 22.03.1974 |
| Place of adoption | Helsinki |
| Date of entry into force | 03.05.1980 |
| Languages | English, Danish, Finnish, German, Polish, Russian, Swedish |
| Depositary | Finland |

Amendments: Date of entry into force

| | |
|------|------------|
| 1980 | 01.12.1980 |
| 1981 | 03.05.1981 |
| 1983 | 01.03.1984 |
| 1984 | 01.07.1984 |
| 1985 | 01.01.1986 |
| 1987 | 06.04.1987 |
| 1991 | 03.02.1993 |
| 1992 | 01.07.1992 |
| 1993 | 01.01.1995 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Denmark | 03.05.1980 |
| Estonia | 22.01.1992 |
| European Community | 20.11.1994 |
| Finland | 03.05.1980 |
| Germany | 03.05.1980 |
| Latvia | 27.05.1994 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Lithuania | 08.04.1992 |
| Poland | 03.05.1980 |
| Russian Federation | 03.05.1980 |
| Sweden | 03.05.1980 |

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72. CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION FROM LAND-BASED SOURCES

Objectives

The Convention forms part of a comprehensive set of progressive and coherent measures to protect the marine environment from pollution.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Covers the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans north of latitude 36° north, east of longitude 42° west and west of longitude 51° east, excluding the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas (art. 2);
- (b) Parties to eliminate pollution of the maritime area from land-based sources by substances listed in annex A, part 1, and to limit strictly pollution by substances listed in part 2 (art. 4);
- (c) Parties generally to endeavour to reduce existing pollution and forestall any new pollution from land-based sources (art. 6);
- (d) In case of serious pollution from land-based sources by a substance not listed in annex A, part 1, the parties shall consult and negotiate a cooperation agreement (art. 9);
- (e) Parties to establish complementary scientific and technical research programmes (art. 10);
- (f) Parties to set up and operate a permanent monitoring system (art. 11);
- (g) A commission established to supervise the implementation of the Convention, to review the condition of the seas within the Convention area, to draw up programmes and measures for the elimination or reduction of pollution from land-based sources and to make recommendations for the amendment of the lists of substances in annex A (art. 16).

Membership

Open to States which participated in the Diplomatic Conference convened in Paris for the adoption of the Convention, to States Parties to the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, 1972, and to states located upstream on watercourses crossing the territory of one or more Parties and reaching the Convention area. Parties may unanimously invite other States to accede. The instruments of accession to be deposited with the Government of France.

| | | Amendment |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 04.06.1974 | 26.03.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Paris | Paris |
| Date of entry into force | 06.05.1978 | 01.09.1989 |
| Languages English, French | | |
| Depositary | France | |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Belgium | 11.02.1984 |
| Denmark | 06.05.1978 |
| France | 06.05.1978 |
| Germany | 01.04.1982 |
| Iceland | 19.07.1981 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ireland | 28.09.1984 |
| Netherlands | 06.05.1978 |
| Norway | 06.05.1978 |
| Portugal | 09.06.1978 |
| Spain | 17.05.1980 |
| Sweden | 06.05.1978 |
| United Kingdom ⁸⁷ | 06.05.1978 |
| European Community | 06.05.1978 |

⁸⁷ Extended to Guernsey on 06.04.1978 and to Jersey on 27.03.1980.

73. CONVENTION CONCERNING PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS CAUSED BY CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES AND AGENTS

Objectives

To protect workers against hazards arising from occupational exposure to carcinogenic substances and agents.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to determine periodically the carcinogenic substances and agents for which occupational exposure shall be prohibited or made subject to authorization or control (art. 1);

(b) Parties to make every effort to have carcinogenic substances and agents to which workers may be exposed in the course of their work replaced by non-carcinogenic substances or agents or by less harmful substances or agents (art. 2);

(c) Measures to be taken to protect workers against the risks of exposure to carcinogenic substances (art. 3); and to ensure that workers are afforded appropriate medical examinations and other tests or investigations during the period of employment and thereafter (art. 5);

(d) Laws, regulations and other methods to be established to give effect to the provisions of the Convention; appropriate bodies and inspection services for the purpose of the application of the Convention to be established (art. 6).

Membership

Open for accession to all States members of the International Labour Organization.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 24.06.1974 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 10.06.1976 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Director-General of the International Labour Office |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Ratification |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Afghanistan | 16.05.1979 |
| Argentina | 15.06.1978 |
| Belgium | 11.10.1996 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 02.06.1993 |
| Brazil | 27.06.1990 |
| Croatia | 08.10.1991 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |
| Denmark | 06.06.1978 |
| Ecuador | 27.03.1975 |
| Egypt | 25.03.1982 |
| Finland | 04.05.1977 |

| Participant | Ratification |
|---|---------------------|
| France | 24.08.1994 |
| Germany | 23.08.1976 |
| Guinea | 20.04.1976 |
| Guyana | 10.01.1983 |
| Hungary | 10.06.1975 |
| Iceland | 21.06.1991 |
| Iraq | 31.03.1978 |
| Ireland | 04.04.1995 |
| Italy | 23.06.1981 |
| Japan | 26.07.1977 |
| Lebanon | 23.02.2000 |
| Nicaragua | 01.10.1981 |
| Norway | 14.06.1977 |
| Peru | 16.11.1976 |
| Portugal | 03.05.1999 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 24.11.2000 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | 29.05.1992 |
| Sweden | 23.09.1975 |
| Switzerland | 28.10.1976 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 01.02.1979 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 17.11.1991 |
| Uruguay | 31.07.1980 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian republic of) | 05.07.1983 |

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74. AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMME

Objectives

To carry out a comprehensive programme of energy cooperation within the framework of the International Energy Agency

Summary of provisions

- (a) An allocation scheme in times of emergency, including maintenance of emergency reserves and a programme of demand restraint measures (arts. 2-24);
- (b) An extensive information system on the international oil market (arts. 25-36);
- (c) A framework for consultation with oil companies (arts. 37-40);
- (d) A programme for long-term cooperation in the areas of energy conservation, development of alternative sources of energy and research and development of nuclear energy (arts. 41-43);
- (e) The promotion of cooperative relations with oil-producing and other oil-consuming countries, including developing countries.

Membership

Open to States members of OECD.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 18.11.1974 |
| Place of adoption | Paris |
| Date of entry into force | 19.01.1976 |
| Languages | English, French, German |
| Depositary | Belgium |

(Status as of September 2003)

| Participant | Entry into force |
|----------------|------------------|
| Australia | 27.05.1979 |
| Austria | 10.07.1976 |
| Belgium | 08.08.1976 |
| Canada | 19.01.1976 |
| Czech Republic | 05.02.2001 |
| Denmark | 19.01.1976 |
| Finland | 01.01.1992 |
| France | 07.08.1992 |
| Germany | 19.01.1976 |
| Greece | 25.07.1977 |
| Hungary | 02.06.1997 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ireland | 19.01.1976 |
| Italy | 13.02.1978 |
| Luxembourg | 19.01.1976 |
| Netherlands | 09.04.1976 |
| New Zealand | 08.01.1977 |
| Portugal | 09.07.1981 |
| Republic of Korea | 28.03.2002 |
| Spain | 19.01.1976 |
| Sweden | 19.01.1976 |
| Switzerland | 19.01.1976 |
| Turkey | 04.05.1981 |
| United Kingdom | 15.02.1980 |
| United States of America | 19.01.1976 |

75. CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION

Objectives

In the light of the special characteristics and vulnerability of the Mediterranean, to achieve international cooperation for a coordinated and comprehensive approach to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment in the Mediterranean area.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to take all appropriate measures to prevent and abate pollution of the Mediterranean caused by dumping from ships and aircraft, or by discharges from ships, or resulting from exploration and exploitation of the sea bed and subsoil, or from discharges from rivers, coastal establishments or other land-based sources within their territories (arts. 5-8);
- (b) Parties to cooperate in taking measures to deal with pollution emergencies, whatever their cause (art. 9);
- (c) Parties to cooperate in establishing programmes for monitoring pollution in the area (art. 10);
- (d) Parties to cooperate in scientific and technical research relating to all types of marine pollution (art. 11);
- (e) Parties to cooperate in establishing procedures for the determination of liability and compensation for damage resulting from violations of the Convention and Protocols (art. 12);
- (f) Protocols for the Prevention of Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, and for Cooperation in Dealing with Pollution Emergencies, have been adopted;
- (g) UNEP designated to discharge secretariat functions under the Convention.

Membership

Open to States which participated in the Barcelona Conference in February 1976, and to the European Community and any similar regional economic grouping at least one member of which is a coastal State of the Mediterranean Sea area and which exercises competence in fields covered by the Convention. Instruments of ratification or accession to be deposited with the Government of Spain.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 16.02.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Barcelona, Spain |
| Date of entry into force | 12.02.1978 |
| Languages | Arabic, English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Spain |

(Status as of 14 September 2004)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|-----------|---|------------|------------------|
| Albania | | Ac | 30.05.1990 | 29.06.1990 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 16.02.1981 | 18.03.1981 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 22.10.1994 | 01.03.1992 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Croatia | | S | 12.06.1992 | 08.10.1991 |
| Cyprus | 16.02.1976 | R | 19.11.1979 | 19.12.1979 |
| Egypt | 16.02.1976 | Ap | 24.08.1978 | 23.09.1978 |
| France ⁸⁸ | 16.02.1976 | Ap | 11.03.1978 | 10.04.1978 |
| Greece | 16.02.1976 | R | 03.01.1979 | 02.02.1979 |
| Israel ⁸⁸ | 16.02.1976 | R | 03.03.1978 | 02.04.1978 |
| Italy | 16.02.1976 | R | 03.02.1979 | 05.03.1979 |
| Lebanon | | Ac | 08.11.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 31.01.1977 | R | 31.01.1979 | 02.03.1979 |
| Malta | 16.02.1976 | R | 30.12.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Monaco | 16.02.1976 | R | 20.09.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Morocco | 16.02.1976 | R | 15.01.1980 | 15.02.1980 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 16.07.2002 | |
| Slovenia | | Ac | 16.09.1993 | 15.03.1994 |
| Spain | 16.02.1976 | R | 17.12.1976 | 12.02.1978 |
| Syrian Arab Republic ⁸⁸ | | Ac | 26.12.1978 | 25.01.1979 |
| Tunisia | 25.05.1976 | R | 30.07.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Turkey | 16.02.1976 | R | 06.04.1981 | 06.05.1981 |
| Yugoslavia ⁸⁹ | | S | 27.04.1992 | |
| European Community | 13.09.1976 | Ap | 16.03.1978 | 15.04.1978 |

⁸⁸ With a reservation.

⁸⁹ Yugoslavia notified on 16.07.2002 its succession to the Convention and the Protocols as indicated. The date of succession is 27.04.1992

Note: The amendment to the Convention, adopted in Barcelona, Spain on 10 June 1995, entered into force on 9 July 2004. Consequently, the title of the Convention has been changed to read as follows: ***Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean.***

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76. PROTOCOL FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA BY DUMPING FROM SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT

Objectives

To control and in certain circumstances prohibit the dumping into the Mediterranean Sea area of wastes or other matter.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to take all appropriate measures to prevent and abate pollution of the Mediterranean Sea area caused by dumping from ships and aircraft (art. 1);
- (b) The dumping into the Mediterranean Sea of wastes or other matter listed in annex I is prohibited (art. 2), except as mentioned in article 9. The dumping of wastes listed in annex II requires a prior special permit (art. 3). For all other wastes and matter a prior general permit is required from the competent national authorities (art. 4). All such permits given in accordance with criteria listed in annex III (art. 7) by competent authorities designated for each purpose by each Party (art. 10);
- (c) Each party shall apply the measures required to implement this Protocol to all ships and aircraft registered in its territory or flying its flag, loading matter to be dumped, or believed to be engaged in dumping (art. 11);
- (d) The Protocol will not apply to ships and aircraft used only on Government non-commercial service (art. 11);
- (e) Each party shall issue instructions that reports shall be made to its authorities of any incidents or conditions which give rise to suspicions that dumping in contravention of this Protocol is occurring (art. 12).

Membership

Open to parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 16.02.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Barcelona, Spain |
| Date of entry into force | 12.02.1978 |
| Languages | Arabic, English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Spain |

(Status as of 14 September 2004)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|-----------|---|------------|------------------|
| Albania | | A | 30.05.1990 | 29.06.1990 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 16.03.1981 | 15.04.1981 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 22.10.1994 | 01.03.1992 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Croatia | | S | 12.06.1992 | 08.10.1991 |
| Cyprus | 16.02.1976 | R | 19.11.1979 | 19.12.1979 |
| Egypt | 16.02.1976 | Ap | 24.08.1978 | 23.09.1978 |
| France ⁹⁰ | 16.02.1976 | Ap | 11.03.1978 | 10.04.1978 |
| Greece | 11.02.1977 | R | 03.01.1979 | 02.02.1979 |
| Israel | 16.02.1976 | R | 01.03.1984 | 31.03.1984 |
| Italy | 16.02.1976 | R | 03.02.1979 | 05.03.1979 |
| Lebanon | | Ac | 08.11.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 31.01.1977 | R | 31.01.1979 | 02.03.1979 |
| Malta | 16.02.1977 | R | 30.12.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Monaco | 16.02.1976 | R | 20.09.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Morocco | 16.02.1976 | R | 15.01.1980 | 15.02.1980 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 16.07.2002 | |
| Slovenia | | Ac | 16.09.1993 | 15.03.1994 |
| Spain | 16.02.1976 | R | 17.12.1976 | 12.02.1978 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | Ac | 26.12.1978 | 25.01.1979 |
| Tunisia | 25.05.1976 | R | 30.07.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Turkey | 16.02.1976 | R | 06.04.1981 | 06.05.1981 |
| European Community | 13.09.1976 | Ap | 16.03.1978 | 15.04.1978 |

⁹⁰ With a reservation or declaration.

77. PROTOCOL CONCERNING COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA BY OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY

Objectives

To protect the coastal States and the marine ecosystem of the Mediterranean Sea area against pollution by oil and other harmful substances.

Summary of provisions

(a) The parties to cooperate in cases of pollution of the Mediterranean Sea area (defined in art. 7 of the Convention) by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency (art. 1);

(b) The parties to maintain and promote contingency plans and means for combating pollution of the sea by oil and other harmful substances (art. 2);

(c) The parties to develop and apply monitoring activities covering the Mediterranean Sea area (art. 4), and shall cooperate in the salvage and recovery of harmful substances (art. 5);

(d) The parties to disseminate to other parties information on their competent national authorities for combating pollution, on reports of pollution, on matters concerning measures of assistance, on new ways to avoid and new measures to combat pollution, and on the development of related research programmes (art. 6);

(e) The parties to coordinate the utilization of their means of communication (art. 7);

(f) The parties to issue instructions to masters of ships and aircraft to report all accidents causing or likely to cause pollution, and presence, characteristics and extent of spillages, such information to be communicated to the other parties (art. 8);

(g) Parties faced with an emergency to make the necessary assessments, take every practicable measure to avoid or reduce the pollution, inform all other parties involved and report thereon (art. 9).

Membership

Open to States parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 16.02.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Barcelona, Spain |
| Date of entry into force | 12.02.1978 |
| Languages | Arabic, English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Spain |

(Status as of 14 September 2004)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Approval (Ap) Succession (S) | Date | Date of Entry into force |
|------------------------|-----------|--|------------|--------------------------|
| Albania | | Ac | 30.05.1990 | 29.06.1990 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 16.03.1981 | 15.04.1981 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 22.10.1994 | 01.03.1992 |
| Croatia | | S | 12.06.1992 | 08.10.1991 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Approval (Ap) Succession (S) | Date | Date of Entry into force |
|------------------------|-------------|--|------------|--------------------------|
| Cyprus | 16.02.1976 | R | 19.11.1979 | 19.12.1979 |
| Egypt | 16.02.1976 | Ap | 24.08.1978 | 23.09.1978 |
| France ⁹¹ | 16.02.1976 | Ap | 11.03.1978 | 10.04.1978 |
| Greece | 16.02.1976 | R | 03.01.1979 | 02.02.1979 |
| Israel | 16.02.1976 | R | 03.03.1978 | 02.04.1978 |
| Italy | 16.02.1976 | R | 03.02.1979 | 05.03.1979 |
| Lebanon | | Ac | 08.11.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 31.01.1977 | R | 31.01.1979 | 02.03.1979 |
| Malta | 16.02.1976 | R | 30.12.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Monaco | 16.02.1976 | R | 20.09.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Morocco | 16.02.1976 | R | 15.01.1980 | 15.02.1980 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | | 16.07.2002 | |
| Slovenia | | Ac | 16.09.1993 | 15.03.1994 |
| Spain | 16.02.1976 | R | 17.12.1976 | 12.02.1978 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | Ac | 26.12.1978 | 25.01.1979 |
| Tunisia | 25.05.1976 | R | 30.07.1977 | 12.02.1978 |
| Turkey | 16.02.1976 | R | 06.04.1981 | 06.05.1981 |
| European Community | 13.09.19761 | Ap | 12.08.1981 | 11.09.1981 |

⁹¹ With a reservation or declaration.

78. EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS KEPT FOR FARMING PURPOSES

Objectives

To protect animals kept for farming purposes, particularly in modern intensive stock farming.

Summary of provisions

(a) Applies to the keeping, care and housing of animals and in particular to animals in modern intensive stock-farming systems (art. 1);

(b) Animals shall be housed and provided with food, water, care, freedom of movement, lighting, heating, humidity, ventilation and other environmental conditions, having regard to their species and to their degree of development, adoption and domestication, which are appropriate to their physiological and ethological needs in accordance with established experience and scientific knowledge (arts. 2-7);

(c) A Standing Committee to be set up within a year of the entry into force of the Convention, with responsibility for the drafting and adoption of recommendations to be effective six months after the date of their adoption. Each party to report on its implementation of the recommendations, or its reasons for not implementing them. If two or more parties do not implement a recommendation it shall cease to have effect (arts. 8-10).

Membership

Open for signature by the Member States of the Council of Europe and by the European Community and also subject to ratification, acceptance or approval.

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Date of adoption | 10.03.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Strasbourg, France |
| Date of entry into force | 10.09.1978 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Council of Europe |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Austria | 23.01.1992 | R | 22.06.1992 | 23.06.1993 |
| Belgium | 30.04.1996 | R | 13.09.1979 | 14.03.1980 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 29.12.1994 | 30.06.1995 |
| Bulgaria | 21.05.2003 | R | 20.07.2004 | 21.01.2005 |
| Croatia | | S | 14.09.1994 | 15.03.1995 |
| Cyprus | 08.11.1976 | R | 15.04.1977 | 10.09.1978 |
| Czech Republic | 24.06.1998 | R | 23.09.1998 | 24.03.1999 |
| Denmark | 10.03.1976 | R | 28.01.1980 | 29.07.1980 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Finland | 02.12.1991 | R | 02.12.1991 | 03.06.1992 |
| France | 03.07.1976 | R | 10.01.1978 | 10.09.1978 |
| Germany | 23.07.1976 | R | 09.03.1978 | 10.09.1978 |
| Greece | 30.04.1976 | R | 12.11.1984 | 13.05.1985 |
| Hungary | 09.12.1998 | R | 30.03.2004 | 01.10.2004 |
| Iceland | 27.01.1977 | R | 19.09.1989 | 20.03.1990 |
| Ireland | 28.06.1978 | R | 07.04.1986 | 08.10.1986 |
| Italy | 23.04.1980 | R | 07.02.1986 | 08.08.1986 |
| Lithuania | 11.09.2003 | R | 02.03.2004 | 03.09.2004 |
| Luxembourg | 08.04.1976 | R | 19.01.1979 | 20.07.1979 |
| Malta | 29.09.1988 | R | 26.03.1991 | 27.09.1991 |
| Netherlands | 04.09.1980 | R | 21.04.1981 | 22.10.1981 |
| Norway | 28.01.1980 | R | 25.02.1980 | 26.08.1980 |
| Poland | 20.04.2005 | | | |
| Portugal | 20.11.1979 | R | 20.04.1982 | 21.10.1982 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 28.02.2001 | 29.08.2001 |
| Slovenia | | Ac | 20.10.1992 | 21.04.1993 |
| Spain | 08.11.1985 | R | 05.05.1988 | 06.11.1988 |
| Sweden | 08.06.1976 | R | 07.12.1977 | 10.09.1978 |
| Switzerland | 07.07.1976 | R | 24.09.1980 | 25.03.1981 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | S | 30.03.1994 | 01.10.1994 |
| United Kingdom | 10.03.1976 | R | 08.01.1979 | 09.07.1979 |
| European Community | 18.10.1988 | R | 18.10.1988 | 19.04.1989 |

79. AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WATERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SHORES

Objectives

To maintain cooperation between the three coastal States in preventing pollution and improving the quality of the waters of the Mediterranean shores, in the coastal region between 6° 7' longitude east and longitude 9° 8' east.

Summary of provisions

- (a) An international commission established (arts. 1 and 2);
- (b) The commission to be responsible for research into the nature, importance and sources of pollution, and to propose measures to the parties to protect the waters of the Mediterranean shores (art. 9).

Membership

Restricted to the three coastal States.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 10.05.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Monaco, Monaco |
| Date of entry into force | 01.01.1981 |
| Languages | French, Italian |
| Depositary | Monaco |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| France | 01.01.1981 |
| Italy | 01.01.1981 |
| Monaco | 01.01.1981 |

80. CONVENTION ON CONSERVATION OF NATURE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Objectives

To take action for the conservation, utilization and development of the natural resources of the South Pacific region through careful planning and management for the benefit of present and future generations.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to create protected areas to safeguard representative samples of natural ecosystems, superlative scenery, striking geological formations and regions and objects of aesthetic, historic, cultural or scientific value (art. 2);

(b) National parks not to be altered so as to reduce their area except after the fullest investigation, their resources not to be subject to commercial exploitation, hunting and collection of species to be prohibited and provision to be made for visitors (art. 3);

(c) Parties to maintain lists of indigenous fauna and flora in danger of extinction and to give such species as complete protection as possible (art. 5);

(d) Provision may be made as appropriate for customary use of areas and species in accordance with traditional cultural practices (art. 6).

Membership

Open to all States members, or eligible to be invited to become members, of the South Pacific Commission, until 31 December 1977 for signature subject to ratification, and thereafter for accession. Instruments of ratification and accession to be deposited with the Government of Western Samoa.

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Date of adoption | 12.06.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Apia, Western Samoa |
| Date of entry into force | 28.06.1990 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Western Samoa |

(Status as of June 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Australia | | Ac | 28.03.1990 | 28.06.1990 |
| Cook Islands | | Ac | 24.06.1987 | 28.06.1990 |
| Fiji | | Ac | 08.09.1989 | 28.06.1990 |
| France | 12.06.1976 | R | 20.01.1989 | 28.06.1990 |
| Papua New Guinea | 12.06.1976 | | | |
| Western Samoa | 12.06.1976 | R | 20.07.1990 | 20.10.1990 |

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81. CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL AND ARTISTIC HERITAGE OF THE AMERICAN NATIONS (CONVENTION OF SAN SALVADOR)

Objectives

To take steps at the national and international levels for effective protection of cultural treasures, and to fulfil the obligation to transmit the cultural heritage to coming generations.

Summary of provisions

(a) The identification, registration, protection and safeguarding of the cultural heritage to prevent its illegal export and import and to promote awareness and appreciation of the heritage (art. 1);

(b) Cultural property to include, *inter alia*, monuments, objects, ruins, remains of human beings, fauna and flora of the pre-Colombian era; monuments, buildings, objects of an artistic, utilitarian or ethnological nature from the colonial era and the nineteenth century; libraries, archives, and manuscripts; publications and documents published before 1850; and any other post-1850 objects that parties declare to be within the scope of the Convention (art. 2);

(c) Domestic measures to be taken by parties to register collections of such cultural property, to register transactions involving such property, and to prohibit the import of such property from other States without appropriate authorization (art. 7);

(d) Parties to prevent the unlawful export and import of cultural property and to return illegally removed property to the State to which it belongs (art. 10);

(e) Parties to cooperate in the circulation, exchange and exhibition of cultural property, the exchange of information on such property, and archaeological excavations and discoveries (art. 15).

Membership

Open for signature by the States members of the Organization of American States, and for adherence by any State.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 16.06.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Washington, D.C. |
| Date of entry into force | 30.06.1978 |
| Languages | English, French, Portuguese, Spanish |
| Depositary | Organization of American States |

(Status as of September 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Ratification |
|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Argentina | 17.07.2002 | 17.07.2002 |
| Bolivia | 18.06.1980 | 25.02.2003 |
| Chile | 12.07.1978 | |
| Costa Rica | 29.05.1980 | 27.08.1980 |
| Ecuador | 27.07.1978 | 27.09.1978 |
| El Salvador | 05.04.1979 | 11.08.1980 |
| Guatemala | 03.04.1978 | 17.12.1979 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Haiti | 11.03.1980 | 15.12.1983 |
| Honduras | 06.07.1983 | 06.07.1983 |
| Nicaragua | 26.02.1980 | 01.04.1980 |
| Panama | 08.02.1978 | 30.06.1978 |
| Paraguay | 15.04.2005 | |
| Peru | 19.03.1979 | 22.01.1980 |

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82. CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RHINE AGAINST CHEMICAL POLLUTION

Objectives

To protect the Rhine against chemical pollution with the purpose of ameliorating the standards of water for potable and industrial use, navigation, etc.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Discharge of substances in the Rhine strictly regulated. Substances subject to regulation are divided into two groups and listed in annexes I and II (art. 1);
- (b) Norms of emission of substances (annex I) to be defined by the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution (art. 2);
- (c) Government authorization required for the discharge of substances listed in annex I (art. 3);
- (d) Discharge of substances listed in annex II is regulated by Governments under the supervision of the Commission (art. 6).

Membership

Restricted to the contracting parties.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Date of adoption | 03.12.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Bonn |
| Date of entry into force | 01.02.1979 |
| Languages | Dutch, French, German |
| Depository | Switzerland |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| France | 03.12.1976 | 28.12.1977 | 01.02.1979 |
| Germany | 03.12.1976 | 07.12.1978 | 01.02.1979 |
| Luxembourg | 03.12.1976 | 03.05.1978 | 01.02.1979 |
| Netherlands | 03.12.1976 | 18.09.1978 | 01.02.1979 |
| Switzerland | 03.12.1976 | 28.11.1977 | 01.02.1979 |
| European Community | 03.12.1976 | 26.09.1978 | 01.02.1979 |

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83. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE RHINE AGAINST POLLUTION BY CHLORIDES

Objectives

To protect the Rhine against chloride pollution with the purpose of ameliorating water standards.

Summary of provisions

(a) The discharge of chlorides into the Rhine shall be reduced by an annual average of at least 60 kilograms (art. 2); annex I gives details concerning an installation for subsoil disposal to be built by the French Government and funded jointly;

(b) The parties to take the necessary steps to avoid a rise in the amount of chloride ions discharged into the catchment area of the Rhine. Each party shall provide the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution with an annual report on concentrations of chloride ions in the Rhine water (art. 3). Annex II gives permissible concentrations of chloride ions from discharges of over one kilogram in certain sections of the Rhine;

(c) The International Commission, within four years of the entry into force of the Convention, to submit to the parties proposals for the gradual reduction of concentrations of chloride ions along the entire course of the Rhine (art. 6);

(d) If a party notes a sudden rise in the amount of chloride ions in the water of the Rhine, or learns of an accident likely seriously to endanger the quality of the water, it shall immediately inform the International Commission and parties that may be affected (art. II).

Membership

Restricted to the contracting parties.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Date of adoption | 03.12.1976 |
| Place of adoption | Bonn |
| Date of entry into force | 05.07.1985 |
| Languages | Dutch, French, German |
| Depositary | Switzerland |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| France | 03.12.1976 | 02.02.1984 | 05.07.1985 |
| Germany | 03.12.1976 | 07.12.1978 | 05.07.1985 |
| Luxembourg | 03.12.1976 | 03.05.1978 | 05.07.1985 |
| Netherlands | 03.12.1976 | 18.09.1978 | 05.07.1985 |
| Switzerland | 03.12.1976 | 28.11.1977 | 05.07.1985 |

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84. CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES

Objectives

To prohibit the military or other hostile use of such techniques in order to consolidate world peace and trust among nations.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties not to use environmental modification techniques having widespread, long lasting or severe effects as the means of destruction, damage or injury to other parties, nor to assist, encourage or induce any other State, group of States or international organization to do so (art. I)
- (b) "Environmental modification techniques" refers to any technique for changing, through the deliberate manipulation of natural processes, the dynamics, composition or structure (i) of the earth, including its biota, lithosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere, or (ii) of outer space (art. II);
- (c) The use of such techniques for peaceful purposes not to be hindered, and parties to exchange scientific and technological information concerning such uses (art. III);
- (d) Any complaint of breach by a party to be lodged with the United Nations Security Council, which shall investigate it (art. V).

Membership

Open to all States for signature subject to ratification and, subsequent to its entry into force, to any non-signatory State for accession. Instruments to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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| Date of adoption | 10.12.1976 (opened for signature on 18.05.1977) |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 05.10.1978 |
| Languages | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Afghanistan | | Ac | 22.10.1985 | 22.10.1985 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 19.12.1991 | 19.12.1991 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | S | 25.10.1988 | 25.10.1988 |
| Argentina | | Ac | 20.03.1987 | 20.03.1987 |
| Armenia | | Ac | 15.05.2002 | 15.05.2002 |
| Australia | 31.05.1978 | R | 07.09.1984 | 07.09.1984 |
| Austria | | Ac | 17.01.1990 | 17.01.1990 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 03.10.1979 | 03.10.1979 |
| Belarus | 18.05.1977 | R | 07.06.1988 | 05.10.1988 |
| Belgium | 18.05.1977 | R | 12.07.1982 | 12.07.1982 |
| Benin | 10.06.1977 | R | 30.06.1986 | 30.06.1986 |
| Bolivia | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Brazil | 09.11.1977 | R | 12.10.1984 | 12.10.1984 |
| Bulgaria | 18.05.1977 | R | 31.05.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Canada | 18.05.1977 | R | 11.06.1981 | 11.06.1981 |
| Cape Verde | | Ac | 03.10.1979 | 03.10.1979 |
| Chile | | Ac | 26.04.1994 | 26.04.1994 |
| China | | Ac | 08.06.2005 | |
| Costa Rica | | Ac | 07.02.1996 | 07.02.1996 |
| Cuba | 23.09.1977 | R | 10.04.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Cyprus | 07.10.1977 | R | 12.04.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 22.02.1993 | 01.01.1993 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | | Ac | 08.11.1984 | 08.11.1984 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 28.02.1978 | | | |
| Denmark | 18.05.1977 | R | 19.04.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Dominica | | S | 09.11.1992 | 09.11.1992 |
| Egypt | | Ac | 01.04.1982 | 01.04.1982 |
| Ethiopia | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Finland | 18.05.1977 | R | 12.05.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Germany | 18.05.1977 | R | 24.05.1983 | 24.05.1983 |
| Ghana | 21.03.1978 | R | 22.06.1978 | 05.10.1978 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Greece | | Ac | 21.03.1988 | 21.03.1988 |
| Guatemala | | Ac | 21.03.1988 | 21.03.1988 |
| Holy See | 27.05.1977 | | | |
| Hungary | 18.05.1977 | R | 19.04.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Iceland | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| India | 15.12.1977 | R | 15.12.1978 | 15.12.1978 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Iraq | 15.08.1977 | | | |
| Ireland | 18.05.1977 | R | 16.12.1982 | 16.12.1982 |
| Italy | 18.05.1977 | R | 27.11.1981 | 27.11.1981 |
| Japan | | Ac | 09.06.1982 | 09.06.1982 |
| Kazakhstan | | Ac | 25.04.2005 | |
| Kuwait | | Ac | 02.01.1980 | 02.01.1980 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 13.04.1978 | R | 05.10.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Lebanon | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Liberia | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 16.04.2002 | 16.04.2002 |
| Luxembourg | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Malawi | | Ac | 05.10.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Mauritius | | Ac | 09.10.1992 | 09.10.1978 |
| Mongolia | 18.05.1977 | R | 19.05.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Morocco | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Netherlands ⁹² | 18.05.1977 | R | 15.04.1983 | 15.04.1983 |

⁹² For all parts of the Kingdom.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| New Zealand | | Ac | 07.09.1984 | 07.09.1984 |
| Nicaragua | 11.08.1977 | | | |
| Niger | | Ac | 17.02.1993 | 17.02.1993 |
| Norway | 18.05.1977 | R | 15.02.1979 | 15.02.1979 |
| Pakistan | | Ac | 27.02.1986 | 27.02.1986 |
| Panama | | Ac | 13.05.2003 | 13.05.2003 |
| Papua New Guinea | | Ac | 28.10.1980 | 28.10.1980 |
| Poland | 18.05.1977 | R | 08.06.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Portugal | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Republic of Korea | | Ac | 02.12.1986 | 02.12.1986 |
| Romania | 18.05.1977 | R | 06.05.1983 | 06.05.1983 |
| Russian Federation | 18.05.1977 | R | 30.05.1978 | 06.05.1983 |
| Saint Lucia | | S | 27.05.1993 | 27.05.1993 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | S | 27.04.1999 | 27.04.1999 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | | Ac | 05.10.1979 | 05.10.1979 |
| Sierra Leone | 12.04.1978 | | | |
| Slovakia | | S | 28.05.1993 | 28.05.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 20.04.2005 | |
| Solomon Islands | | S | 19.06.1981 | 19.06.1981 |
| Spain | 18.05.1977 | R | 19.07.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Sri Lanka | 08.06.1977 | R | 25.04.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Sweden | | Ac | 27.04.1984 | 27.04.1984 |
| Switzerland | | Ac | 05.08.1988 | 05.08.1988 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 04.08.1977 | | | |
| Tajikistan | | Ac | 12.10.1999 | 12.10.1999 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Tunisia | 11.05.1977 | R | 11.05.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| Turkey | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Uganda | 18.05.1977 | | | |
| Ukraine | 18.05.1977 | R | 13.06.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| United Kingdom | 18.05.1977 | R | 16.05.1978 | 05.10.1978 |
| United States of America | 18.05.1977 | R | 17.01.1980 | 17.10.1980 |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 16.09.1993 | 16.09.1993 |
| Uzbekistan | | Ac | 26.05.1993 | 26.05.1993 |
| Viet Nam | | Ac | 26.08.1980 | 26.08.1980 |
| Yemen | 18.05.1977 | R | 20.07.1977 | 05.10.1978 |

85. CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE RESULTING FROM EXPLORATION FOR AND EXPLOITATION OF SEA BED MINERAL RESOURCES

Objectives

to ensure that adequate compensation is available to victims of pollution damage from offshore activities, by means of the adoption of uniform rules and procedures for determining questions of liability and for providing such compensation.

Summary of provisions

(a) The damage must originate beyond the coastal low-water line of a State party, and be suffered in the territory, including the internal territorial waters, of such a State, or in the areas in which it has sovereign rights over natural resources (art. 2);

(b) The operator, or joint operators, of the installation from which such damage originates shall be liable for such damage. Liability shall extend for five years after the abandonment of such installation if abandoned in accordance with requirements laid down (art. 3);

(c) The operator to be exonerated, wholly or in part, if he can prove an act or omission by the victim with intent to cause damage, or negligence by the victim;

(d) Liability of the operator limited for each installation and each incident, unless damage caused by deliberate act of the operator himself (art. 6);

(e) Operators to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover liability (art. 8);

(f) Judgements of victims' courts to be enforceable in any other State party (art. 12);

(g) States parties which are operators shall waive all defenses based on status as a sovereign State (art. 13).

Membership

Open for signature until 30 April 1978 by States which participated in the intergovernmental conference on the Convention held in London in October 1975 and December 1976, and thereafter for accession by such States, subject to ratification. Parties may unanimously invite other States to accede which have coastlines on the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, or the Atlantic Ocean north of latitude 36° north.

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Date of adoption | 01.05.1977 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | Not yet in force |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | United Kingdom |

(Status as of September 2005)

| Participant | Signature |
|----------------|------------|
| Germany | 28.04.1978 |
| Ireland | 27.04.1978 |
| Netherlands | 04.05.1977 |
| Norway | 04.05.1977 |
| Sweden | 11.05.1977 |
| United Kingdom | 04.05.1977 |

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86. CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS AGAINST OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS IN THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT DUE TO AIR POLLUTION, NOISE AND VIBRATION

Objectives

To protect workers against occupational hazards in the working environment.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Applies to all branches of economic activity, except where special problems of a substantial nature exist (art. 1);
- (b) Parties may accept the obligations of this Convention separately in respect of air pollution, noise and vibration (art. 2);
- (c) Measures to be taken for the prevention and control of, and protection against, occupational hazards in the working environment due to air pollution, noise and vibration shall be prescribed by national laws and regulations (art. 4);
- (d) Criteria for determining the hazards of exposure to air pollution, noise and vibration in the working environment and exposure limits on the basis of these criteria shall be established by the competent authority (art. 8).

Membership

Open for accession to all States members of the International Labour Organization.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 20.06.1977 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 11.07.1979 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Director-General of the International Labour Office |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Ratification |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Azerbaijan | 19.05.1992 |
| Belgium | 01.06.1994 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 02.06.1993 |
| Brazil | 14.01.1982 |
| Costa Rica | 16.06.1981 |
| Croatia | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba | 29.12.1980 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |
| Denmark | 08.01.1988 |
| Ecuador | 11.07.1978 |

| Participant | Ratification |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Egypt | 04.05.1988 |
| Finland | 08.06.1979 |
| France | 30.07.1985 |
| Germany | 18.11.1993 |
| Ghana | 27.05.1986 |
| Guatemala | 22.02.1996 |
| Guinea | 08.06.1982 |
| Hungary | 04.01.1994 |
| Iraq | 17.04.1985 |
| Italy | 28.02.1985 |
| Kazakhstan | 30.07.1996 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 31.03.1992 |
| Latvia | 08.03.1993 |
| Lebanon | 04.04.2005 |
| Malta ⁹³ | 09.06.1988 |
| Niger | 28.01.1993 |
| Norway | 13.03.1979 |
| Poland | 02.12.2004 |
| Portugal | 09.01.1981 |
| Russian Federation | 03.06.1988 |
| San Marino | 19.04.1988 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 24.11.2000 |
| Seychelles | 23.11.1999 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | 29.05.1992 |
| Spain ⁹⁴ | 17.12.1980 |

⁹³ Air pollution only.

| Participant | Ratification |
|---|---------------------|
| Sweden | 10.07.1978 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 17.11.1991 |
| Tajikistan | 26.11.1993 |
| United Kingdom ⁹³ | 08.03.1979 |
| United Republic of Tanzania ⁹³ | 30.05.1983 |
| Uruguay | 05.09.1988 |
| Zambia | 19.08.1980 |

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⁹⁴ Air pollution and noise only.

87. KUWAIT REGIONAL CONVENTION FOR COOPERATION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION

Objectives

To prevent, abate and combat pollution of the marine environment.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to take all appropriate measures to prevent, abate and combat pollution of the marine environment (arts. III-VIII);

(b) Parties to cooperate in taking necessary measures to deal with pollution emergencies (art. IX);

(c) Parties to cooperate in scientific and technical research relating to marine pollution (arts. X-XII);

(d) Parties to cooperate in establishing appropriate rules and procedures for the determination of civil liability and compensation for damage related to the subject-matter of the Convention (art. XIII).

Membership

Open to the States which participated in the Kuwait Conference held from 15 to 23 April 1978.

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.04.1978 |
| Place of adoption | Kuwait |
| Date of entry into force | 01.07.1979 |
| Languages | Arabic, English, Persian |
| Depositary | Kuwait |

| Participant | Ratification | Entry into force |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Bahrain | 01.04.1979 | 01.07.1979 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 03.03.1980 | 01.06.1980 |
| Iraq | 04.02.1979 | 01.07.1979 |
| Kuwait | 07.11.1978 | 01.07.1979 |
| Oman | 20.03.1979 | 01.07.1979 |
| Qatar | 03.01.1979 | 01.07.1979 |
| Saudi Arabia | 26.12.1981 | 26.03.1982 |
| United Arab Emirates | 01.12.1979 | 01.03.1980 |

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88. PROTOCOL CONCERNING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION BY OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY⁹⁵

Objectives

To enhance on a national and regional basis the existing measures for responding to pollution emergencies.

Summary of provisions

(a) The parties shall cooperate in maintaining and promoting their contingency plans and means for combating pollution in the area and protecting the coastline and related interests (art. II);

(b) A Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre established (art. III);

(c) Each contracting State to inform other contracting States and the Centre of its laws, marine emergency contingency plans and appropriate authority, and of existing and new technical developments relating to marine emergency response, research and developments in these areas and their results, as well as the receipt of a report of a marine emergency (arts. V-VIII);

(d) Any contracting State faced with a marine emergency to take appropriate measures to combat pollution, inform the other States of the measures it has taken or intends to take, make an assessment of the nature and extent of the marine emergency and determine the necessary and appropriate action to be taken (art. X);

(e) Any contracting State may call for assistance from the others and from the Centre (art. XI);

(f) Each contracting State to establish and maintain an appropriate authority to carry out its obligations under this Protocol (art. XII).

Membership

Open to the States invited as participants to the Kuwait Conference, held from 15 to 23 April, 1978.

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.04.1978 |
| Place of adoption | Kuwait |
| Date of entry into force | 01.07.1979 |
| Languages | Arabic, English, Persian |
| Depositary | Kuwait |

| Participant | Ratification | Entry into force |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Bahrain | 01.04.1979 | 01.07.1979 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 03.03.1980 | 01.06.1980 |
| Iraq | 04.02.1979 | 01.07.1979 |
| Kuwait | 07.11.1979 | 01.07.1979 |
| Oman | 20.03.1979 | 01.07.1979 |

⁹⁵ Protocol to the Kuwait Regional Convention for Cooperation on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Pollution.

| Participant | Ratification | Entry into force |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Qatar | 03.01.1979 | 01.07.1979 |
| Saudi Arabia | 26.12.1981 | 26.03.1982 |
| United Arab Emirates | 01.12.1979 | 01.03.1980 |

89. TREATY FOR AMAZONIAN COOPERATION

Objectives

To promote the harmonious development of the Amazon region and permit equitable distribution of the benefits of such development among the contracting Parties.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to undertake joint action and efforts to promote the harmonious development of their Amazonian territories in such a way that these joint actions produce equitable and mutually beneficial results and also achieve the preservation of the environment and the conservation and rational utilization of the natural resources of those territories;

(b) Parties to guarantee complete freedom of commercial navigation on the Amazon and other international Amazonian rivers on the basis of reciprocity, and to undertake national, bilateral or multilateral measures aimed at improving and making the said rivers navigable;

(c) The sovereign right to the exclusive use of natural resources within the territory of each party is declared, and parties to make efforts to achieve rational utilization of water resources;

(d) Scientific research and the exchange of information to be promoted to ensure that the exploitation of the fauna and flora of the Amazon region is rationally planned so as to maintain the ecological balance within the region and preserve the species;

(e) Joint studies and measures to be encouraged for the rational utilization of the human and natural resources of the Amazonian territories of the parties;

(f) Transport and communication links among the States of the Amazonian region to be improved, and retail trade among them to be promoted;

(g) Conservation of the ethnological and archaeological wealth of the Amazon to be ensured;

(h) The Amazonian Cooperative Council comprising top-level diplomatic representatives to be created and meet once a year to supervise the effective implementation of the Treaty under the general guidance of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

Membership

Membership restricted to the signatory States and not open to other States for accession. Instruments of ratification to be deposited with the Government of Brazil.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 03.07.1978 |
| Place of adoption | Brasilia |
| Date of entry into force | 02.08.1980 |
| Language | English, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish |
| Depositary | Brazil |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Bolivia | 02.08.1980 |
| Brazil | 02.08.1980 |
| Colombia | 02.08.1980 |
| Ecuador | 02.08.1980 |
| Guyana | 02.08.1980 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Peru | 02.08.1980 |
| Suriname | 02.08.1980 |
| Venezuela | 02.08.1980 |

90. CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES⁹⁶

Objectives

To promote the conservation and optimum utilization of the fishery resources of the Northwest Atlantic area within a framework appropriate to the regime of extended coastal State jurisdiction over fisheries, and accordingly to encourage international cooperation and consultation with respect to these resources.

Summary of provisions

(a) The Convention to apply to all fishery resources within the Convention Area defined in article I. Regulatory Area is also defined in article I;

(b) The parties to establish and maintain an international organization, the North-West Atlantic Fisheries Organization, whose object shall be to contribute through consultation and cooperation to the optimum utilization, rational management and conservation of the fishery resources of the Convention Area (art. II);

(c) The Organization shall consist of a General Council, a Scientific Council, a Fisheries Commission and a Secretariat (art. II);

(d) The functions of the General Council shall consist *inter alia* of supervising and coordinating the financial and other internal affairs of the Organization, including the relations among its constituent bodies and its external relations, and reviewing and determining the membership of the Fisheries Commission (art. III);

(e) The functions of the Scientific Council shall generally consist of providing a forum for consultation and cooperation among parties with respect to the study, appraisal and exchange of scientific information and views relating to the Convention Area (art. Vi);

(f) The Fisheries Commission shall be responsible *inter alia* for the management and conservation of the fishery resources of the Regulatory Area (art. XI (1));

(g) The Secretariat shall *inter alia* provide services to the Organization in the exercise of its duties and functions (art. XV).

Membership

Open for ratification, acceptance or approval by the Signatories represented at the Diplomatic Conference on the Future of Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. Also open for adhesion.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.10.1978 |
| Place of adoption | Ottawa |
| Date of entry into force | 01.01.1979 |
| Language | English, French |
| Depositary | Canada |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Withdrawal |
|-------------|---|------------|------------|
| Bulgaria | R | 25.05.1979 | |

⁹⁶ Supersedes the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (Washington, 08.01.1949), which was terminated on 02.08.1979.

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Withdrawal |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------|------------|
| Canada | R | 30.11.19778 | |
| Denmark ⁹⁷ | At | 30.05.1979 | |
| Estonia | Ac | 31.08.1992 | |
| France | | 1996 ⁹⁸ | |
| Germany | | 28.12.1978 | |
| Iceland | R | 22.12.1978 | |
| Japan | At | 04.01.1980 | |
| Latvia | Ac | 28.08.1992 | |
| Lithuania | Ac | 18.08.1992 | |
| Norway | R | 28.12.1978 | |
| Poland | R | 06.11.1979 | |
| Portugal | R | 25.05.1979 | 31.12.1986 |
| Republic of Korea | Ac | 21.12.1993 | |
| Romania | R | 05.03.1979 | 31.12.2002 |
| Russian Federation | At | 27.12.1978 | |
| Spain | Ac | 31.08.1993 | 31.12.1986 |
| Ukraine | | 1999 | |
| United States of America | Ac | 29.11.1995 | |
| European Community | Ap | 28.12.1978 | |

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⁹⁷ Extended to the Faeroe Islands.

⁹⁸ In respect of Saint Pierre et Miquelon

**91. PROTOCOL AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE HIGH SEAS FISHERIES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC
OCEAN⁹⁹**

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 25.04.1978 |
| Place of adoption | Tokyo |
| Date of entry into force | 15.02.1979 |
| Language | English |
| Depositary | International North Pacific Fisheries Commission (INPFC) |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Canada | 15.02.1979 |
| Japan | 15.02.1979 |
| United States of America | 15.02.1979 |

Withdrawal notice served on 21.02.1992; to take effect one year from that date.

⁹⁹ INPFC was dissolved on 20.02.1993 following the withdrawal of the United States of America from the Convention on 21.02.1992 and the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) was created on 24.02.1993.

92. PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Objectives/Summary of provisions

(a) The 1978 Protocol modifies various provisions of the 1973 London Convention, and in particular of its annex I. It also postpones the entry into force of annex II of the Convention for a period of at least three years;

(b) The Parties to undertake to give effect to the provisions of the Protocol and its Annex, and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 ("Convention"), subject to the modifications and additions set out in the Protocol. The provisions of the Convention and the Protocol to be read and interpreted together as one single instrument (art. I (1) and (2)).

Membership

States may become parties to the Protocol by signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or by signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval, or by accession.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 17.02.1978 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | 02.10.1983 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization |

(Status as of 31 December 2003)

Optional Annexes

| Participant | Protocol Entry into force or Succession | Annex III Entry into force or Succession | Annex IV Acceptance/S accession | Annex V Entry into force or Succession | Protocol 1997 |
|---------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Algeria | 01.05.1989 | 01.07.1992 | 31.01.1989 | 01.05.1989 | |
| Angola | 04.01.2002 | 04.01.2002 | 04.10.2001 | 04.01.2002 | |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 29.04.1988 | 01.07.1992 | 29.01.1988 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Argentina | 01.12.1993 | 01.12.1993 | 31.08.1993 | 01.12.1993 | |
| Australia | 14.01.1988 | 10.01.1995 | | 14.11.1990 | |
| Austria | 27.08.1988 | 01.07.1992 | 27.05.1988 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Bahamas | 02.10.1983 | 11.11.1992 | | 12.01.1991 | 08.11.2001 |
| Bangladesh | 18.03.2003 | 18.03.2003 | 27.09.2003 | 18.03.2003 | 18.12.2002 |
| Barbados | 06.08.1994 | 06.08.1994 | 26.11.2001 | 06.08.1994 | |

Optional Annexes

| Participant | Protocol Entry into force or Succession | Annex III Entry into force or Succession | Annex IV Acceptance/Succession | Annex V Entry into force or Succession | Protocol 1997 |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Belarus | 07.04.1994 | 07.04.1994 | 07.01.1994 | 07.04.1994 | |
| Belgium | 06.06.1984 | 01.07.1992 | 04.01.1996 | 27.01.1989 | |
| Belize | 26.08.1995 | 26.08.1995 | 26.05.1995 | 26.08.1995 | |
| Benin | 11.05.2000 | 11.05.2000 | 11.02.2000 | 11.05.2000 | |
| Bolivia | 04.09.1999 | 04.09.1999 | 04.06.1999 | 04.09.1999 | |
| Brazil | 29.04.1988 | 08.02.1996 | 08.11.1995 | 08.02.1996 | |
| Brunei Darussalam | 23.01.1987 | | | | |
| Bulgaria | 12.03.1985 | 13.08.1993 | 13.05.1993 | 13.08.1993 | |
| Cambodia | 28.02.1995 | 28.02.1995 | 28.11.1994 | 28.11.1995 | |
| Canada | 16.02.1993 | 08.11.2002 | | | |
| Cape Verde | 04.10.2003 | 04.10.2003 | 04.07.2003 | 04.10.2003 | |
| Chile | 10.01.1995 | 10.01.1995 | 10.10.1994 | | |
| China ^{100, 101, 102} | 02.10.1983 | 13.12.1994 | | 21.02.1989 | |
| Colombia | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 27.07.1981 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Comoros | 22.02.2001 | 22.02.2001 | 22.11.2000 | 22.02.2001 | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 05.01.1988 | 01.07.1992 | 05.10.1987 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Croatia | 08.10.1991 | 01.07.1992 | 08.10.1991 | 08.10.1991 | |
| Cuba | 21.03.1993 | | | 12.05.2002 | |
| Cyprus | 22.09.1989 | | | 22.09.1989 | |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 | 01.01.1993 | 01.01.1993 | 01.01.1993 | |

¹⁰⁰ With a reservation.

¹⁰¹ Ceased to apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997.

¹⁰² Ceased to apply to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

Optional Annexes

| Participant | Protocol Entry into force or Succession | Annex III Entry into force or Succession | Annex IV Acceptance/S accession | Annex V Entry into force or Succession | Protocol 1997 |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 01.08.1985 | 01.07.1992 | 01.05.1985 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Denmark | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 27.11.1980 | 31.12.1988 | 18.12.2002 |
| Djibouti | 01.06.1990 | | | | |
| Dominica | 21.09.2000 | 30.11.2001 | | 21.09.2000 | |
| Dominican Republic | 24.09.1999 | 24.09.1999 | 24.06.1999 | 24.09.1999 | |
| Ecuador | 18.08.1990 | 01.07.1992 | 18.05.1990 | 18.08.1990 | |
| Egypt | 07.11.1986 | 01.07.1992 | 07.08.1986 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Equatorial Guinea | 24.07.1996 | 24.07.1996 | 24.04.1996 | 24.07.1996 | |
| Estonia | 16.03.1992 | 18.11.1992 | 18.08.1992 | 18.11.1992 | |
| Finland | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 20.09.1983 | 31.12.1988 | |
| France | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 25.09.1981 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Gabon | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 26.04.1983 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Gambia | 01.02.1992 | 01.07.1992 | 01.11.1991 | 01.02.1992 | |
| Georgia | 08.02.1995 | 08.02.1995 | 08.11.1994 | 08.02.1995 | |
| Germany | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 21.01.1982 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Ghana | 03.09.1991 | | | | |
| Greece | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 23.09.1982 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Guatemala | 03.02.1998 | 03.02.1998 | 03.11.1997 | 03.02.1998 | |
| Guinea | 02.01.2003 | 02.01.2003 | 02.10.2002 | 02.01.2003 | |
| Guyana | 10.03.1998 | 10.03.1998 | 10.12.1997 | 10.03.1998 | |
| Honduras | 21.11.2001 | | | 21.11.2001 | |
| Hungary | 14.04.1985 | 01.07.1992 | 14.01.1985 | 31.12.1988 | |

Optional Annexes

| Participant | Protocol Entry into force or Succession | Annex III Entry into force or Succession | Annex IV Acceptance/Succession | Annex V Entry into force or Succession | Protocol 1997 |
|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Iceland | 25.09.1985 | 01.07.1992 | | 30.09.1989 | |
| India | 24.12.1986 | 11.09.2003 | 11.09.2003 | 11.09.2003 | |
| Indonesia | 21.01.1987 | | | | |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 25.01.2003 | | | 25.01.2003 | |
| Ireland | 06.04.1995 | 27.07.1998 | | 06.04.1995 | |
| Israel | 02.10.1983 | 01.01.1997 | | | |
| Italy | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 01.10.1982 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Jamaica | 13.06.1991 | 01.07.1992 | 13.03.1991 | 13.06.1991 | |
| Japan | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 09.06.1983 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Kazakhstan | 07.06.1994 | 07.06.1994 | 07.03.1994 | 07.06.1994 | |
| Kenya | 15.03.1993 | 15.03.1993 | 15.12.1992 | 15.03.1993 | |
| Latvia | 20.08.1992 | 20.08.1992 | 20.05.1992 | 20.08.1992 | |
| Lebanon | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 18.07.1983 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Liberia | 02.10.1983 | 05.01.1996 | | 12.09.1995 | 28.08.2002 |
| Lithuania | 04.03.1992 | 01.07.1992 | 04.12.1991 | 04.03.1992 | |
| Luxembourg | 14.05.1991 | 01.07.1992 | 14.02.1991 | 14.05.1991 | |
| Malawi | 17.03.2002 | 17.03.2002 | 17.12.2001 | 17.03.2002 | |
| Malaysia | 01.05.1997 | | | 01.05.1997 | |
| Malta | 21.09.1991 | | | | |
| Marshall Islands | 26.07.1988 | 01.07.1992 | 26.04.1988 | 31.12.1988 | 07.03.2002 |
| Mauritania | 24.02.1998 | 24.02.1998 | 24.11.1997 | 24.02.1998 | |
| Mauritius | 06.07.1995 | 06.07.1995 | 06.04.1995 | 06.07.1995 | |
| Mexico | 23.07.1992 | | | 15.10.1998 | |
| Monaco | 20.11.1992 | 20.11.1992 | 20.08.1992 | 20.11.1992 | |

Optional Annexes

| Participant | Protocol Entry into force or Succession | Annex III Entry into force or Succession | Annex IV Acceptance/Succession | Annex V Entry into force or Succession | Protocol 1997 |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Mongolia | 15.01.2004 | 15.01.2004 | 15.10.2003 | 15.01.2004 | |
| Morocco | 12.01.1994 | 12.01.1994 | 12.10.1993 | 12.01.1994 | |
| Myanmar | 04.08.1988 | | | | |
| Namibia | 18.03.2003 | 18.03.2003 | | 18.03.2003 | |
| Netherlands | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | | 31.12.1988 | |
| New Zealand | 25.12.1998 | 25.12.1998 | | 25.12.1998 | |
| Nicaragua | 01.05.2001 | 01.05.2001 | 01.02.2001 | 01.05.2001 | |
| Nigeria | 24.08.2002 | 24.08.2002 | 24.05.2002 | 24.08.2002 | |
| Norway | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 26.09.2002 | 31.12.1988 | 21.12.1998 |
| Oman | 13.06.1984 | 01.07.1992 | 13.03.1984 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Pakistan | 22.02.1995 | 22.02.1995 | 22.11.1994 | 22.02.1995 | |
| Panama | 20.05.1985 | 01.07.1992 | 20.02.1985 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Papua New Guinea | 25.01.1994 | 25.01.1994 | 25.10.1993 | 25.01.1994 | |
| Peru | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 25.04.1980 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Philippines | 15.09.2001 | 15.09.2001 | 15.06.2001 | 15.09.2001 | |
| Poland | 01.07.1986 | 01.07.1992 | 01.04.1986 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Portugal | 22.01.1988 | 01.07.1992 | 22.10.1987 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Republic of Korea | 23.10.1984 | 28.05.1996 | 28.11.2003 | 28.05.1996 | |
| Romania | 15.07.1993 | | | 15.07.1993 | |
| Russian Federation | 03.02.1984 | 01.07.1992 | 14.08.1987 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 24.03.1998 | 24.03.1998 | 24.12.1997 | 24.03.1998 | |
| Saint Lucia | 12.10.2000 | 12.10.2000 | 12.07.2000 | 12.10.2000 | |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 28.01.1984 | 01.07.1992 | 28.10.1983 | 31.12.1988 | |

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| Participant | Protocol Entry into force or Succession | Annex III Entry into force or Succession | Annex IV Acceptance/Succession | Annex V Entry into force or Succession | Protocol 1997 |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| and the Grenadines | | | | | |
| Samoa | 07.05.2002 | 07.05.2002 | 07.02.2002 | 07.05.2002 | |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 29.01.1999 | 29.01.1999 | 29.10.1998 | 29.01.1999 | |
| Senegal | 16.04.1997 | 16.04.1997 | 16.01.1997 | 16.04.1997 | |
| Serbia and Montenegro ¹⁰³ | 27.04.1992 | 27.04.1992 | 27.09.2003 | 27.04.1992 | |
| Seychelles | 28.02.1991 | | | | |
| Sierra Leone | 26.10.2001 | 23.08.2002 | 23.05.2002 | | |
| Singapore | 01.02.1991 | 02.06.1994 | | 27.08.1999 | 10.08.2000 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 | 01.01.1993 | 01.01.1993 | 01.01.1993 | |
| Slovenia | 25.06.1991 | 01.07.1992 | 25.06.1991 | 25.06.1991 | |
| South Africa | 28.02.1985 | 05.05.1997 | | 13.08.1992 | |
| Spain | 06.10.1984 | 01.07.1992 | 21.01.1991 | 21.04.1991 | |
| Sri Lanka | 24.09.1997 | 24.09.1997 | 24.06.1997 | 24.09.1997 | |
| Suriname | 04.02.1989 | 01.07.1992 | 04.11.1988 | 04.02.1989 | |
| Sweden | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 09.06.1980 | 31.12.1988 | 18.05.1998 |
| Switzerland | 15.03.1988 | 01.07.1992 | 20.11.1998 | 30.07.1990 | |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 09.02.1989 | | | | |
| Togo | 09.05.1990 | 01.07.1992 | 09.02.1990 | 09.05.1990 | |
| Tonga | 01.05.1996 | 01.05.1996 | 01.02.1996 | 01.05.1996 | |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 06.06.2000 | 06.06.2000 | 06.03.2000 | 06.06.2000 | |

¹⁰³ As from 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro. The date of succession by Serbia and Montenegro to the Protocol and its Optional Annexes III, IV and V, is the date on which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia assumed responsibility for its international relations.

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| Participant | Protocol Entry into force or Succession | Annex III Entry into force or Succession | Annex IV Acceptance/S uccession | Annex V Entry into force or Succession | Protocol 1997 |
|--------------------|--|---|--|---|--------------------------|
| Tobago | | | | | |
| Tunisia | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 01.10.1980 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Turkey | 10.01.1991 | | | 10.01.1991 | |
| Tuvalu | 22.11.1985 | 01.07.1992 | 22.08.1985 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Ukraine | 25.01.1994 | 25.01.1994 | 25.10.1993 | 25.01.1994 | |
| United Kingdom | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 11.09.1995 | 31.12.1988 | |
| United States | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | | 31.12.1988 | |
| Uruguay | 02.10.1983 | 01.07.1992 | 30.04.1979 | 31.12.1988 | |
| Venezuela | 29.10.1994 | 29.10.1994 | 29.07.1994 | 29.10.1994 | |
| Vietnam | 29.08.1991 | | | | |

93. CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

Objectives

To protect those species of wild animals that migrate across or outside national boundaries.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Endangered migratory species to be listed in appendix I;
- (b) Migratory species to be subject to agreements listed in appendix II;
- (c) International agreements should deal with those aspects of the conservation and management of the migratory species concerned which serve to achieve the object of protection;
- (d) A scientific council to be established to provide advice on scientific matters;¹⁰⁴
- (e) A secretariat to be established.¹⁰⁴

Membership

Open for signature by all States and regional economic integration organizations until 22 June 1980, and thereafter open for accession by non-signatory States and regional economic integration organizations.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 23.06.1979 |
| Place of adoption | Bonn |
| Date of entry into force | 01.11.1983 |
| Language | English, French, German, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Germany |

(Status as of 1 November 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------|-----------|--|------------|------------------|
| Albania | | Ac | | 01.09.2001 |
| Argentina | | Ac | 10.10.1991 | 01.01.1992 |
| Australia | | Ac | 26.06.1991 | 01.09.1991 |
| Austria | | Ac | | 01.07.2005 |
| Belarus | | Ac | | 01.09.2003 |
| Belgium | | Ac | 11.07.1990 | 01.10.1990 |
| Benin | | Ac | 14.01.1986 | 01.04.1986 |
| Bolivia | | Ac | | 01.03.2003 |
| Bulgaria | | Ac | | 01.09.1999 |
| Burkina Faso | | Ac | 09.10.1989 | 01.01.1990 |

¹⁰⁴ A scientific Council and a Secretariat have now been formed.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Cameroon | 10.06.1980 | R | 07.09.1981 | 01.11.1983 |
| Chad | | R | | 01.09.1997 |
| Chile | | Ac | 15.09.1981 | 01.11.1983 |
| Congo | | Ac | | 01.01.2000 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 23.06.1979 | R | | 01.07.2003 |
| Croatia | | Ac | | 01.10.2000 |
| Cyprus | | Ac | | 01.11.2001 |
| Czech Republic | | Ac | 08.02.1994 | 01.11.1983 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | | Ac | 22.06.1990 | 01.09.1990 |
| Denmark | 23.06.1979 | R | 05.08.1982 | 01.11.1983 |
| Djibouti | | Ac | | 01.11.2004 |
| Ecuador | | Ac | | 01.02.2004 |
| Egypt | 23.06.1979 | R | 11.02.1982 | 01.11.1983 |
| European Community | | Ac | 01.08.1983 | 01.11.1983 |
| Finland | | Ac | 03.10.1988 | 01.01.1989 |
| France | 23.06.1979 | R | 23.04.1990 | 01.07.1990 |
| Gambia | | Ac | | 01.08.2001 |
| Georgia | | Ac | | 01.06.2000 |
| Germany | 23.06.1979 | R | 31.07.1984 | 01.10.1984 |
| Ghana | | Ac | 19.01.1988 | 01.04.1988 |
| Greece | 23.06.1979 | R | | 01.10.1999 |
| Guinea | | Ac | 21.05.1993 | 01.08.1993 |
| Guinea-Bissau | | Ac | 19.06.1995 | 01.09.1995 |
| Hungary | | Ac | 12.07.1983 | 01.11.1983 |
| India | 23.06.1979 | R | 04.05.1982 | 01.11.1983 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Ireland | 20.06.1980 | R | 05.08.1983 | 01.11.1983 |
| Israel | | Ac | 17.05.1983 | 01.11.1983 |
| Italy | 23.06.1979 | R | 26.08.1983 | 01.11.1983 |
| Jamaica | 20.06.1980 | | | |
| Jordan | | Ac | | 01.03.2001 |
| Kenya | | Ac | | 01.05.1999 |
| Latvia | | Ac | | 01.07.1999 |
| Liberia | | Ac | | 01.12.2004 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | Ac | | 01.09.2002 |
| Liechtenstein | | Ac | | 01.11.1997 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | | 01.02.2002 |
| Luxembourg | 26.03.1980 | R | 30.11.1982 | 01.11.1983 |
| Madagascar | 23.06.1979 | | | |
| Mali | | Ac | 28.07.1987 | 01.10.1987 |
| Malta | | Ac | | 01.06.2001 |
| Mauritania | | Ac | | 01.07.1998 |
| Monaco | | Ac | 01.03.1993 | 01.06.1993 |
| Mongolia | | Ac | | 01.11.1999 |
| Morocco | 23.06.1979 | R | 12.08.1993 | 01.11.1993 |
| Netherlands | 20.06.1980 | R | 05.06.1981 | 01.11.1983 |
| New Zealand | | Ac | | 01.10.2000 |
| Niger | 23.06.1979 | R | 03.07.1980 | 01.11.1983 |
| Nigeria | | Ac | 15.10.1986 | 01.01.1987 |
| Norway | 23.06.1979 | R | 30.05.1985 | 01.08.1985 |
| Pakistan | | Ac | 22.09.1987 | 01.12.1987 |
| Panama | | Ac | 20.02.1989 | 01.05.1989 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|---|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Paraguay | 23.06.1979 | R | | 01.01.1999 |
| Peru | | Ac | | 01.06.1997 |
| Philippines | 20.06.1980 | R | 15.11.1993 | 01.02.1994 |
| Poland | | Ac | 01.02.1996 | 01.05.1996 |
| Portugal | 23.06.1979 | R | 21.01.1981 | 01.11.1983 |
| Republic of Moldova | | Ac | | 01.04.2001 |
| Romania | | Ac | | 01.07.1998 |
| Rwanda | | Ac | | 01.06.2005 |
| Samoa | | Ac | | 01.11.2005 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | | Ac | | 01.12.2001 |
| Saudi Arabia | | Ac | 17.12.1990 | 01.03.1991 |
| Senegal | | Ac | 18.03.1988 | 01.06.1988 |
| Slovakia | | Ac | 14.12.1994 | 01.03.1995 |
| Slovenia | | Ac | | 01.02.1999 |
| Somalia | 23.06.1979 | R | 11.11.1985 | 01.02.1986 |
| South Africa | | Ac | 27.09.1991 | 01.12.1991 |
| Spain | 23.06.1979 | R | 12.02.1985 | 01.05.1985 |
| Sri Lanka | 23.06.1979 | R | 06.06.1990 | 01.09.1990 |
| Sweden | 23.06.1979 | R | 09.06.1983 | 01.11.1983 |
| Switzerland | | Ac | 07.04.1995 | 01.07.1995 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | Ac | | 01.06.2003 |
| Tajikistan | | Ac | | 01.02.2001 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | Ac | | 01.11.1999 |
| Togo | 23.06.1979 | R | 09.11.1995 | 01.02.1996 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Tunisia | | Ac | 27.05.1987 | 01.08.1987 |
| Uganda | 22.06.1980 | R | | 01.08.2000 |
| Ukraine | | Ac | | 01.11.1999 |
| United Kingdom | 23.06.1979 | R | 23.07.1985 | 01.10.1985 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | | 01.07.1999 |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 01.02.1990 | 01.05.1990 |
| Uzbekistan | | Ac | | 01.09.1998 |

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94. EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER

Objectives

To ensure the protection of animals which are to be slaughtered.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Applies to the movement, lairaging, restraint, stunning and slaughter of domestic solipeds, pigs, rabbits and poultry (art. 1);
- (b) Each contracting party to ensure that the design, construction, facilities and operation of slaughter houses are such as to ensure that the provisions of the Convention are compiled with in order to spare animals and avoidable excitement, pain or suffering (art. 2);
- (c) The Convention deals specifically with the delivery of animals to slaughterhouses and their lairaging until they are slaughtered (art. 3); the moving of animals within the precincts of slaughtershouses (arts. 4-6); and their lairaging (art. 7), care (arts. 8 and 9) and slaughtering (arts. 12-19).

Membership

Open for signature by member States of the Council of Europe and by the European Community, and also subject to ratification, acceptance or approval.

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Date of adoption | 10.05.1979 |
| Place of adoption | Strasbourg, France |
| Date of entry into force | 11.06.1982 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Council of Europe |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) Succession (Sc) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 10.05.1979 | | | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | Sc | 29.12.1994 | 30.06.1995 |
| Bulgaria | 21.05.2003 | R | 20.07.2004 | 21.01.2005 |
| Croatia | | Sc | 14.09.1994 | 15.03.1995 |
| Cyprus | 25.07.1986 | R | 23.06.2005 | 24.12.2005 |
| Czech Republic | 09.11.2000 | R | 20.03.2003 | 21.09.2003 |
| Denmark | 20.06.1979 | R | 23.02.1981 | 11.06.1982 |
| Finland | 02.12.1991 | R | 02.12.1991 | 03.06.1992 |
| France | 10.05.1979 | | | |
| Germany | 10.05.1979 | R | 24.02.1984 | 25.08.1984 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) Succession (Sc) | Date | Entry into force |
|---|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Greece | 12.11.1984 | R | 12.11.1984 | 13.05.1985 |
| Ireland | 06.10.1980 | R | 10.12.1981 | 11.06.1982 |
| Italy | 19.02.1980 | R | 07.02.1986 | 08.08.1986 |
| Lithuania | 11.09.2003 | R | 02.03.2004 | 03.09.2004 |
| Luxembourg | 10.05.1979 | R | 24.07.1980 | 11.06.1982 |
| Netherlands | 25.02.1981 | R | 27.06.1986 | 28.12.1986 |
| Norway | 06.04.1982 | R | 12.05.1982 | 13.11.1982 |
| Portugal | 18.12.1979 | R | 03.11.1981 | 11.06.1982 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | Sc | 28.02.2001 | 29.08.2001 |
| Slovenia | | Sc | 20.10.1992 | 21.04.1993 |
| Sweden | 28.11.1979 | R | 26.02.1982 | 27.08.1982 |
| Switzerland | 10.05.1979 | R | 03.11.1993 | 04.05.1994 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | Sc | 30.03.1994 | 01.10.1994 |
| United Kingdom | 10.05.1979 | | | |

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95. CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE AND NATURAL HABITATS

Objectives

To conserve wild fauna and flora and their natural habitats, especially those species and habitats whose conservation requires the cooperation of several States, and to promote such cooperation.

Summary of provisions

(a) The contracting parties to take requisite measures to maintain the population of wild fauna and flora at, or adapt them to, a level which corresponds in particular to ecological, scientific and cultural requirements, and to take steps to promote national policies for conservation with particular attention to endangered and vulnerable species and endangered habitats (arts. 2 and 3);

(b) Appropriate and necessary measures to be taken to ensure the conservation of the habitats of the wild species of fauna and flora, especially those specified in appendices I and II of the Convention. Special attention to be given to the protection of areas that are of importance for the migratory species specified in appendices I and III (art. 4);

(c) Appropriate and necessary measures to be taken to ensure the special protection of wild species of fauna and flora specified in appendices I and II. Wild fauna species specified in appendix III shall be protected, and any exploitation shall be regulated in order to keep the populations out of danger (arts. 5-7);

(d) A Standing Committee established, to be responsible for monitoring the application of the Convention (arts. 13-15).

Membership

The Convention is open for signature by the member States of the Council of Europe, non-member States which have participated in its elaboration and the European Community. After its entry into force, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may invite any non-member State of the Council to accede to the Convention..

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Date of adoption | 19.09.1979 |
| Place of adoption | Berne |
| Date of entry into force | 01.06.1982 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Council of Europe |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Albania | 31.10.1995 | R | 13.01.1999 | 01.05.1999 |
| Andorra | 11.05.2000 | R | 13.10.2000 | 01.02.2001 |
| Austria | 19.09.1979 | R | 02.05.1983 | 01.09.1983 |
| Azerbaijan | | Ac | 28.03.2000 | 01.07.2000 |
| Belgium | 19.09.1979 | R | 24.08.1990 | 01.12.1990 |
| Bulgaria | | Ac | 31.01.1991 | 01.05.1991 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Burkina Faso | | Ac | 14.06.1990 | 01.10.1990 |
| Croatia | 03.11.1999 | R | 03.07.2000 | 01.11.2000 |
| Cyprus | 21.10.1981 | R | 16.05.1988 | 01.09.1988 |
| Czech Republic | 08.10.1997 | R | 25.02.1998 | 01.06.1998 |
| Denmark | 19.09.1979 | R | 08.09.1982 | 01.01.1983 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 03.08.1992 | 01.12.1992 |
| Finland | 19.09.1979 | R | 09.12.1985 | 01.04.1986 |
| France | 19.09.1979 | R | 26.04.1990 | 01.08.1990 |
| Germany | 19.09.1979 | R | 13.12.1984 | 01.04.1985 |
| Greece | 19.09.1979 | R | 13.06.1983 | 01.10.1983 |
| Hungary | | Ac | 16.11.1989 | 01.03.1990 |
| Iceland | 17.06.1993 | R | 17.06.1993 | 01.10.1993 |
| Ireland | 19.09.1979 | R | 23.04.1982 | 01.08.1982' |
| Italy | 19.09.1979 | R | 11.02.1982 | 01.06.1982 |
| Latvia | 23.01.1997 | R | 23.01.1997 | 01.05.1997 |
| Liechtenstein | 19.09.1979 | R | 30.10.1980 | 01.06.1982 |
| Lithuania | 28.09.1994 | R | 05.09.1996 | 01.01.1997 |
| Luxembourg | 19.09.1979 | R | 23.03.1982 | 01.07.1982 |
| Malta | 26.11.1993 | R | 26.11.1993 | 01.03.1994 |
| Moldova | | Ac | 24.05.1994 | 01.09.1994 |
| Monaco | | Ac | 07.02.1994 | 01.06.1994 |
| Morocco | | Ac | 25.04.2001 | 01.08.2001 |
| Netherlands | 19.09.1979 | R | 28.10.1980 | 01.06.1982 |
| Norway | 19.09.1979 | R | 27.05.1986 | 01.09.1986 |
| Poland | 24.03.1995 | R | 13.09.1995 | 01.01.1996 |
| Portugal | 19.09.1979 | R | 03.02.1982 | 01.06.1982 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|---|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Romania | | Ac | 18.05.1993 | 01.09.1993 |
| Senegal | | Ac | 13.04.1987 | 01.08.1987 |
| Slovakia | 28.04.1994 | R | 23.09.1996 | 01.01.1997 |
| Slovenia | 20.10.1998 | R | 29.09.1999 | 01.01.2000 |
| Spain | 19.09.1979 | R | 27.05.1986 | 01.09.1986 |
| Sweden | 19.09.1979 | R | 14.06.1983 | 01.10.1983 |
| Switzerland | 19.09.1979 | R | 12.03.1981 | 01.06.1982 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 17.12.1998 | R | 17.12.1998 | 01.04.1999 |
| Tunisia | | Ac | 12.01.1996 | 01.05.1996 |
| Turkey | 19.09.1979 | R | 02.05.1984 | 01.09.1984 |
| Ukraine | 17.08.1998 | R | 05.01.1999 | 01.05.1999 |
| United Kingdom | 19.09.1979 | R | 28.05.1982 | 01.09.1986 |
| European Community | 19.09.1979 | R | 07.05.1982 | 01.09.1982 |

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96. CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

Objectives

To facilitate the safe transfer of nuclear material and to establish effective measures for its physical protection.

Summary of provisions

The Parties undertake:

- (a) To ensure that during international nuclear transport, nuclear material within their territories, or on board a ship or aircraft under their jurisdiction is protected at the levels described in Annex I (art. 3);
- (b) Not to export nuclear material unless they have received assurances that such material will be protected during the international transport (art. 4, para.1);
- (c) Not to import nuclear material from a state not a party to this Convention unless they have received assurances that such material will during the international nuclear transport be protected (art. 4, para 2);
- (d) Not to allow the transit of their territories by land or internal waterways or through their airports or seaports of nuclear material between states that are not parties to this Convention unless they have received assurances that this nuclear material will be protected during international nuclear transport (art. 4, para. 3).

Membership

The Convention is open to all states, and subject to conditions in Article 18, to international organizations and regional organizations. The instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 26.10.1979 |
| Place of adoption | Vienna, Austria |
| Date of entry into force | 08.02.1987 |
| Languages | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | International Atomic Energy Agency |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Confirmation (C) Ratification (R) Acceptance (At) Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------------|-----------|--|------------|------------------|
| Afghanistan | | Ac | 12.09.2003 | 12.10.2003 |
| Albania | | Ac | 05.03.2002 | 04.04.2002 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 30.04.2003 | 30.05.2003 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | Ac | 04.08.1993 | 03.09.1993 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Confirmation (C) Ratification (R) Acceptance (A) Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Argentina | 28.02.1986 | R | 06.04.1989 | 06.05.1989 |
| Armenia | | Ac | 24.08.1993 | 23.09.1993 |
| Australia | 22.02.1984 | R | 22.09.1987 | 22.10.1987 |
| Austria | 03.03.1980 | R | 22.12.1988 | 21.01.1989 |
| Azerbaijan | | Ac | 19.01.2004 | 18.02.2004 |
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 11.05.2005 | 10.06.2005 |
| Belarus | | S | 09.09.1993 | 14.06.1993 |
| Belgium | 13.06.1980 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Bolivia | | Ac | 24.01.2002 | 23.02.2002 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 30.06.1998 | 01.03.1992 |
| Botswana | | Ac | 19.09.2000 | 19.10.2000 |
| Brazil | 15.05.1981 | R | 17.10.1985 | 08.02.1987 |
| Bulgaria | 23.06.1981 | R | 10.04.1984 | 08.02.1987 |
| Burkina Faso | | Ac | 13.01.2004 | 12.02.2004 |
| Cameroon | | Ac | 29.06.2004 | 29.07.2004 |
| Canada | 23.09.1980 | R | 21.03.1986 | 08.02.1987 |
| Chile | | Ac | 27.04.1994 | 27.05.1994 |
| China | | Ac | 10.01.1989 | 09.02.1989 |
| Colombia | | Ac | 28.03.2003 | 27.04.2003 |
| Costa Rica | | Ac | 02.05.2003 | 01.06.2003 |
| Croatia | | S | 29.09.1992 | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba | | Ac | 26.09.1997 | 26.10.1997 |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 23.07.1998 | 22.08.1998 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 24.03.1993 | 01.01.1993 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Confirmation (C) Ratification (R) Acceptance (A) Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | | Ac | 21.09.2004 | 21.10.2004 |
| Denmark | 13.06.1980 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Djibouti | | Ac | 22.06.2004 | 22.07.2004 |
| Dominica | | Ac | 08.11.2004 | 08.12.2004 |
| Dominican Republic | 03.03.1980 | | | |
| Ecuador | 26.06.1986 | R | 17.01.1996 | 16.02.1996 |
| Equatorial Guinea | | Ac | 24.11.2003 | 24.12.2003 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 09.05.1994 | 08.06.1994 |
| Finland | 25.06.1981 | Ac | 22.09.1989 | 22.10.1989 |
| France | 13.06.1980 | Ap | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Germany | 13.06.1980 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Ghana | | Ac | 16.10.2002 | 15.11.2002 |
| Greece | 03.03.1980 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Grenada | | Ac | 09.01.2002 | 08.02.2002 |
| Guatemala | 12.03.1980 | R | 23.04.1985 | 08.02.1987 |
| Guinea | | Ac | 29.11.2005 | 29.12.2005 |
| Haiti | 09.04.1980 | | | |
| Honduras | | Ac | 28.01.2004 | 27.02.2004 |
| Hungary | 17.06.1980 | R | 04.05.1984 | 08.02.1987 |
| Iceland | | Ac | 18.06.2002 | 18.07.2002 |
| India | | Ac | 12.03.2002 | 11.04.2002 |
| Indonesia | 03.07.1986 | R | 05.11.1986 | 08.02.1987 |
| Ireland | 13.06.1980 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Confirmation (C) Ratification (R) Acceptance (A) Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Israel | 17.06.1983 | R | 22.01.2002 | 21.02.2002 |
| Italy | 13.06.1980 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Jamaica | | Ac | 16.08.2005 | 15.09.2005 |
| Japan | | Ac | 28.10.1988 | 27.11.1988 |
| Kazakhstan | | Ac | 02.09.2005 | 02.10.2005 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 11.02.2002 | 13.03.2002 |
| Korea, Republic of | 29.12.1981 | R | 07.04.1982 | 08.02.1987 |
| Kuwait | | Ac | 23.04.2004 | 23.05.2004 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 06.11.2002 | 06.12.2002 |
| Lebanon | | Ac | 16.12.1997 | 15.01.1998 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | Ac | 18.10.2000 | 17.11.2000 |
| Liechtenstein | 13.01.1986 | R | 25.11.1986 | 08.02.1987 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 07.12.1993 | 06.01.1994 |
| Luxembourg | 13.06.1980 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Madagascar | | Ac | 28.10.2003 | 27.11.2003 |
| Mali | | Ac | 07.05.2002 | 06.06.2002 |
| Malta | | Ac | 16.10.2003 | 15.11.2003 |
| Marshall Islands | | Ac | 07.02.2002 | 09.03.2003 |
| Mexico | | Ac | 04.04.1988 | 04.05.1988 |
| Monaco | | Ac | 09.08.1996 | 08.09.1996 |
| Mongolia | 23.01.1986 | R | 28.05.1986 | 08.02.1987 |
| Morocco | 25.07.1980 | R | 23.08.2002 | 22.09.2002 |
| Mozambique | | Ac | 03.03.2003 | 02.04.2003 |
| Namibia | | Ac | 02.10.2002 | 01.11.2002 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Confirmation (C) Ratification (R) Acceptance (At) Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| Nauru | | Ac | 12.08.2005 | 11.09.2005 |
| Netherlands | 13.06.1980 | At | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| New Zealand | | Ac | 19.12.2003 | 18.01.2004 |
| Nicaragua | | Ac | 10.12.2004 | 09.01.2005 |
| Niger | 07.01.1985 | R | 19.08.2004 | 18.09.2004 |
| Norway | 26.01.1983 | R | 15.08.1985 | 08.02.1987 |
| Oman | | Ac | 11.06.2003 | 11.07.2003 |
| Pakistan | | Ac | 12.09.2000 | 12.10.2000 |
| Panama | 18.03.1980 | R | 01.04.1999 | 01.05.1999 |
| Paraguay | 21.05.1980 | R | 06.02.1985 | 08.02.1987 |
| Peru | | Ac | 11.01.1995 | 10.02.1995 |
| Philippines | 19.05.1980 | R | 22.09.1981 | 08.02.1987 |
| Poland | 06.08.1980 | R | 05.10.1983 | 08.02.1987 |
| Portugal | 19.09.1984 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Qatar | | Ac | 09.03.2004 | 08.04.2004 |
| Republic of Moldova | | Ac | 07.05.1998 | 06.06.1998 |
| Romania | 15.01.1981 | R | 23.11.1993 | 23.12.1993 |
| Russian Federation | 22.05.1980 | R | 25.05.1983 | 08.02.1987 |
| Senegal | | Ac | 03.11.2003 | 03.12.2003 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 15.07.1980 | S | 05.02.2002 | 27.04.1992 |
| Seychelles | | Ac | 13.08.2003 | 12.09.2003 |
| Slovakia | | S | 10.02.1993 | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 07.07.1992 | 25.06.1991 |
| South Africa | 18.05.1981 | | | |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Confirmation (C) Ratification (R) Acceptance (A) Accession (Ac) Approval (Ap) Notification of Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|---|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Spain | 07.04.1986 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| Sudan | | Ac | 18.05.2000 | 17.06.2000 |
| Swaziland | | Ac | 17.04.2003 | 17.05.2003 |
| Sweden | 02.07.1980 | R | 01.08.1980 | 08.02.1987 |
| Switzerland | 09.01.1987 | R | 09.01.1987 | 08.02.1987 |
| Tajikistan | | Ac | 11.07.1996 | 10.08.1996 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | S | 20.09.1996 | 17.11.1991 |
| Tonga | | Ac | 25.01.2003 | 23.02.2003 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | Ac | 25.04.2001 | 25.05.2001 |
| Tunisia | | Ac | 08.04.1993 | 08.05.1993 |
| Turkey | 23.08.1983 | R | 27.02.1985 | 08.02.1987 |
| Turkmenistan | | Ac | 07.01.2005 | 06.02.2005 |
| Uganda | | Ac | 10.12.2003 | 10.01.2004 |
| Ukraine | | Ac | 06.07.1993 | 05.08.1993 |
| United Arab Emirates | | Ac | 16.10.2003 | 15.11.2003 |
| United Kingdom | 13.06.1980 | R | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |
| United States | 03.03.1980 | R | 13.12.1982 | 08.02.1987 |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 24.10.2003 | 23.11.2003 |
| Uzbekistan | | Ac | 09.02.1998 | 11.03.1998 |
| European Atomic Energy Community | 13.06.1980 | C | 06.09.1991 | 06.10.1991 |

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97. CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION

Objectives

To protect man and his environment against air pollution and to endeavour to limit and, as far as possible, gradually reduce and prevent air pollution, including long-range transboundary air pollution.

Summary of provisions

- (a) By means of exchanges of information, consultation, research and monitoring, policies and strategies to be developed without undue delay which will serve as a means of combating the discharge of air pollutants;
- (b) Cooperation in the conduct of research into and/or development of:
 - (i) Existing and proposed technologies for reducing emissions of sulphur compounds and other major air pollutants, including technical and economic feasibility, and their environmental consequences;
 - (ii) Instrumentation and other techniques for monitoring and measuring emission rates and ambient concentrations of air pollutants;
 - (iii) Improved models for better understanding of the transmission of long-range transboundary air pollutants;
 - (iv) The effects of sulphur compounds and other major air pollutants on human health and the environment, including agriculture, forestry, materials, aquatic and other natural ecosystems and visibility, with a view to establishing a scientific basis for dose/effect relationships designed to protect the environment;
 - (v) Education and training programmes related to the environmental aspects of pollution by sulphur compounds and other major air pollutants;
- (c) An Executive Body to be established within the framework of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Programmes, which shall:
 - (i) Review the implementation of the Convention;
 - (ii) Establish, as appropriate, working groups to consider matters related to the implementation and development of the Convention, and to this end to prepare appropriate studies and other documentation and submit recommendations to be considered by the Executive Body;
 - (iii) Fulfil such other functions as may be appropriate under the provisions of the Convention.

Membership

Open for accession by the member States of the Economic Commission for Europe, as well as States having consultative status with the Commission and by regional economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign States members of the Commission.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 13.11.1979 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 16.03.1983 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Armenia | | Ac | 21.02.1994 |
| Austria | 13.11.1979 | R | 16.12.1982 |
| Azerbaijan | | Ac | 03.07.2002 |
| Belarus | 14.11.1979 | R | 13.01.1980 |
| Belgium | 13.11.1979 | R | 15.07.1982 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 01.09.1993 |
| Bulgaria | 14.11.1979 | R | 09.06.1981 |
| Canada | 13.11.1979 | R | 15.12.1981 |
| Croatia | | S | 21.09.1992 |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 20.11.1991 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 30.09.1993 |
| Denmark | 14.11.1979 | R | 18.06.1982 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 07.03.2000 |
| European Community | 14.11.1979 | Ap | 15.07.1982 |
| Finland | 13.11.1979 | R | 15.04.1981 |
| France | 13.11.1979 | Ap | 03.11.1981 |
| Georgia | | Ac | 11.02.1999 |
| Germany ¹⁰⁵ | 13.11.1979 | R | 15.07.1982 |
| Greece | 14.11.1979 | R | 30.08.1983 |
| Holy See | 14.11.1979 | | |
| Hungary | 13.11.1979 | R | 22.09.1980 |
| Iceland | 13.11.1979 | R | 05.05.1983 |

¹⁰⁵ With a declaration.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Ireland | 13.11.1979 | R | 15.07.1982 |
| Italy | 14.11.1979 | R | 15.07.1982 |
| Kazakhstan | | Ac | 11.01.2001 |
| Kyrgyzstan | | Ac | 25.05.2000 |
| Latvia | | R | 22.11.1983 |
| Liechtenstein | 14.11.1979 | R | 22.11.1983 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 25.01.1994 |
| Luxembourg | 13.11.1979 | R | 15.07.1982 |
| Malta | | Ac | 14.03.1997 |
| Monaco | | Ac | 27.08.1999 |
| Netherlands | 13.11.1979 | At | 15.07.1982 |
| Norway | 13.11.1979 | R | 13.02.1981 |
| Poland | 13.11.1979 | R | 19.07.1985 |
| Portugal | 14.11.1979 | R | 29.09.1980 |
| Republic of Moldova | | Ac | 09.06.1995 |
| Romania | 14.11.1979 | R | 27.02.1991 |
| Russian Federation ¹⁰⁶ | 13.11.1979 | R | 22.05.1980 |
| San Marino | 14.11.1979 | | |
| Serbia and Montenegro ¹⁰⁷ | | S | 12.03.2001 |
| Slovakia | | S | 28.05.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 06.07.1992 |
| Spain | 14.11.1979 | R | 15.06.1982 |

¹⁰⁶ A declaration received by depositary on 20.04.1983.

¹⁰⁷ The former Yugoslav had signed and ratified the Convention on 13 November 1979 and 18 March 1987 respectively.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---|------------|--|------------|
| Sweden | 13.11.1979 | R | 12.02.1981 |
| Switzerland | 13.11.1979 | R | 06.05.1983 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | S | 30.12.1997 |
| Turkey | 13.11.1979 | R | 18.04.1983 |
| Ukraine | 14.11.1979 | R | 06.06.1980 |
| United Kingdom ¹⁰⁸ | 13.11.1979 | R | 15.07.1982 |
| United States of America | 13.11.1979 | At | 30.11.1981 |

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¹⁰⁸ The Convention is also effective in respect of the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Isle of Man, Gibraltar and the United Kingdom Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the Island of Cyprus

98. CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE VICUNA

Objectives

To continue to promote the conservation and management of the vicuna.

Summary of provisions

- (a) The signatory Governments to place the vicuna under strict State control, applying such technical methods of wildlife management as the competent official authorities may determine (art. 1);
- (b) The hunting of and illegal trade in the vicuna, its products and derivatives to be prohibited within the territory of the signatory Governments (art. 2);
- (c) The export of fertile vicuna semen or other reproductive material to be prohibited, except to member countries for research and/or repopulation (art. 4);
- (d) National parks, reserves and other protected areas to be maintained and areas of repopulation managed as wildland areas, and be extended as a matter of priority under State control (art. 5);
- (e) Continued comprehensive research on the vicuna agreed upon, as well as an active interchange of information through a Multinational Documentation Centre (art. 6);
- (f) Technical assistance for management and repopulation, including training of personnel, dissemination and extension of activities aimed at the conservation and management of the vicuna is agreed to (art. 7);
- (g) A Technical Administrative Commission created (art. 8).

Membership

Open for signature by Argentina, and for ratification by Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru. The Convention is not open for accession by any other countries due to its specific nature.

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|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 20.12.1979 |
| Place of adoption | Lima |
| Date of entry into force | 20.12.1979 (provisional) 19.03.1982 (definitive) |
| Date of expiration | 31.12.1989 |
| Language | Spanish |
| Depositary | Peru |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Bolivia | 19.03.1982 |
| Chile | 19.03.1982 |
| Ecuador | 07.05.1982 |
| Peru | 19.03.1982 |

99. CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES

Objectives

To safeguard the environment and protect the integrity of the ecosystem of the seas surrounding Antarctica, and to conserve Antarctic marine living resources.

Summary of provisions

A Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, established, with the following functions:

- (a) To facilitate research into and comprehensive studies of Antarctic marine living resources and the Antarctic marine ecosystems;
- (b) To compile data on the status of and changes in populations of Antarctic marine living resources, and on factors affecting the distribution, abundance and productivity of harvested species and dependent or related species or populations;
- (c) To ensure the acquisition of catch and effort statistics on harvested populations;
- (d) To analyze, disseminate and publish the information referred to in subparagraphs (b) and (c) above, and the reports of the Scientific Committee;
- (e) To identify conservation needs and analyze the effectiveness of conservation measures;
- (f) To formulate, adopt and revise conservation measures on the basis of the best scientific evidence available;
- (g) To implement a system of observation and inspection;
- (h) To carry out such other activities as are necessary to fulfill the objective of the Convention.

Membership

Open for accession by any State interested in research of harvesting activities in relation to the marine living resources to which the Convention applies, and by regional economic integration organizations which include among their members one or more States members of the Commission and to which the States members of the organization have transferred, in whole or in part, competence with regard to the matters covered by the Convention.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 20.05.1980 |
| Place of adoption | Canberra |
| Date of entry into force | 07.04.1982 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Australia |

(Status as of 10 September 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Acceptance (At) Succession (S) | Date | |
|-------------|------------|---|------------|------------|
| Argentina | 11.09.1980 | R | 28.05.1982 | 27.06.1982 |
| Australia | 11.09.1980 | R | 06.05.1981 | 07.04.1982 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Acceptance (At) Succession (S) | Date | |
|--------------------|------------|---|------------|---------------------------|
| Belgium | 11.09.1980 | R | 22.02.1984 | 23.03.1984 |
| Brazil | | At | 28.01.1986 | 27.02.1986 |
| Bulgaria | | Ac | 01.09.1992 | 01.10.1992 |
| Canada | | Ac | 01.07.1988 | 31.07.1988 |
| Chile | 11.09.1980 | R | 22.07.1981 | 31.04.1982 |
| European Community | | Ac | 21.04.1982 | 21.05.1982 |
| Finland | | Ac | 06.09.1989 | 06.10.1989 |
| France | 16.09.1980 | Ac | 16.09.1982 | 16.10.1982 |
| Germany | 11.09.1980 | R | 23.04.1982 | 23.05.1982 |
| Greece | | Ac | 12.02.1987 | 14.03.1987 |
| India | | At | 17.06.1985 | 17.07.1985 |
| Italy | | Ac | 29.03.1989 | 28.04.1989 |
| Japan | 12.09.1980 | At | 26.05.1981 | 07.04.1982 |
| Mauritius | | Ac | 02.10.2004 | |
| Namibia | | Ac | 29.06.2000 | |
| Netherlands | | Ac | 23.02.1990 | 25.03.1990 |
| New Zealand | 11.09.1980 | R | 08.03.1982 | 07.04.1982 |
| Norway | 11.09.1980 | R | 06.12.1983 | 05.01.1984 |
| Peru | | Ac | 23.06.1989 | 23.07.1989 |
| Poland | 11.09.1980 | R | 28.03.1984 | 27.04.1984 |
| Republic of Korea | | Ac | 29.03.1985 | 28.04.1985 |
| Russian Federation | | S | 15.01.1992 | 07.04.1982 ¹⁰⁹ |
| South Africa | 11.09.1980 | R | 23.07.1981 | 07.04.1982 |

¹⁰⁹ The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed the Convention on 11.09.1980 and deposited the instrument of ratification on 26.05.1981.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) Acceptance (At) Succession (S) | Date | |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|------------|
| Spain | | Ac | 09.04.1984 | 09.05.1984 |
| Sweden | | R | 06.06.1984 | 06.07.1984 |
| Ukraine | | S | 22.04.1994 | 22.05.1994 |
| United Kingdom | 11.09.1980 | R | 31.08.1981 | 07.04.1982 |
| United States of America | 11.09.1980 | R | 18.02.1982 | 07.04.1982 |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 22.03.1985 | 21.04.1984 |
| Vanuatu | | Ac | 20.07.2001 | |

100. EUROPEAN OUTLINE CONVENTION ON TRANSFRONTIER COOPERATION BETWEEN TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES OR AUTHORITIES

Objectives

To facilitate and foster transfrontier cooperation between territorial communities or authorities of each Contracting Party.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to endeavour to promote the conclusion of agreements and arrangements that may prove necessary for the purpose of transfrontier cooperation, with due regard to constitutional provisions of each party;

(b) Parties to encourage any initiative by territorial communities and authorities inspired by the outline arrangements between territorial communities and authorities drawn up in the Council of Europe, which may be based on model agreements, statutes and contracts appended to the Convention;

(c) Parties to endeavour to resolve any legal, administrative or technical difficulties liable to hamper the development and smooth running of transfrontier cooperation, and consult with other contracting parties concerned to the extent required;

(d) Parties to supply information to the fullest possible extent to other contracting parties, on request;

(e) Parties to inform the territorial communities or authorities concerned of the means of action open to them under this Convention.

Membership

Open for signature by the member States of the Council of Europe. The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may decide unanimously to invite any European non-member State to accede to the Convention.

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Date of adoption | 21.05.1980 |
| Place of adoption | Madrid |
| Date of entry into force | 22.12.1981 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Council of Europe |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Albania | 07.05.1999 | R | 07.11.2001 | 08.02.2002 |
| Armenia | 03.04.2002 | R | 31.10.2003 | 01.02.2004 |
| Austria | 21.05.1980 | R | 18.10.1982 | 19.01.1983 |
| Azerbaijan | 05.01.2004 | R | 30.03.2004 | 01.07.2004 |
| Belgium | 24.09.1980 | R | 06.04.1987 | 07.07.1987 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 30.04.2004 | | | |
| Bulgaria | 02.06.1998 | R | 07.05.1999 | 08.08.1999 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Croatia | 07.05.1999 | R | 17.09.2003 | 18.12.2003 |
| Czech Republic | 24.06.1998 | R | 20.12.1999 | 21.03.2000 |
| Denmark | 02.04.1981 | R | 02.04.1981 | 22.12.1981 |
| Finland | 11.09.1990 | R | 11.09.1990 | 12.12.1990 |
| France | 10.11.1982 | R | 14.02.1984 | 15.05.1984 |
| Germany | 21.05.1980 | R | 21.09.1981 | 22.12.1981 |
| Hungary | 06.04.1992 | R | 21.03.1994 | 22.06.1994 |
| Iceland | 15.06.1999 | | | |
| Ireland | 21.05.1980 | R | 03.11.1982 | 04.02.1983 |
| Italy | 21.05.1980 | R | 29.03.1985 | 30.06.1985 |
| Latvia | 28.05.1998 | R | 01.12.1998 | 02.03.1999 |
| Liechtenstein | 20.10.1983 | R | 26.01.1984 | 27.04.1984 |
| Lithuania | 07.06.1996 | R | 13.06.1997 | 14.09.1997 |
| Luxembourg | 21.05.1980 | R | 30.03.1983 | 01.07.1983 |
| Malta | 07.05.1999 | | | |
| Moldova | 04.05.1998 | R | 30.11.1999 | 01.02.2000 |
| Netherlands | 21.05.1980 | R | 26.10.1981 | 27.01.1982 |
| Norway | 21.05.1980 | R | 12.08.1980 | 22.12.1981 |
| Poland | 19.01.1993 | R | 19.03.1993 | 20.06.1993 |
| Portugal | 16.03.1987 | R | 10.01.1989 | 11.04.1990 |
| Romania | 27.02.1996 | R | 16.07.2003 | 17.10.2003 |
| Russian Federation | 03.11.1999 | R | 04.10.2002 | 05.01.2003 |
| Slovakia | 07.09.1998 | R | 01.02.2000 | 02.05.2000 |
| Slovenia | 28.01.1998 | R | 17.07.2003 | 18.10.2003 |
| Spain | 01.10.1986 | R | 24.08.1990 | 25.11.1990 |
| Sweden | 21.05.1980 | R | 23.04.1981 | 22.12.1981 |
| Switzerland | 16.04.1981 | R | 03.03.1982 | 04.06.1982 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Turkey | 04.02.1998 | R | 11.07.2001 | 12.10.2001 |
| Ukraine | | Ac | 21.09.1993 | 22.12.1993 |

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101. CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES¹¹⁰

Objectives

To promote the conservation and optimum utilization of the fishery resources of the North-East Atlantic area within a framework appropriate to the regime of extended coastal State jurisdiction over fisheries, and accordingly to encourage international cooperation and consultation with respect to these resources.

Summary of provisions

(a) The Convention to apply to all fishery resources within the Convention area defined in article 1, with the exception of sea mammals and sedentary species;

(b) The parties to establish and maintain a North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission, the Commission may set up such committees and other subsidiary bodies as it considers desirable for the exercise of its duties and funding (art. 3);

(c) The Commission shall perform its functions in the interests of the conservation and optimum utilization of the fisheries resources of the Convention areas, and shall take into account the best scientific evidence available to it. It shall also provide a forum for consultation and the exchange of information on the state of fisheries resources in the convention areas and on management policies (art. 4);

(d) The Commission shall make recommendations concerning fisheries conducted beyond the areas under the fisheries jurisdiction of the contracting parties (art. 5). It may make recommendations and give advice concerning fisheries conducted within an area under the fisheries jurisdiction of a contracting party if the contracting party in question so requests (art. 6);

(e) The Commission may be a qualified majority make recommendations concerning measures of control relating to fisheries (art. 8).

Membership

Open for signature by the following States: Bulgaria, Cuba, Denmark in respect of the Faeroe Islands, the European Community, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the Russian Federation. Any State not appearing in the list, other than a member state of the European Community, may accede to the Convention at any time after it has entered into force, provided that an application for the accession of that State meets with the approval of three quarters of all the contracting parties.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 08.11.1980 |
| Place of adoption | London |
| Date of entry into force | 17.03.1982 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | United Kingdom |

(Status as of September 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation/ Termination |
|-------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Bulgaria | | Ac | 24.07.1984 | 24.07.1984 | |
| Cuba | 18.11.1980 | | | | |

¹¹⁰ Supersedes the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Convention (London, 24 January 1959).

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force | Denunciation/ Termination |
|---|------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Denmark (for Faeroe Islands) ¹¹¹ | 18.11.1980 | R | 15.03.1982 | 17.03.1982 | |
| Estonia | | Ac | 07.07.2003 | | 15.07.2005 |
| Iceland | 18.11.1980 | R | 06.07.1981 | 17.03.1982 | |
| Norway | 18.11.1980 | R | 03.07.1981 | 17.03.1982 | |
| Poland | 17.12.1980 | R | 20.11.1984 | 20.11.1984 | 21.04.2005 |
| Portugal | 18.11.1980 | R | 29.06.1983 | 29.06.1983 | |
| Russian Federation | 18.11.1980 | R | 03.02.1982 | 17.03.1982 | |
| Spain | 18.11.1980 | R | 09.03.1984 | 09.03.1984 | |
| Sweden | 19.12.1980 | R | 17.03.1982 | 17.03.1982 | |
| European Community | 18.11.1980 | R | 18.09.1981 | 17.03.1982 | |

¹¹¹ Also in respect of Greenland with effect from 31.01.1985, the date on which Greenland ceased to be part of the European Community.

102. CONVENTION CREATING THE NIGER BASIN AUTHORITY¹¹² AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT FUND OF THE NIGER BASIN

Objectives

To transform the River Niger Commission into a Niger Basin Authority and to create a Development Fund to contribute to the development of the Niger Basin.

Summary of provisions

(a) The River Niger Commission converted into a Niger Basin Authority (Convention, art. 1), the riparian States of the Niger River, its tributaries and sub-tributaries, which are signatories of the Convention, to be members of the Authority (Convention, art. 2);

(b) The functions of the Authority to include, harmonization and coordination of national development policies, in order to ensure an equitable policy as regards sharing of the water resources among member States, formulation, in agreement with the members States, of a general policy for the development of the Basin which shall be consistent with its international status, preparation and implementation of an integrated development plan for the Basin, initiation status, preparation and implementation of an integrated development plan for the Basin, initiation and monitoring of an orderly and rational regional policy for the utilization of surface and underground waters in the Basin, design and conduct of studies, research and surveys, formulation of plans, construction, exploitation and maintenance of structures and projects in keeping with the general objectives of integrated development of the Basin (Convention, art. 4);

(c) Establishment of a Development Fund to contribute to the development of the Basin (Protocol, art. 1), the Fund to obtain resources from contributions from member States, external resources, gifts and grants, trust funds, and any income from the fund's operations (Protocol, art. 3);

(d) The Fund's functions to include collection of financial resources necessary for achievement of the objectives of the Authority, and the guaranteeing of loans for the implementation of projects (Protocol, art. 2).

Membership

Restricted to the riparian signatory States.

| | Convention | Protocol |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 21.11.1980 | 21.11.1980 |
| Place of adoption | Faranah, Guinea | Faranah, Guinea |
| Date of entry into force | 03.12.1982 | 03.12.1982 |
| Languages | English, French | English, French |
| Depositary | Niger | Niger |

| Participant | Entry into force for the Convention and the Protocol |
|--------------------|---|
| Benin | 03.12.1982 |
| Burkina Faso | 03.12.1982 |
| Cameroon | 03.12.1982 |
| Chad | 03.12.1982 |

¹¹² The Convention supersedes the Agreement signed in Niamey on 25 November 1964, as amended in Niamey on 2 February 1968 and 15 June 1973, and in Lagos on 26 January 1979.

| Participant | Entry into force for the Convention and the Protocol |
|--------------------|---|
| Côte d'Ivoire | 03.12.1982 |
| Guinea | 03.12.1982 |
| Guinea | 03.12.1982 |
| Mali | 03.12.1982 |
| Niger | 03.12.1982 |
| Nigeria | 03.12.1982 |

103. **PROTOCOL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AGAINST POLLUTION FROM LAND- BASED SOURCES**

Objectives

To prevent, abate, combat and control pollution of the Mediterranean Sea are by discharges from rivers, coastal establishments or outfalls, or emanating from any other land-based sources within their territories.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to establish programmes and measures, particularly including emission standards and standards for using and discharging substances listed in annexes I and II or wastes containing such substances (arts. 5-7);
- (b) Parties to carry out activities to assess the levels of pollution along their coasts and to evaluate the effects of measures taken under the Protocol;
- (c) Parties to cooperate as far as possible in scientific and technological fields (arts. 9 and 10) as well as in the case of conflicts (arts. 11 and 12);
- (d) Parties to convene ordinary and extraordinary meetings to review the implementation of the Protocol and consider the efficacy of the measures adopted and the advisability of any other measures (art. 14);

Membership

Open to any State invited to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Coastal States of the Mediterranean Region for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution from Land-based Sources held in Athens from 12 to 17 May 1980, to the European Community and to any similar regional Economic grouping of which at least one member is a coastal State of the Mediterranean Sea area and which exercises competence in fields covered by the Protocol. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to be deposited with the Government of Spain.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 17.05.1980 |
| Place of adoption | Athens |
| Date of entry into force | 17.06.1983 |
| Languages | Arabic, English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Spain |

(Status as of 14 September 2004)

| Participants | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Albania | | Ac | 30.05.1990 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 02.05.1983 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 22.10.1994 |
| Croatia | | S | 12.06.1992 |
| Cyprus | 17.05.1980 | R | 28.06.1988 |

| Participants | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Egypt | | Ac | 18.05.1983 |
| France ¹¹³ | 17.05.1980 | Ap | 13.07.1982 |
| Greece | 17.05.1980 | R | 26.01.1987 |
| Israel | 17.05.1980 | R | 21.02.1991 |
| Italy | 17.05.1980 | R | 04.07.1985 |
| Lebanon | 17.05.1980 | R | 27.12.1994 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 17.05.1980 | Ap | 06.06.1989 |
| Malta | 17.05.1980 | R | 02.03.1989 |
| Monaco | 17.05.1980 | R | 12.01.1983 |
| Morocco | 17.05.1980 | R | 09.02.1987 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | Ac | 16.07.2002 |
| Slovenia | | Ac | 16.09.1993 |
| Spain | 17.05.1980 | R | 06.06.1984 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | Ac | 01.12.1993 |
| Tunisia | 17.05.1980 | R | 29.10.1981 |
| Turkey | | Ac | 21.02.1983 |
| European Community | 17.05.1980 | Ap | 07.10.1983 |

¹¹³ With a reservation.

104. CONVENTION FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REGION

Objectives

To protect the marine environment, coastal zones and related internal waters falling within the jurisdiction of the States of the West and Central African region.

Summary of provisions

The Parties shall:

- (a) Take all necessary measures to prevent, reduce, combat and control pollution of the Convention area (art. 4), particularly pollution from ships and aircraft (arts. 5 and 6), and activities relating to exploration and exploitation of the sea bed (art. 8) and pollution from or through the atmosphere (art. 9);
- (b) Prevent, reduce, combat and control coastal erosion (art. 10);
- (c) Protect and preserve rare or fragile ecosystems, as well as the habitat of depleted, threatened or endangered species and other marine life in specially protected areas (art. 11);
- (d) Cooperate in dealing with pollution emergencies in the Convention area (art. 12), and in exchanging data and other scientific information (art. 14);
- (e) Develop technical and other guidelines regarding environmental impact assessment of their development projects (art. 13);
- (f) Establish rules and procedures for the determination of liability and the payment of adequate and prompt compensation for pollution damage of the Convention area (art. 15).

Membership

Since 23 June 1981, the Convention is open for accession by any coastal or island State from Mauritania to Namibia inclusive, on condition that the State also becomes a party to at least one of its related Protocols. After the entry into force of the Convention, any other African State may accede to the Convention subject to the same condition.

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 23.03.1981 |
| Place of adoption | Abidjan |
| Date of entry into force | 05.08.1984 |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Côte d'Ivoire |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Cameroon | Ac | 01.03.1983 | 05.08.1984 |
| Congo | R | 19.12.1987 | 19.02.1988 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | R | 15.01.1982 | 05.08.1984 |
| Gabon | Ac | 13.12.1988 | 11.02.1989 |
| Gambia | R | 06.12.1984 | 05.02.1985 |
| Ghana | R | 20.07.1989 | 18.09.1989 |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|--------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Guinea | R | 04.03.1982 | 05.08.1984 |
| Guinea | R | 04.03.1982 | 05.08.1984 |
| Nigeria | R | 06.06.1984 | 05.08.1984 |
| Senegal | R | 10.05.1983 | 05.08.1984 |
| Togo | R | 16.11.1983 | 05.08.1984 |

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105. PROTOCOL CONCERNING COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION IN CASES OF EMERGENCY¹¹⁴

Objectives

To protect the marine environment, the coastal zones and the related internal waters falling within the jurisdiction of the States of the West and Central African region against pollution in cases of emergency.

Summary of provisions

The Parties are to:

- (a) Cooperate in all matters relating to the protection of their respective coastline and related interests from the threat and effects of pollution resulting from marine emergencies, especially by exchanging relevant information (arts. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10);
- (b) Assist each other, on demand, in cases of marine emergencies (art. 8);
- (c) Endeavour to maintain and promote marine emergency contingency plans (art. 9), and take appropriate measures to prevent, reduce, combat and control the effects of pollution, including surveillance and monitoring of marine emergencies (art. 10).

Membership

Restricted to States which are parties to the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region.

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 23.03.1981 |
| Place of adoption | Abidjan |
| Date of entry into force | 05.08.1984 |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Côte d'Ivoire |

| Participant | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Cameroon | Ac | 01.03.1983 | 05.08.1984 |
| Congo | R | 19.12.1987 | 19.02.1988 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | R | 15.01.1982 | 05.08.1984 |
| Gabon | Ac | 13.12.1988 | 11.02.1989 |
| Gambia | R | 06.12.1984 | 05.02.1985 |
| Ghana | R | 20.07.1989 | 18.09.1989 |
| Guinea | R | 04.03.1982 | 05.08.1984 |
| Nigeria | R | 06.06.1984 | 05.08.1984 |
| Senegal | R | 10.05.1983 | 05.08.1984 |
| Togo | R | 16.11.1983 | 05.08.1984 |

¹¹⁴ To the Convention for Cooperation for the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region.

106. CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND COASTAL AREA OF THE SOUTH-EAST PACIFIC

Objectives

To protect the marine environment and coastal zones of the South-East Pacific within the 200-mile area of maritime sovereignty and jurisdiction of the Parties, and beyond that area, the high seas up to a distance within which pollution of the high seas may affect that area.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agree to:

- (a) Take all necessary measures to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the Convention area (art. 3), particularly pollution from land-based sources, from or through the atmosphere, from vessels and from any other installations and devices operating in the marine environment (art. 4);
- (b) Prevent, reduce, combat and control coastal erosion (art. 10);
- (c) Cooperate in dealing with pollution emergencies in the Convention area (art. 6), and in exchanging data and other scientific information (arts. 9 and 10);
- (d) Cooperate in establishing programmes for monitoring pollution and assessing environmental impacts in the area (arts. 7 and 8);
- (e) Establish rules and procedures for the determination of civil liability and compensate for damage resulting from pollution of the environment and coastal area (art. II);
- (f) Convene ordinary and extraordinary meetings, within the framework of the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific (CPPS), for reviewing the implementation of the Convention (art. 12);
- (g) Designate the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific to discharge secretariat functions under the Convention (art. 13).

Membership

Open to States bordering the South-East Pacific.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 12.11.1981 |
| Place of adoption | Lima |
| Date of entry into force | 19.05.1986 |
| Language | Spanish |
| Depositary | Permanent Commission for the South Pacific |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Chile | 12.11.1981 | 20.03.1986 | 19.05.1986 |
| Colombia | 12.11.1981 | 06.08.1985 | 19.05.1986 |
| Ecuador | 12.11.1981 | 26.10.1983 | 19.05.1986 |
| Panama | 12.11.1981 | 23.07.1986 | 21.09.1986 |
| Peru | 12.11.1981 | 27.07.1988 | 25.02.1989 |

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107. AGREEMENT ON REGIONAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION OF THE SOUTH-EAST PACIFIC BY HYDROCARBONS OR OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY

Objectives

To protect the coastal States and marine ecosystem against pollution of the South-East Pacific by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency.

Summary of provisions

(a) The parties to combine their efforts in taking the necessary measures to neutralize or control harmful effects when the marine environment is threatened (art. I);

(b) The parties to maintain and promote their contingency plans and programmes aimed at combating marine pollution by oil and other harmful substances (art. IV);

(c) The parties to carry out monitoring activities (art. V) and cooperate in salvaging harmful substances (art. VI);

(d) The parties to exchange information regarding their competent national authorities for combating pollution, assistance programmes or measures to combat pollution and the development of related research programmes (art. VII);

(e) The parties to coordinate the use of their means of communication and issue instructions for the captains of ships and the pilots of aircraft to report, on the basis of the guidelines contained in the annex to the Agreement, the presence, characteristics and extent of oil slicks and other harmful substances observed in the area (art. IX);

(f) Parties faced with an emergency to make the necessary assessment, adopt all appropriate measures to avert or reduce the effects of the pollution, inform all other parties involved and report thereon (art. X);

(g) The parties designate the Permanent Mission for the South Pacific as secretariat for the Agreement (art. XIII).

Membership

Open to States bordering the South-East Pacific.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 12.11.1981 |
| Place of adoption | Lima |
| Date of entry into force | 14.07.1986 |
| Language | Spanish |
| Depositary | Permanent Commission of the South Pacific |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Chile | 12.11.1981 | 14.05.1986 | 14.07.1986 |
| Colombia | 12.11.1981 | 06.08.1985 | 14.07.1986 |
| Ecuador | 12.11.1981 | 26.10.1983 | 14.07.1986 |
| Panama | 12.11.1981 | 23.07.1986 | 21.09.1986 |
| Peru | 12.11.1981 | 20.02.1989 | 18.04.1989 |

108. CONVENTION CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Objectives

To prevent accidents and injury to health by minimizing the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Each Party to formulate, implement and periodically review a coherent national policy on occupational safety, occupational health and the working environment (art. 4 (1));
- (b) The policy referred to in Article 4 of this Convention to indicate the respective functions and responsibilities in respect of occupational safety and health and the working environment of public authorities, employers, workers and others (art. 6);
- (c) Each Party to review the situation regarding occupational safety and the health and the working environment at appropriate intervals, with a view to identifying major problems involving effective methods for dealing with them and priorities of action, and evaluation results (art. 7);
- (d) Parties to take such steps as may be necessary to give effect to Article 4 of this Convention (art. 8);
- (e) The enforcement of laws and regulations concerning occupational safety and health and the working environment to be secured by an adequate and appropriate system of inspection (art. 9 (1));
- (f) The enforcement system to provide for adequate penalties for violations of the laws and regulations (art. 9 (2)).

Membership

Open for ratification to all States members of the International Labour Organization. Instruments of ratification to be deposited with the Director-General of the International Labour Office.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 22.06.1981 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 11.08.1983 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | International Labour Office |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Ratification |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Albania | 09.02.2004 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 16.09.2002 |
| Australia | 26.03.2004 |
| Belarus | 30.05.2000 |
| Belize | 22.06.1999 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 02.06.1993 |
| Brazil | 18.05.1992 |

| Participant | Ratification |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Cape Verde | 09.08.2000 |
| Croatia | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba | 07.09.1982 |
| Cyprus | 16.01.1989 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |
| Denmark | 10.07.1995 |
| El Salvador | 12.10.2000 |
| Ethiopia | 28.01.1991 |
| Finland | 24.04.1985 |
| Hungary | 04.01.1994 |
| Iceland | 21.06.1991 |
| Ireland | 04.04.1995 |
| Kazakhstan | 30.07.1996 |
| Latvia | 25.07.1994 |
| Lesotho | 01.11.2001 |
| Luxembourg | 21.03.2001 |
| Mexico | 01.02.1984 |
| Republic of Moldova | 28.04.2000 |
| Mongolia | 03.02.1998 |
| Netherlands | 22.05.1991 |
| Nigeria | 03.05.1994 |
| Norway | 22.06.1982 |
| Portugal | 28.05.1985 |
| Russian Federation | 02.07.1998 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 04.05.2005 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 24.11.2000 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |

| Participant | Ratification |
|---|---------------------|
| Slovenia | 29.05.1992 |
| South Africa | 18.02.2003 |
| Spain | 11.09.1985 |
| Sweden | 11.08.1982 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 17.11.1991 |
| Turkey | 22.04.2005 |
| Uruguay | 05.09.1988 |
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109. REGIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN ENVIRONMENT

Objectives

To ensure rational human use of living and non-living marine and coastal resources in a manner ensuring optimum benefit for the present generation, at the same time maintaining the potential of that environment to satisfy the needs and aspirations of future generations.

Summary of provisions

(a) The contracting parties to cooperate in the formulation of Protocols to implement the Convention, establish national standards, laws and regulations, endeavour to harmonize their national policies and cooperate with the competent international, regional and subregional organizations to establish and adopt regional standards and recommended practices and procedures (art. III);

(b) The contracting parties to prevent, abate and combat pollution from ships (art. IV), pollution caused by dumping from ships and aircraft (art. V); pollution from land-based sources (art. VI), pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the bed of the territorial sea, the continental shelf and the subsoil thereof (art. VII) and pollution from other human activities (art. VIII);

(c) The contracting parties to cooperate in dealing with pollution emergencies (art. IX), in the fields of science and technology (art. X) and in the formulation and adoption of rules regarding civil liability and compensation for pollution damage (art. XIII)

(d) A Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment established (art. XVI), to consist of the following organs:

(i) A Council comprised of a representative of each contracting party;

(ii) A General Secretariat;

(iii) A Committee for Settlement of Disputes.

Membership

Open for signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by Governments invited to the Jeddah Regional Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Conservation of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden convened from 13 to 15 February 1982.

Any Party which has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention is deemed to have ratified, accepted, approval or acceded to the Protocol, and any State member of the Arab League has a right of accession to the Convention.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Date of adoption | 14.02.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Jeddah, Saudi Arabia |
| Date of entry into force | 20.08.1985 |
| Language | Arabic |
| Depositary | Saudi Arabia |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Djibouti | 02.03.1998 |
| Egypt | 20.08.1990 |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jordan | 07.02.1989 |
| Palestine ¹¹⁵ | 20.08.1985 |
| Saudi Arabia | 20.08.1985 |
| Somalia | 30.05.1988 |
| Sudan | 20.08.1985 |
| Yemen | 20.08.1985 |

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¹¹⁵ Represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

110. PROTOCOL CONCERNING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION BY OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY¹¹⁶

Objectives

To enhance measures for responding to pollution emergencies on a national and regional basis.

Summary of provisions

(a) The contracting parties to cooperate in combating pollution by oil and other harmful substances and shall maintain and promote contingency plans (arts. II and X);

(b) The contracting parties to establish a Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre, which shall collect and disseminate to them information concerning matters covered by the Protocol, and assist them in the preparation of laws and regulations, contingency plans and transport procedures in the transmission of reports concerning marine emergencies and in promoting as well as developing training programmes for combating pollution (art. III);

(c) Any contracting party needing assistance in a marine emergency may request it directly from any other contracting party or through the Centre (art. XI);

(d) Each contracting party establish and maintain an appropriate authority to fulfil its obligations (art. XII);

(e) The contracting parties shall cooperate under the Protocol by exchanging relevant information (arts. V, VI, VII and VIII).

Membership

Any State which is entitled to become a party to the Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment is automatically entitled to become a party to the Protocol.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Date of adoption | 14.02.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Jeddah, Saudi Arabia |
| Date of entry into force | 20.08.1985 |
| Language | Arabic |
| Depositary | Saudi Arabia |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Djibouti | 02.03.1998 |
| Egypt | 20.08.1990 |
| Jordan | 07.02.1989 |
| Palestine ¹¹⁷ | 20.08.1985 |
| Saudi Arabia | 20.08.1985 |
| Somalia | 30.05.1988 |

¹¹⁶ To the Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environment.

¹¹⁷ Represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Sudan | 20.08.1985 |
| Yemen | 20.08.1985 |

111. CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF SALMON IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

Objectives

To promote the conservation, restoration, enhancement and rational management of salmon stock in the North Atlantic Ocean through international cooperation, as well as the acquisition, analysis and dissemination of appropriate scientific information.

Summary of provisions

- (a) The Convention to apply to specific salmon stocks, the views of any party with regard to its jurisdiction over fisheries or the law of the sea not to be affected (art. 1);
- (b) The fishing of salmon to be prohibited in certain areas, with some exceptions (art.2). The North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization to be established with legal personality, its components and objectives defined in article 3;
- (c) Regulatory measures proposed to be notified by the Secretary, they shall be binding unless an objection is lodged or they are denounced. Emergency regulatory measures shall also be proposed and may be objected to (art. 13)
- (d) All parties to ensure that the provisions of the Convention as well as the regulatory measures binding on them are made effective, including the imposition of adequate penalties for violations, and to produce an annual statement of action taken in that regard (art. 14);
- (e) All parties to provide information on statistical, scientific, legal and regulatory measures and programmes relating to the conservation, restoration and enhancement of salmon stocks (art. 15). Annual reports regarding the adoption or repeal of related laws, regulation and programmes, as well as any new commitments regarding new measures, or information regarding new factors relevant to the abundance of salmon stocks, to be prepared.

Membership

The Convention is subject to ratification or approval. It is open for accession by Canada, Denmark (in respect of the Faeroe Islands), Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the United States of America and EEC, and, subject to the approval of the Council, by any other State that exercises fisheries jurisdiction in the North Atlantic Ocean or is a State of origin for salmon stocks subject to this Convention.

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Date of adoption | 02.03.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Reykjavik |
| Date of entry into force | 01.10.1983 |
| Language | English, French |
| Depositary | European Community |

| Participant | Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification / Approval / Accession) | Entry into force | Withdrawal |
|------------------------|---|------------------|------------|
| Canada | 30.09.1983 | 01.10.1983 | |
| Denmark ¹¹⁸ | 31.01.1983 | 01.10.1983 | |
| Finland | 18.05.1984 | 18.05.1984 | 01.01.1995 |

¹¹⁸ For the Faeroe Islands. With respect to Greenland, the Convention entered into force on 17.04.1985.

| Participant | Date of deposit of Instrument of Ratification / Approval / Accession) | Entry into force | Withdrawal |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|------------|
| Iceland | 21.06.1982 | 01.10.1983 | |
| Norway | 20.05.1983 | 01.10.1983 | |
| Russian Federation | 20.01.1992 ¹¹⁹ | 11.09.1986 | |
| Sweden | 17.05.1984 | 17.05.1984 | 01.01.1995 |
| United States of America | 16.11.1982 | 01.10.1983 | |
| European Community | 14.12.1982 | 01.10.1983 | |

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¹¹⁹ As from 20.01.1992, the Russian Federation retains all the rights and fulfils the obligations formerly assumed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics under the Convention.

112. BENELUX CONVENTION ON NATURE CONSERVATION AND LANDSCAPE PROTECTION

Objectives

To preserve nature, natural areas and the landscapes,, especially in boundary regions.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to develop the concept of the protection of transboundary natural areas and landscapes (art. 3, para. 1);
- (b) Parties to establish programmes for the protection of such areas (art. 3, para. 2);
- (c) Parties to consult on management projects concerning transboundary areas;
- (d) Parties to establish the status of protection areas (art. 3, para. 2).

Membership

Restricted to the three signatory States.

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 08.06.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Brussels |
| Date of entry into force | 01.10.1983 |
| Languages | French, Dutch |
| Depositary | Benelux Economic Union |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 01.10.1983 |
| Luxembourg | 01.10.1983 |
| Netherlands | 01.10.1983 |

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113. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Objectives

To set up a comprehensive new legal regime for the sea and oceans and, as far as environmental provisions are concerned, to establish material rules concerning environmental standards as well as enforcement provisions dealing with pollution of the marine environment.

Summary of Provisions

- (a) Definition of the territorial sea and the contiguous zone (arts. 3 and 33);
 - (b) Use of straits for international navigation (arts. 34 to 45) and archipelagic States (arts. 46 to 54);
 - (c) Definition of the exclusive economic zone (art. 55). The parties to have sovereign rights therein for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, preserving and managing its natural resources, as well as other rights and duties (art. 56);
 - (d) The coastal State to exercise over the continental shelf, (defined in article 76) sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring it and exploiting its natural resources (defined in article 77);
 - (e) Freedom of the high seas to comprise (part VII) freedom of navigation, of overflight, of laying submarine cables and pipelines, subject to the provisions of part VI, of constructing artificial islands, etc., subject to the provisions of part VI, and of fishing and of scientific research, subject to the provisions of parts VI and XIII;
 - (f) The regime of islands described (art. 121), together with enclosed or semi-enclosed seas (arts. 122 and 123). Land-locked States to enjoy the right of access to and from the sea and freedom of transit (arts. 124 to 132);
 - (g) The Area (the sea bed and ocean floor and subsoil thereof,, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction) and its resources to be the common heritage of mankind (art. 136). The resources of the Area to be developed (arts. 150 to 155). An Authority to be established through which States Parties to the Convention shall organize and control activities in the area, particularly with a view to administering the resources of the Area (art. 157). A Sea Bed Disputes Chamber to be established, and the manner in which it shall exercise its jurisdiction specified (art. 186);
 - (h) International rules and national legislation to be developed for the prevention, reduction and control of pollution of the marine environment, and provisions set out concerning enforcement and responsibility and liability;
 - (i) Rules set out to govern marine scientific research, the development and transfer of marine technology and the settlement of disputes. The obligation to settle disputes by peaceful means specified (art. 279). Compulsory procedures set out entailing binding decisions:
 - (j) Uses of the seas for peaceful purposes (art. 301);
- The Convention has the following annexes:
- I. Highly migratory species;
 - II. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf;
 - III. Basic conditions of prospecting, exploration and exploitation;
 - IV. Statute of the Enterprise;
 - V. Conciliation;
 - VI. Statute of the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea;
 - VII. Arbitration;
 - VIII. Special arbitration;
 - IX. Participation by international organizations.

Membership

The Convention is open to all States and international organizations, as well as other entities referred to in article 305. It is subject to ratification, formal confirmation and accession. Instruments shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 10.12.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Montego Bay, Jamaica |
| Date of entry into force | 16.11.1994 |
| Languages | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Formal Confirmation (C)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Afghanistan | 18.03.1983 | | |
| Albania | | Ac | 23.06.2003 |
| Algeria | 10.12.1982 | R | 11.06.1996 |
| Angola | 10.12.1982 | R | 05.12.1990 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 07.02.1983 | R | 02.02.1989 |
| Argentina | 05.10.1984 | R | 01.12.1995 |
| Armenia | | Ac | 09.12.2002 |
| Australia | 10.12.1982 | R | 05.10.1994 |
| Austria | 10.12.1982 | R | 14.07.1995 |
| Bahamas | 10.12.1982 | R | 29.07.1983 |
| Bahrain | 10.12.1982 | R | 30.05.1985 |
| Bangladesh | 10.12.1982 | R | 27.07.2001 |
| Barbados | 10.12.1982 | R | 12.10.1993 |
| Belarus | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Belgium | 05.12.1984 | R | 13.11.1998 |
| Belize | 10.12.1982 | R | 13.08.1983 |
| Benin | 30.08.1983 | R | 16.10.1997 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Formal Confirmation (C)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Bhutan | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Bolivia | 27.11.1984 | R | 28.04.1995 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 12.01.1994 |
| Botswana | 05.12.1984 | R | 02.05.1990 |
| Brazil | 10.12.1982 | R | 22.12.1988 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 05.12.1984 | R | 05.11.1996 |
| Bulgaria | 10.12.1982 | R | 15.05.1996 |
| Burkina Faso | 10.12.1982 | R | 25.01.2005 |
| Burundi | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Cambodia | 01.07.1983 | | |
| Cameroon | 10.12.1982 | R | 19.11.1985 |
| Canada | 10.12.1982 | R | 07.11.2003 |
| Cape Verde | 10.12.1982 | R | 10.08.1987 |
| Central African Republic | 04.12.1984 | | |
| Chad | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Chile | 10.12.1982 | R | 25.08.1997 |
| China | 10.12.1982 | R | 07.06.1996 |
| Colombia | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Comoros | 06.12.1984 | R | 21.06.1994 |
| Congo | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Cook Islands | 10.12.1982 | R | 15.02.1995 |
| Costa Rica | 10.12.1982 | R | 21.09.1992 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 10.12.1982 | R | 26.03.1984 |
| Croatia | | S | 05.04.1995 |
| Cuba | 10.12.1982 | R | 15.08.1984 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Formal Confirmation (C)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Cyprus | 10.12.1982 | R | 12.12.1988 |
| Czech Republic | 22.02.1993 | S | 21.06.1996 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 22.08.1983 | R | 17.02.1989 |
| Denmark | 10.12.1982 | R | 16.11.2004 |
| Djibouti | 10.12.1982 | R | 08.10.1991 |
| Dominica | 28.03.1983 | R | 24.10.1991 |
| Dominican Republic | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Egypt | 10.12.1982 | R | 26.08.1983 |
| El Salvador | 05.12.1984 | | |
| Equatorial Guinea | 30.01.1984 | R | 21.07.1997 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 26.08.2005 |
| Ethiopia | 10.12.1982 | | |
| European Community | 07.12.1984 | C | 01.04.1998 |
| Fiji | 10.12.1982 | R | 10.12.1982 |
| Finland | 10.12.1982 | R | 21.06.1996 |
| France | 10.12.1982 | R | 11.04.1996 |
| Gabon | 10.12.1982 | R | 11.03.1998 |
| Gambia | 10.12.1982 | R | 22.05.1984 |
| Georgia | | Ac | 21.03.1996 |
| Germany | | Ac | 14.10.1994 |
| Ghana | 10.12.1982 | R | 07.06.1983 |
| Greece | 10.12.1982 | R | 21.07.1995 |
| Grenada | 10.12.1982 | R | 25.04.1991 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Formal Confirmation (C)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Guatemala | 08.07.1983 | R | 11.02.1997 |
| Guinea | 04.10.1984 | R | 06.09.1985 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 10.12.1982 | R | 25.08.1986 |
| Guyana | 10.12.1982 | R | 16.11.1993 |
| Haiti | 10.12.1982 | R | 31.07.1996 |
| Honduras | 10.12.1982 | R | 05.10.1993 |
| Hungary | 10.12.1982 | R | 05.02.2002 |
| Iceland | 10.12.1982 | R | 21.06.1985 |
| India | 10.12.1982 | R | 29.06.1995 |
| Indonesia | 10.12.1982 | R | 03.02.1986 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Iraq | 10.12.1982 | R | 30.07.1985 |
| Ireland | 10.12.1982 | R | 21.06.1996 |
| Italy | 07.12.1984 | R | 13.01.1995 |
| Jamaica | 10.12.1982 | R | 21.03.1983 |
| Japan | 07.02.1983 | R | 20.06.1996 |
| Jordan | | Ac | 27.11.1995 |
| Kenya | 10.12.1982 | R | 02.03.1989 |
| Kiribati | | Ac | 24.02.2003 |
| Kuwait | 10.12.1982 | R | 02.05.1986 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 10.12.1982 | R | 05.06.1998 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 23.12.2004 |
| Lebanon | 07.12.1984 | R | 05.01.1995 |
| Lesotho | 10.12.1982 | | |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Formal Confirmation (C)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Liberia | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 03.12.1984 | | |
| Liechtenstein | 30.11.1984 | | |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 12.11.2003 |
| Luxembourg | 05.12.1984 | R | 05.10.2000 |
| Madagascar | 25.02.1983 | R | 22.08.2001 |
| Malawi | 07.12.1984 | | |
| Malaysia | 10.12.1982 | R | 14.10.1996 |
| Maldives | 10.12.1982 | R | 07.09.2000 |
| Mali | 19.10.1983 | R | 16.07.1985 |
| Malta | 10.12.1982 | R | 20.05.1993 |
| Marshall Islands | | Ac | 09.08.1991 |
| Mauritania | 10.12.1982 | R | 17.07.1996 |
| Mauritius | 10.12.1982 | R | 04.11.1994 |
| Mexico | 10.12.1982 | R | 18.03.1983 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | | Ac | 29.04.1991 |
| Monaco | 10.12.1982 | R | 20.03.1996 |
| Mongolia | 10.12.1982 | R | 13.08.1996 |
| Morocco | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Mozambique | 10.12.1982 | R | 13.03.1997 |
| Myanmar | 10.12.1982 | R | 21.05.1996 |
| Namibia | 10.12.1982 | R | 18.04.1983 |
| Nauru | 10.12.1982 | R | 23.01.1996 |
| Nepal | 10.12.1982 | R | 02.11.1998 |
| Netherlands | 10.12.1982 | R | 28.06.1996 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Formal Confirmation (C)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| New Zealand | 10.12.1982 | R | 19.07.1996 |
| Nicaragua | 09.12.1984 | R | 03.05.2000 |
| Niger | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Nigeria | 10.12.1982 | R | 14.08.1986 |
| Niue | 05.12.1984 | | |
| Norway | 10.12.1982 | R | 24.06.1996 |
| Oman | 01.07.1983 | R | 17.08.1989 |
| Pakistan | 10.12.1982 | R | 26.02.1997 |
| Palau | | Ac | 30.09.1996 |
| Panama | 10.12.1982 | R | 01.07.1996 |
| Papua New Guinea | 10.12.1982 | R | 14.01.1997 |
| Paraguay | 10.12.1982 | R | 26.09.1986 |
| Philippines | 10.12.1982 | R | 08.05.1984 |
| Poland | 10.12.1982 | R | 13.11.1998 |
| Portugal | 10.12.1982 | R | 03.11.1997 |
| Qatar | 27.11.1984 | R | 09.12.2002 |
| Republic of Korea | 14.03.1983 | R | 29.01.1996 |
| Romania | 10.12.1982 | R | 17.12.1996 |
| Russian Federation | 10.12.1982 | R | 12.03.1997 |
| Rwanda | 10.12.1982 | | |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 07.12.1984 | R | 07.01.1993 |
| Saint Lucia | 10.12.1982 | R | 27.03.1985 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 10.12.1982 | R | 01.10.1993 |
| Samoa | 28.09.1984 | R | 14.08.1995 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 13.07.1983 | R | 03.11.1987 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Formal Confirmation (C)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|---|------------------|--|-------------|
| Saudi Arabia | 07.12.1984 | R | 24.04.1996 |
| Senegal | 10.12.1982 | R | 25.10.1984 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 12.03.2001 |
| Seychelles | 10.12.1982 | R | 16.09.1991 |
| Sierra Leone | 10.12.1982 | R | 12.12.1994 |
| Singapore | 10.12.1982 | R | 17.11.1994 |
| Slovakia | 28.05.1993 | S | 08.05.1996 |
| Slovenia | | S | 16.06.1995 |
| Solomon Islands | 10.12.1982 | R | 23.06.1997 |
| Somalia | 10.12.1982 | R | 24.07.1989 |
| South Africa | 05.12.1984 | R | 23.12.1997 |
| Spain | 04.12.1984 | R | 15.01.1997 |
| Sri Lanka | 10.12.1982 | R | 19.07.1994 |
| Sudan | 10.12.1982 | R | 23.01.1985 |
| Suriname | 10.12.1982 | R | 09.07.1998 |
| Swaziland | 18.01.1984 | | |
| Sweden | 10.12.1982 | R | 25.06.1996 |
| Switzerland | 17.10.1984 | | |
| Thailand | 10.12.1982 | | |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | S | 19.08.1994 |
| Togo | 10.12.1982 | R | 16.04.1985 |
| Tonga | | Ac | 02.08.1995 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 10.12.1982 | R | 25.04.1986 |
| Tunisia | 10.12.1982 | R | 24.04.1985 |
| Tuvalu | 10.12.1982 | R | 09.12.2002 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Formal Confirmation (C)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date |
|--|------------------|--|-------------|
| Uganda | 10.12.1982 | R | 09.11.1990 |
| Ukraine | 10.12.1982 | R | 26.07.1999 |
| United Arab Emirates | 10.12.1982 | | |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | | Ac | 25.07.1997 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 10.12.1982 | R | 30.09.1985 |
| Uruguay | 10.12.1982 | R | 10.12.1992 |
| Vanuatu | 10.12.1982 | R | 10.08.1999 |
| Viet Nam | 10.12.1982 | R | 25.07.1994 |
| Yemen | 10.12.1982 | R | 21.07.1987 |
| Zambia | 10.12.1982 | R | 07.03.1983 |
| Zimbabwe | 10.12.1982 | R | 24.02.1993 |

114. **PROTOCOL TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE ESPECIALLY AS WATERFOWL HABITAT**

Objectives

To render the Convention more effective.

Summary of provisions

- (a) article 1 provides for the inclusion in the Convention of an article 10 bis which defines a mechanism for amending the Convention;
- (b) Article 2 provides for the deletion of the words "in any case of divergency, the English text prevailing" from the testimonium following article 12;
- (c) Article 3 states that the revised text of the original French version of the Convention is reproduced in the annex to the Protocol.

Membership

Any of the States referred to in article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention may become a contracting party to the Protocol by: (a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; (b) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval; (c) accession.

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|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 03.12.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Paris |
| Date of entry into force | 01.10.1986 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depository | Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Date of deposit of instrument of definitive signature, ratification, accession, notification of succession, or acceptance |
|---------------------|---|
| Albania | 31.10.1995 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 02.06.2005 |
| Argentina | 04.05.1992 |
| Armenia | 06.07.1993 |
| Australia | 12.08.1983 |
| Austria | 18.12.1992 |
| Azerbaijan | 21.05.2001 |
| Bahamas | 07.02.1997 |
| Bahrain | 27.10.1997 |
| Bangladesh | 21.05.1992 |
| Barbados | 12.12.2005 |

| Participant | Date of deposit of instrument of definitive signature, ratification, accession, notification of succession, or acceptance |
|------------------------------|--|
| Belarus | 10.09.1999 |
| Belgium | 28.10.1998 |
| Belize | 22.04.1998 |
| Benin | 24.01.2000 |
| Bolivia | 27.06.1990 |
| Botswana | 09.12.1996 |
| Brazil | 24.05.1993 |
| Bulgaria | 27.02.1986 |
| Burkina Faso | 27.06.1990 |
| Burundi | 05.06.2002 |
| Cambodia | 23.06.1999 |
| Canada | 02.06.1983 |
| Cape Verde | 18.07.2005 |
| Central African Republic | 05.12.2005 |
| Chad | 13.06.1990 |
| Chile | 14.02.1985 |
| China | 31.03.1992 |
| Colombia | 18.06.1998 |
| Comoros | 09.02.1995 |
| Congo | 18.06.1998 |
| Costa Rica | 27.12.1991 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 27.02.1996 |
| Cuba | 12.04.2001 |
| Cyprus | 11.07.2001 |
| Czech Republic | 26.03.1993 |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | 18.01.1996 |
| Denmark | 03.12.1982 |

| Participant | Date of deposit of instrument of definitive signature, ratification, accession, notification of succession, or acceptance |
|----------------------------|--|
| Djibouti | 22.11.2002 |
| Dominican Republic | 15.05.2002 |
| Ecuador | 07.09.1990 |
| Egypt | 09.09.1988 |
| El Salvador | 22.01.1999 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 02.06.2003 |
| Estonia | 29.03.1994 |
| Finland | 15.05.1984 |
| France | 01.12.1986 |
| Gabon | 30.12.1986 |
| Gambia | 16.09.1996 |
| Georgia | 07.02.1997 |
| Germany | 13.01.1983 |
| Ghana | 22.02.1988 |
| Greece | 02.06.1988 |
| Guatemala | 26.06.1990 |
| Guinea | 18.11.1992 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 14.05.1990 |
| Honduras | 23.06.1993 |
| Hungary | 28.08.1986 |
| Iceland | 11.06.1986 |
| India | 09.03.1984 |
| Indonesia | 08.04.1992 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 29.04.1986 |
| Ireland | 15.11.1984 |
| Israel | 12.11.1996 |
| Italy | 27.07.1987 |

| Participant | Date of deposit of instrument of definitive signature, ratification, accession, notification of succession, or acceptance |
|------------------------|--|
| Jamaica | 07.10.1997 |
| Japan | 26.06.1987 |
| Jordan | 15.03.1984 |
| Kenya | 05.06.1990 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 12.11.2002 |
| Latvia | 25.07.1995 |
| Lebanon | 16.04.1999 |
| Lesotho | 01.07.2004 |
| Liberia | 02.07.2003 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 05.04.2000 |
| Liechtenstein | 06.08.1991 |
| Lithuania | 20.08.1993 |
| Luxembourg | 15.04.1998 |
| Madagascar | 25.09.1998 |
| Malawi | 14.11.1996 |
| Malaysia | 10.11.1994 |
| Malta | 30.09.1988 |
| Marshall Islands | 13.07.2004 |
| Mauritania | 31.05.1989 |
| Mauritius | 30.05.2001 |
| Mexico | 04.07.1986 |
| Monaco | 20.08.1997 |
| Mongolia | 08.12.1997 |
| Morocco | 03.10.1985 |
| Mozambique | 03.08.2004 |
| Myanmar | 17.11.2004 |
| Namibia | 23.08.1995 |

| Participant | Date of deposit of instrument of definitive signature, ratification, accession, notification of succession, or acceptance |
|---------------------|--|
| Nepal | 17.12.1987 |
| Netherlands | 12.10.1983 |
| New Zealand | 07.07.1993 |
| Nicaragua | 30.07.1997 |
| Niger | 30.04.1987 |
| Nigeria | 02.10.2001 |
| Norway | 03.12.1982 |
| Pakistan | 13.08.1985 |
| Palau | 18.10.2002 |
| Panama | 26.11.1990 |
| Papua New Guinea | 16.03.1993 |
| Paraguay | 07.06.1995 |
| Peru | 30.03.1992 |
| Philippines | 08.07.1994 |
| Poland | 08.02.1984 |
| Portugal | 18.12.1984 |
| Republic of Korea | 28.03.1997 |
| Republic of Moldova | 20.06.2000 |
| Romania | 21.05.1991 |
| Russian Federation | 11.02.1992 |
| Rwanda | 01.12.2005 |
| Saint Lucia | 19.02.2002 |
| Samoa | 06.10.2004 |
| Senegal | 15.05.1985 |
| Seychelles | 22.11.2004 |
| Sierra Leone | 13.12.1999 |
| Slovakia | 31.03.1993 |

| Participant | Date of deposit of instrument of definitive signature, ratification, accession, notification of succession, or acceptance |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Slovenia | 13.04.2004 |
| South Africa | 26.05.1983 |
| Spain | 27.05.1987 |
| Sri Lanka | 15.06.1990 |
| Sudan | 07.01.2005 |
| Sweden | 03.05.1984 |
| Switzerland | 30.05.1984 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 05.03.1998 |
| Tajikistan | 18.07.2001 |
| Thailand | 13.05.1998 |
| Togo | 04.07.1995 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 21.12.1992 |
| Tunisia | 15.05.1987 |
| Turkey | 13.07.1994 |
| Uganda | 04.03.1988 |
| Ukraine | 15.07.1997 |
| United Kingdom | 19.04.1984 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 13.04.2000 |
| United States of America | 18.12.1986 |
| Uzbekistan | 08.10.2001 |
| Venezuela | 23.11.1988 |
| Viet Nam | 20.09.1988 |
| Zambia | 28.08.1991 |

Note: The amendment to articles 6 and 7 of the Convention was adopted in Regina, Canada on 28 May 1987, which entered into force on 1 May 1994.

115. PROTOCOL CONCERNING MEDITERRANEAN SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS

Objectives

To protect and improve the state of the natural resources and natural sites of the Mediterranean Sea.

Summary of provisions

The Parties are to:

- (a) Establish, maintain and restore protected areas (arts. 3 and 4), including buffer areas in which activities are less severely restricted (art. 5);
- (b) Take the measures required to protect specified areas, such as the prohibition of the dumping or discharge of wastes (art. 7 (b)), the regulation of any act likely to harm or disturb the fauna or flora (art. 7 (f) or the regulation of trade in and import and export of animals which originate in protected areas and are subject to measures of protection (art. 7 (j));
- (c) Give appropriate publicity to the establishment and significance of the protected areas (arts. 8 and 11);
- (d) Establish and develop scientific and technical research on protected areas and their ecosystems and archaeological heritage (art. 10);
- (e) Cooperate in establishing and managing protected areas (arts. 6, 12, 13 and 15);
- (f) Convene ordinary and extraordinary meetings to review the implementation of the Protocol and the efficacy of the measures adopted (art. 17).

Membership

Open to any Contracting Party to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, any State invited to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protocol Concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas and any regional economic grouping of which at least one member is a coastal State of the Mediterranean Sea area and which exercises competence in fields covered by this Protocol. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to be deposited with the Government of Spain.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 03.04.1982 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 23.03.1986 |
| Languages | Arabic, English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Spain |

(Status as of 14 September 2004)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|-----------|---|------------|------------------|
| Albania | | Ac | 30.05.1990 | 29.06.1990 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 16.05.1985 | 23.03.1986 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 22.10.1994 | 01.03.1992 |
| Croatia | | S | 12.06.1992 | 08.10.1991 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Cyprus | | Ac | 28.06.1988 | 28.07.1988 |
| Egypt | 16.02.1983 | R | 08.07.1983 | 23.03.1986 |
| France | 03.04.1982 | Ap | 02.09.1986 | 02.10.1986 |
| Greece | 03.04.1982 | R | 26.01.1987 | 25.02.1987 |
| Israel | 03.04.1982 | R | 28.10.1987 | 27.07.1987 |
| Italy | 03.04.1982 | R | 04.07.1985 | 23.03.1986 |
| Lebanon | | Ac | 27.12.1994 | 26.01.1995 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | Ac | 06.06.1989 | 06.07.1989 |
| Malta | 03.04.1982 | R | 11.01.1988 | 10.02.1988 |
| Monaco | 03.04.1982 | R | 29.05.1989 | 28.06.1989 |
| Morocco | 02.04.1983 | R | 22.06.1990 | 22.07.1990 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 16.07.2002 | |
| Slovenia | | R | 16.09.1993 | 15.03.1994 |
| Spain | 03.04.1983 | R | 22.12.1987 | 21.01.1988 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | Ac | 11.09.1992 | 11.10.1992 |
| Tunisia ¹²⁰ | 03.04.1982 | R | 26.05.1983 | 23.03.1986 |
| Turkey | | Ac | 06.11.1986 | 06.12.1986 |
| European Community | 30.03.1983 | Ap | 30.06.1984 | 23.03.1986 |

¹²⁰ With a reservation.

116. CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF THE WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION

Objectives

To protect and manage the marine environment and coastal areas of the Wider Caribbean region.

Summary of provisions

The Parties are to:

- (a) Take all necessary measures to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the Convention area (art. 4), particularly pollution from ships (art. 5), dumping (art. 6), land-based sources (art. 7), activities relating to exploration and exploitation of the sea bed (art. 8) and airborne pollution (art. 9);
- (b) Project and preserve rare or fragile ecosystems as well as the habitat of depleted, threatened or endangered species and other marine life in specially protected areas (art. 10);
- (c) Cooperate in dealing with pollution emergencies in the Convention area (art. 11);
- (d) Cooperate in assessing environmental impacts in the Convention area (art. 12) and in exchanging data and other scientific and technical information (art. 13)
- (e) Establish rules and procedures for the determination for liability and compensation for damage resulting from pollution of the Convention area (art. 14);
- (f) Designate UNEP to discharge secretariat functions under the Convention (art. 15).

Membership

Open to the Coastal States invited to the Cartagena Conference held from 21 to 24 March 1983, and to any regional economic organization invited to the Conference within exercises competence in the field covered by the Convention and at least one member of which belongs to the Caribbean region.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.03.1983 |
| Place of adoption | Cartagena de Indias, Colombia |
| Date of entry into force | 11.10.1986 |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Colombia |

(Status as of September 2003)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Antigua and Barbuda | | Ac | 11.09.1986 | 11.10.1986 |
| Barbados | 05.03.1984 | R | 28.05.1985 | 11.10.1986 |
| Belize | | R | 22.09.1999 | |
| Colombia | 24.03.1983 | R | 03.03.1988 | 02.04.1988 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|-------------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Costa Rica | | Ac | 01.08.1991 | 01.09.1991 |
| Cuba | | Ac | 15.09.1988 | 15.10.1988 |
| Dominica | | Ac | 05.10.1990 | 04.11.1990 |
| Dominican Republic | | Ac | 24.11.1998 | |
| European Community | 24.03.1983 | R | | |
| France | 24.03.1983 | Ap | 13.11.1985 | 11.10.1986 |
| Grenada | 24.03.1983 | R | 17.08.1987 | 16.09.1987 |
| Guatemala | 05.07.1983 | R | 18.12.1989 | 17.01.1990 |
| Honduras | 24.03.1983 | | | |
| Jamaica | 24.03.1983 | R | 01.04.1987 | 01.05.1987 |
| Mexico | 24.03.1983 | R | 11.04.1985 | 11.10.1986 |
| Netherlands ¹²¹¹²² | 24.03.1983 | At | 16.04.1984 | 11.10.1986 |
| Nicaragua | 24.03.1983 | | | |
| Panama | 24.03.1983 | R | 07.10.1987 | 06.11.1987 |
| St. Lucia | 24.03.1983 | R | 20.11.1984 | 11.10.1986 |
| Saint Vincent and Grenadines | | Ac | 11.07.1990 | 09.08.1990 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | Ac | 24.01.1986 | 11.10.1986 |
| United Kingdom ¹²³ | 24.03.1983 | R | 28.02.1986 | 11.10.1986 |
| United States of America | 24.03.1983 | R | 31.10.1984 | 11.10.1986 |
| Venezuela | 24.03.1983 | R | 18.12.1986 | 17.01.1987 |

¹²² Extended to the Netherlands Antilles on 16.04.1984

¹²³ Included Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the British Virgin Islands.

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117. PROTOCOL CONCERNING COOPERATION IN COMBATING OIL SPILLS IN THE WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION

Objectives

To provide a framework for regional cooperation and assistance in the event of an oil spill incident in the Caribbean region.

Summary of provisions

(a) The Parties to combine their efforts in taking the necessary measures to protect the marine environment of the Caribbean region against pollution from oil spill incidents, and cooperate in maintaining and promoting contingency plans and means of combating pollution (art.3);

(b) The Parties to exchange information regarding their competent national authorities for combating pollution and on laws, institutions and procedures aimed at combating marine pollution by oil (art. 4);

(c) Any contracting party faced with a marine emergency to take appropriate measures to combat pollution, inform other States of the measures it has taken or intends to take, make an assessment of the nature and extent of the marine emergency and determine the necessary and appropriate action to be taken (arts. 5 and 7)

(d) Any contracting party may call on the others for assistance (art. 6);

(e) To facilitate implementation of the Protocol, in particular arts. 6 and 7, the contracting parties should conclude bilateral or multilateral subregional arrangements, as appropriate (art. 8);

(f) Parties agree to designate UNEP to discharge secretariat functions under the Protocol (art. 9)

Membership

Open to the coastal States invited to the Cartagena Conference held from 21 to 24 March 1983, and to any regional economic organization invited to the Conference which exercises competence in the field covered by the Convention and at least one member of which belongs to the Caribbean region.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.03.1983 |
| Place of adoption | Cartagena de Indias, Colombia |
| Date of entry into force | 11.10.1986 |
| Languages | English, French, Spanish |
| Depositary | Colombia |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|---------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Antigua and Barbuda | | Ac | 11.09.1986 | 11.10.1986 |
| Barbados | 05.03.1984 | R | 28.05.1985 | 11.10.1986 |
| Belize | | Ac | 22.09.1999 | |
| Colombia | 24.03.1983 | R | 03.03.1988 | 02.04.1988 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Approval (Ap)/ Acceptance (At)/ Accession (Ac) | Date | Entry into force |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Costa Rica | | Ac | 01.08.1991 | 01.09.1991 |
| Cuba | | Ac | 15.09.1988 | 15.10.1988 |
| Dominica | | Ac | 05.10.1990 | 04.11.1990 |
| Dominican Republic | | Ac | 24.11.1998 | |
| European Community | 24.03.1983 | | | |
| France | 24.03.1983 | Ap | 13.11.1985 | 11.10.1986 |
| Grenada | 24.03.1983 | R | 17.08.1987 | 16.09.1987 |
| Guatemala | 05.07.1983 | R | 18.12.1989 | 17.01.1990 |
| Honduras | 24.03.1983 | | | |
| Jamaica | 24.03.1983 | R | 01.04.1987 | 01.05.1987 |
| Mexico | 24.03.1983 | R | 11.04.1985 | 11.10.1986 |
| Netherlands ¹²⁴ | 24.03.1983 | R | 16.04.1984 | 11.10.1986 |
| Nicaragua | 24.03.1983 | | | |
| Panama | 24.03.1983 | R | 07.11.1987 | 16.11.1986 |
| Saint Lucia | 24.03.1983 | R | 30.11.1984 | 11.10.1986 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | Ac | 11.07.1990 | 10.08.1990 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 24.03.1983 | Ac | 24.01.1986 | 11.10.1986 |
| United Kingdom ¹²⁵ | 24.03.1983 | R | 28.02.1986 | 11.10.1986 |
| United States of America | 24.03.1983 | R | 31.10.1984 | 11.10.1986 |
| Venezuela | 24.03.1983 | R | 18.12.1986 | 17.01.1987 |

¹²⁴ Extended to the Netherlands Antilles on 16.04.1984.

¹²⁵ Included Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the British Virgin Islands.

118. AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH POLLUTION OF THE NORTH SEA BY OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

Objectives

To ensure cooperation between the coastal States in providing manpower, supplies, equipment and scientific advice at short notice to deal with discharges of oil or other harmful substances in the North Sea.

Summary of provisions

(a) Covers the North Sea south of latitude 61° north and the English Channel east of a line 50 nautical miles west of a line joining the Scilly Isles and Ushant (art. 2);

(b) Parties to cooperate in informing each other of casualties of oil or other harmful substances in the area and in requiring masters of the ships and pilots of aircraft registered in their territories to report such incidents (art. 5);

(c) Area divided into national zones, for each of which the relevant party has prime responsibility (art. 6);

(d) Assistance should be requested first from any other State likely to be affected by the pollution (art. 7);

(e) Apportionment of the costs of actions taken by Contracting Parties (arts. 9 and 10).

Membership

Open to any Government for signature, ratification or approval. Instruments of ratification or approval to be deposited with the Government of Germany.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 13.09.1983 | Amendment 22.09.1989 |
| Place of adoption | Bonn | |
| Date of entry into force | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| Languages | English, French, German | English, French, German |
| Depositary | Germany | Germany |

| Participant | Entry into force: Agreement | Entry into force: Amendment |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Belgium | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| Denmark | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| France | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| Germany | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| Netherlands | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| Norway | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| Sweden | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| United Kingdom | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |
| European Community | 01.09.1989 | 01.04.1994 |

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119. INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER AGREEMENT¹²⁶

Objectives

To provide an effective framework for cooperation and consultation between countries producing and consuming tropical timber, to promote the expansion and diversification of international trade in tropical timber and the improvement of structural conditions in the tropical timber market, to promote and support research and development with a view to improving forest management and wood utilization and conservation of tropical forests and their genetic resources, and at maintaining the ecological balance in the regions concerned.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Establishment of an International Tropical Timber Organization to administer the provisions and supervise the operation of the Agreement (art. 3, para. 1), functioning through the International Tropical Timber Council established under article 6 of the Agreement;
- (b) The Council shall make arrangements for consultation or cooperation with the United Nations and its organs such as UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP, and UNIDO and with FAO and other United Nations specialized agencies and intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations;
- (c) Establishment of the following permanent committees:
- Committee on Economic Information and Market Intelligence;
 - Committee on Reforestation and Forest Management;
 - Committee on Forest Industry (art. 24).

Membership

Open for signature by Governments invited to the United Nations Conference on Tropical Timber, 1983, open for accession by the Governments of all States upon conditions established by the Council.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 18.11.1983 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Date of entry into force | 01.04.1985 (provisionally) |
| Languages | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 31 March 1994)

| Participant | Signature | Provisional application | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap) | Date |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Australia | | | Ac | 16.02.1988 |

¹²⁶The Agreement was extended until 31 March 1992, by Decision 3 (VI) confirmed by the International Tropical Timber Council at its session held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 24 May 1989, and was further extended until 31 March 1994 by Decision 4 (X) taken at its session held in Quito, Ecuador from 29 May to 6 June 1991, respectively. The Agreement was terminated in accordance with its provisions on 31 March 1994.

| Participant | Signature | Provisional application | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap) | Date |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Austria | | | Ac | 06.03.1986 |
| Belgium | 29.06.1984 | 28.09.1984 | R | 21.02.1986 |
| Bolivia | 01.11.1984 | 25.06.1985 | | |
| Brazil | 31.03.1985 | 31.03.1985 | | |
| Cameroon | 15.04.1985 | 14.06.1985 | R | 19.11.1985 |
| Canada | | | Ac | 21.05.1986 |
| China | | | Ac | 02.07.1986 |
| Colombia | | | Ac | 27.03.1990 |
| Congo | 07.03.1985 | | R | 28.03.1985 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 27.03.1985 | 27.03.1985 | | |
| Denmark | 29.06.1984 | | R | 28.09.1984 |
| Ecuador | 31.03.1985 | 31.03.1985 | R | 19.01.1988 |
| Egypt | 31.03.1985 | 31.03.1985 | R | 16.01.1986 |
| Fiji | | | Ac | 09.08.1995 |
| Finland | 10.05.1984 | | R | 13.02.1985 |
| France | 29.06.1984 | 29.06.1984 | Ap | 06.08.1985 |
| Gabon | 25.06.1984 | 19.03.1985 | R | 31.10.1988 |
| Germany | 29.06.1984 | 29.06.1984 | R | 21.03.1986 |
| Ghana | 29.03.1985 | | R | 09.03.1985 |
| Greece | 29.06.1984 | 28.11.1984 | R | 26.07.1988 |
| Guyana | | | Ac | 07.10.1992 |
| Honduras | 27.09.1984 | 29.03.1985 | | |
| India | | | Ac | 19.02.1986 |
| Indonesia | 13.06.1984 | | R | 09.10.1984 |
| Ireland | 29.06.1984 | | R | 04.10.1984 |
| Italy | 29.06.1984 | | R | 29.03.1985 |

| Participant | Signature | Provisional application | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap) | Date |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Japan | 28.03.1984 | | At | 28.06.1984 |
| Liberia | 08.03.1984 | | R | 29.03.1985 |
| Luxembourg | 29.09.1984 | 28.09.1984 | R | 21.02.1986 |
| Malaysia | 14.12.1984 | | R | 14.12.1984 |
| Myanmar | | | Ac | 16.11.1993 |
| Nepal | | | Ac | 03.07.1990 |
| Netherlands | 29.06.1984 | 20.09.1984 | At | 29.05.1987 |
| New Zealand | | | Ac | 05.08.1992 |
| Norway | 23.03.1984 | | R | 21.08.1984 |
| Panama | | | Ac | 03.03.1989 |
| Papua New Guinea | | | Ac | 27.11.1985 |
| Peru | 31.03.1985 | 31.03.1985 | | |
| Philippines | 31.03.1985 | 31.03.1985 | | |
| Portugal | | | Ac | 03.07.1989 |
| Republic of Korea | | | Ac | 25.06.1985 |
| Russian Federation | 28.03.1985 | | At | 20.05.1985 |
| Spain | 27.02.1985 | 24.04.1985 | R | 01.04.1986 |
| Sweden | 23.03.1984 | | R | 09.11.1984 |
| Switzerland | 30.04.1985 | | R | 09.05.1985 |
| Thailand | | | Ac | 09.10.1985 |
| Togo | | | Ac | 08.05.1990 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 29.04.1985 | | R | 09.05.1986 |
| United Kingdom | 29.06.1984 | | R | 18.09.1984 |
| United States of America | 26.04.1985 | 26.04.1985 | At | 25.05.1990 |
| Venezuela | | | Ac | 31.03.1994 |

| Participant | Signature | Provisional application | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Accession (Ac)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap) | Date |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Zaire | | | Ac | 20.11.1990 |
| European Community | 29.06.1984 | 29.03.1985 | | |

**120. SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT ON
REGIONAL COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION OF THE
SOUTH-EAST PACIFIC BY HYDROCARBONS OR OTHER
HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY**

Objectives

To protect the marine environment of the South-East Pacific area against pollution by oil and other harmful substances in cases of emergency.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to designate national authorities competent to provide or request assistance in cases of emergency, and to undertake an inventory of the available technical equipment and procedures to combat pollution (art. 1);

(b) Parties to specify elements of the national contingency plans under art. 4 of the Agreement (art. II);

(c) Parties to undertake regular training programmes (art. III)

Membership

Open for accession by any coastal State of the South-East Pacific. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the Secretariat of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 22.07.1983 |
| Place of adoption | Quito |
| Date of entry into force | 20.05.1987 |
| Language | Spanish |
| Depositary | Permanent Commission for the South Pacific |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Chile | 22.07.1983 | 20.02.1987 | 20.05.1987 |
| Colombia | 22.07.1983 | 06.08.1985 | 20.05.1987 |
| Ecuador | 22.07.1983 | 12.11.1987 | 11.01.1988 |
| Panama | 22.07.1983 | 23.07.1986 | 20.05.1987 |
| Peru | 22.07.1983 | 20.02.1989 | 18.04.1989 |

121. PROTOCOL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SOUTH-EAST PACIFIC AGAINST POLLUTION FROM LAND-BASED SOURCES

Objectives

To prevent, abate, combat and control pollution of the South-East Pacific area caused by discharges from rivers, coastal establishments or outfalls, or emanating from any other land-based sources within the territories of the coastal States.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Parties to establish programmes and measures, including particularly emission standards and standards for using and discharging substances listed in annexes I and II or wastes containing such substances (arts. 3-6);
- (b) Parties to carry out activities to assess the levels of pollution along their coasts and to evaluate the effects of measures taken under the Protocol (art. 8);
- (c) Parties to cooperate in scientific and technological fields (arts. 7 and 10), the exchange of information and consultations (arts. 9 and 12);
- (d) Parties to convene, within the framework of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS), ordinary and extraordinary meetings for considering the implementation of the Protocol, the efficacy of the measures adopted and the need for amendments (art. 15).

Membership

Open for accession by any coastal State of the South-East Pacific. Instruments of accession to be deposited with the secretariat of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 22.07.1983 |
| Place of adoption | Quito |
| Date of entry into force | 21.09.1986 |
| Language | Spanish |
| Depositary | Permanent Commission for the South Pacific |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|-------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Chile | 22.07.1983 | 30.03.19986 | 21.09.1986 |
| Colombia | 22.07.1983 | 06.08.1985 | 21.09.1986 |
| Ecuador | 22.07.1983 | 12.11.1987 | 11.01.1988 |
| Panama | 22.07.1983 | 23.07.1986 | 21.09.1986 |
| Peru | 22.07.1983 | 27.12.1989 | 25.02.1990 |

**122. **PROTOCOL TO THE 1979 CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE
TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION ON LONG-TERM FINANCING
OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMME FOR MONITORING AND
EVALUATION OF THE LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF AIR
POLLUTANTS IN EUROPE (EMEP)****

Objectives

To provide for long-term funding after 1984 for the implementation of the Cooperative Programme for the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollution in Europe (EMEP).

Summary of provisions

(a) The contracting parties to finance EMEP by covering the annual costs of the international centres cooperating within EMEP for the activities appearing in the work programme of the Steering Body of EMEP (art. 2)

(b) The financing of EMEP shall consist of mandatory contributions, supplemented by voluntary contributions; contributions may be made in convertible currency, non-convertible currency, or in kind (art. 3(1));

(c) Mandatory contributions to be made annually by all contracting parties which are within the geographical scope of EMEP (art. 3(2));

(d) Voluntary contributions may be made by the contracting parties or signatories to the Protocol, even if their territory lies outside the geographical scope of EMEP, as well as, subject to approval by the Executive Body, by any other country, organization or individual which wishes to contribute to the work programme (art. 3(3));

(e) Mandatory and voluntary contributions in cash to be deposited in the General Trust Fund (art. 3(5));

(f) An annual budget for EMEP to be drawn up by the Steering Body of EMEP, and to be adopted by the Executive Body not later than one year in advance of the financial year to which it applies (art. 5).

Membership

Open for signature by the member States of the Economic Commission for Europe, as well as States having consultative status with the Economic Commission for Europe and regional economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign States members of ECE.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 28.09.1984 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 28.01.1988 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Deposit of Instrument |
|--------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Austria | | Ac | 04.06.1987 |
| Belarus | 28.09.1984 | At | 04.10.1985 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Deposit of Instrument |
|----------------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Belgium | 25.02.1985 | R | 05.08.1987 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 01.09.1993 |
| Bulgaria | 04.04.1985 | Ap | 26.09.1986 |
| Canada | 03.10.1984 | R | 04.12.1985 |
| Croatia | | S | 21.09.1992 |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 20.11.1991 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 30.09.1993 |
| Denmark | 28.09.1984 | R | 29.04.1986 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 07.12.2001 |
| European Community | 28.09.1984 | Ap | 17.07.1986 |
| Finland | 07.12.1984 | R | 24.06.1986 |
| France | 22.02.1985 | Ap | 30.10.1987 |
| Germany | 26.02.1985 | R | 07.10.1986 |
| Greece | | Ac | 24.06.1988 |
| Hungary | 27.03.1985 | Ap | 08.05.1985 |
| Ireland | 04.04.1985 | Ap | 26.06.1987 |
| Italy | 28.09.1984 | R | 12.01.1989 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 18.02.1997 |
| Liechtenstein | | Ac | 01.05.1985 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 07.11.2003 |
| Luxembourg | 21.11.1984 | R | 24.08.1987 |
| Malta | | Ac | 14.03.1997 |
| Monaco | | Ac | 27.08.1999 |
| Netherlands ¹²⁷ | 28.09.1984 | At | 22.10.1985 |

¹²⁷ For the Kingdom in Europe.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (S) | Deposit of Instrument |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Norway | 28.09.1984 | At | 12.03.1985 |
| Poland | | Ac | 14.09.1988 |
| Portugal | | Ac | 19.01.1989 |
| Romania | | Ac | 28.04.2003 |
| Russian Federation | 28.09.1984 | At | 21.08.1985 |
| Serbia and Montenegro ¹²⁸ | | S | 12.03.2001 |
| Slovakia | | S | 28.05.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 06.07.1992 |
| Spain | | Ac | 11.08.1987 |
| Sweden | 28.09.1984 | R | 12.08.1985 |
| Switzerland | 03.10.1984 | R | 26.07.1985 |
| Turkey | 03.10.1984 | R | 20.12.1985 |
| Ukraine | 28.09.1994 | At | 30.08.1985 |
| United Kingdom | 20.11.1984 | R | 12.08.1985 |
| United States of America | 28.09.1984 | At | 29.10.1984 |

¹²⁸ The former Yugoslav had acceded to the Protocol on 28 October 1987.

123. VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER

Objectives

To protect human health and the environment against adverse effects resulting from modifications of the ozone layer.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to cooperate in research concerning substances and process that modify the ozone layer on human health and environmental effects of such modifications, and on alternative substances and technologies; and in systematic observation of the State of the ozone layer (arts. 2 and 3);

(b) Parties to cooperate in formulation and implementation of measures to control activities that cause adverse effects through modification of the ozone layer, and, particularly, the development of protocols for such purposes (arts. 2 and 4);

(c) Parties to exchange scientific, technical, socio-economic, commercial and legal information relevant to the Convention, and cooperate in the development and transfer of technology and knowledge (art. 4).

The Convention has two annexes: setting forth important issues for scientific research on and systematic observation of the ozone layer; and describing the kinds of information to be collected and shared under its terms.

Membership

The Convention is open for ratification, acceptance, approval and accession to all States and regional economic integration organizations.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 22.03.1985 |
| Place of adoption | Vienna |
| Date of entry into force | 22.09.1988 |
| Languages | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|---------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Afghanistan | | Ac | 17.06.2004 |
| Albania | | Ac | 08.10.1999 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 20.10.1992 |
| Angola | | Ac | 17.05.2000 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | Ac | 03.12.1992 |
| Argentina | 22.03.1985 | R | 18.01.1990 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
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| Armenia | | Ac | 01.10.1999 |
| Australia | | Ac | 16.09.1987 |
| Austria | 16.09.1985 | R | 19.08.1987 |
| Azerbaijan | | Ac | 12.06.1996 |
| Bahamas | | Ac | 01.04.1993 |
| Bahrain | | Ac | 27.04.1990 |
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 02.08.1990 |
| Barbados | | Ac | 16.10.1992 |
| Belarus | 22.03.1985 | At | 20.06.1986 |
| Belgium | 22.03.1985 | R | 17.10.1988 |
| Belize | | Ac | 06.06.1997 |
| Benin | | Ac | 01.07.1993 |
| Bhutan | | Ac | 23.08.2004 |
| Bolivia | | Ac | 03.10.1994 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | Sc | 01.09.1993 |
| Botswana | | Ac | 04.12.1991 |
| Brazil | | Ac | 19.03.1990 |
| Brunei Darussalam | | Ac | 26.07.1990 |
| Bulgaria | | Ac | 20.11.1990 |
| Burkina Faso | 12.12.1985 | R | 30.03.1989 |
| Burundi | | Ac | 06.01.1997 |
| Cambodia | | Ac | 27.06.2001 |
| Cameroon | | Ac | 30.08.1989 |
| Canada | 22.03.1985 | R | 04.06.1986 |
| Cape Verde | | Ac | 31.07.2001 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
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| Central African Republic | | Ac | 29.03.1993 |
| Chad | | Ac | 18.05.1989 |
| Chile | 22.03.1985 | R | 06.03.1990 |
| China | | Ac | 11.09.1989 |
| Colombia | | Ac | 16.07.1990 |
| Comoros | | Ac | 31.10.1994 |
| Congo | | Ac | 16.11.1994 |
| Cook Islands | | Ac | 22.12.2003 |
| Costa Rica | | Ac | 30.07.1991 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | | Ac | 05.04.1993 |
| Croatia | | Sc | 21.09.1992 |
| Cuba | | Ac | 14.07.1992 |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 28.05.1992 |
| Czech Republic | | Sc | 30.09.1993 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | | Ac | 24.01.1995 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | | Ac | 30.11.1994 |
| Denmark | 22.03.1985 | R | 29.09.1988 |
| Djibouti | | Ac | 30.07.1999 |
| Dominica | | Ac | 31.03.1993 |
| Dominican Republic | | Ac | 18.05.1993 |
| Ecuador | | Ac | 10.04.1990 |
| Egypt | 22.03.1985 | R | 09.05.1988 |
| El Salvador | | Ac | 02.10.1992 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|--------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Equatorial Guinea | | Ac | 17.08.1988 |
| Eritrea | | Ac | 10.03.2005 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 17.10.1996 |
| Ethiopia | | Ac | 11.10.1994 |
| European Community | 22.03.1985 | Ap | 17.10.1988 |
| Fiji | | Ac | 23.10.1989 |
| Finland | 22.03.1985 | R | 26.09.1986 |
| France | 22.03.1985 | Ap | 04.12.1987 |
| Gabon | | Ac | 09.02.1994 |
| Gambia | | Ac | 25.07.1990 |
| Georgia | | Ac | 21.03.1996 |
| Germany | 22.03.1985 | R | 30.09.1988 |
| Ghana | | Ac | 24.07.1989 |
| Greece | 22.03.1985 | R | 29.12.1988 |
| Grenada | | Ac | 31.03.1993 |
| Guatemala | | Ac | 11.09.1987 |
| Guinea | | Ac | 25.06.1992 |
| Guinea-Bissau | | Ac | 12.11.2002 |
| Guyana | | Ac | 12.08.1993 |
| Haiti | | Ac | 29.03.2000 |
| Honduras | | Ac | 14.10.1993 |
| Hungary | | Ac | 04.05.1988 |
| Iceland | | Ac | 29.08.1989 |
| India | | Ac | 18.03.1991 |
| Indonesia | | Ac | 26.06.1992 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | | Ac | 03.10.1990 |
| Ireland | | Ac | 15.09.1988 |
| Israel | | Ac | 30.06.1992 |
| Italy | 22.03.1985 | R | 19.09.1988 |
| Jamaica | | Ac | 31.03.1993 |
| Japan | | Ac | 30.09.1988 |
| Jordan | | Ac | 31.05.1989 |
| Kazakhstan | | Ac | 26.08.1998 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 09.11.1988 |
| Kiribati | | Ac | 07.01.1993 |
| Kuwait | | Ac | 23.11.1992 |
| Kyrgyzstan | | Ac | 31.05.2000 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | | Ac | 21.08.1998 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 28.04.1995 |
| Lebanon | | Ac | 30.03.1993 |
| Lesotho | | Ac | 25.03.1994 |
| Liberia | | Ac | 15.01.1996 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | Ac | 11.07.1990 |
| Liechtenstein | | Ac | 08.02.1989 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 18.01.1995 |
| Luxembourg | 17.04.1985 | R | 17.10.1988 |
| Madagascar | | Ac | 07.11.1996 |
| Malawi | | Ac | 09.01.1991 |
| Malaysia | | Ac | 29.08.1989 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Maldives | | Ac | 26.04.1988 |
| Mali | | Ac | 28.10.1994 |
| Malta | | Ac | 15.09.1988 |
| Marshall Islands | | Ac | 11.03.1993 |
| Mauritania | | Ac | 26.05.1994 |
| Mauritius | | Ac | 18.08.1992 |
| Mexico | 01.04.1985 | R | 14.09.1987 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | | Ac | 03.08.1994 |
| Monaco | | Ac | 12.03.1993 |
| Mongolia | | Ac | 07.03.1996 |
| Morocco | 07.02.1986 | R | 28.12.1995 |
| Mozambique | | Ac | 09.09.1994 |
| Myanmar | | Ac | 24.11.1993 |
| Namibia | | Ac | 20.09.1993 |
| Nauru | | Ac | 12.11.2001 |
| Nepal | | Ac | 06.07.1994 |
| Netherlands | 22.03.1985 | At | 28.09.1988 |
| New Zealand | 21.03.1986 | R | 02.06.1987 |
| Nicaragua | | Ac | 05.03.1993 |
| Niger | | Ac | 09.10.1992 |
| Nigeria | | Ac | 21.10.1988 |
| Niue | | Ac | 22.12.2003 |
| Norway | 22.03.1985 | R | 23.09.1986 |
| Oman | | Ac | 30.06.1999 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Pakistan | | Ac | 18.12.1992 |
| Palau | | Ac | 29.05.2001 |
| Panama | | Ac | 13.02.1989 |
| Papua New Guinea | | Ac | 27.10.1992 |
| Paraguay | | Ac | 03.12.1992 |
| Peru | 22.03.1985 | R | 07.04.1989 |
| Philippines | | Ac | 17.07.1991 |
| Poland | | Ac | 13.07.1990 |
| Portugal | | Ac | 17.10.1988 |
| Qatar | | Ac | 22.01.1996 |
| Republic of Korea | | Ac | 27.02.1992 |
| Republic of Moldova | | Ac | 24.10.1996 |
| Romania | | Ac | 27.01.1993 |
| Russian Federation | 22.03.1985 | At | 18.06.1986 |
| Rwanda | | Ac | 11.10.2001 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | | Ac | 10.08.1992 |
| Saint Lucia | | Ac | 28.07.1993 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | Ac | 02.12.1996 |
| Samoa | | Ac | 21.12.1992 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | | Ac | 19.11.2001 |
| Saudi Arabia | | Ac | 01.03.1993 |
| Senegal | | Ac | 19.03.1993 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | Sc | 12.03.2001 |
| Seychelles | | Ac | 06.01.1993 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|---|------------------|--|-------------|
| Sierra Leone | | Ac | 29.08.2001 |
| Singapore | | Ac | 05.01.1989 |
| Slovakia | | Sc | 28.05.1993 |
| Slovenia | | Sc | 06.07.1992 |
| Solomon Islands | | Ac | 17.06.1993 |
| Somalia | | Ac | 01.08.2001 |
| South Africa | | Ac | 15.01.1990 |
| Spain | | Ac | 25.07.1988 |
| Sri Lanka | | Ac | 15.12.1989 |
| Sudan | | Ac | 29.01.1993 |
| Suriname | | Ac | 14.10.1997 |
| Swaziland | | Ac | 10.11.1992 |
| Sweden | 22.03.1985 | R | 26.11.1986 |
| Switzerland | 22.03.1985 | R | 17.12.1987 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | Ac | 12.12.1989 |
| Tajikistan | | Ac | 06.05.1996 |
| Thailand | | Ac | 07.07.1989 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic to Macedonia | | Sc | 10.03.1994 |
| Togo | | Ac | 25.02.1991 |
| Tonga | | Ac | 29.07.1998 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | Ac | 28.08.1989 |
| Tunisia | | Ac | 25.09.1989 |
| Turkey | | Ac | 20.09.1991 |
| Turkmenistan | | Ac | 18.11.1993 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|--|------------|---|------------|
| Tuvalu | | Ac | 15.07.1993 |
| Uganda | | Ac | 24.06.1988 |
| Ukraine | 22.03.1985 | At | 18.06.1986 |
| United Arab Emirates | | Ac | 22.12.1989 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 20.05.1985 | R | 15.05.1987 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | 07.04.1993 |
| United States of America | 22.03.1985 | R | 27.08.1986 |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 27.02.1989 |
| Uzbekistan | | Ac | 18.05.1993 |
| Vanuatu | | Ac | 21.11.1994 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | | Ac | 01.09.1988 |
| Viet Nam | | Ac | 26.01.1994 |
| Yemen | | Ac | 21.02.1996 |
| Zambia | | Ac | 24.01.1990 |
| Zimbabwe | | Ac | 03.11.1992 |

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124. CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE EASTERN AFRICAN REGION

Objectives

To protect and manage the marine environment and coastal areas of the Eastern African region.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agree to:

(a) take all appropriate measures to prevent, reduce and combat pollution of the Convention area (art. 4), particularly pollution from ships (art. 5), dumping (art. 6), land-based sources (art. 7), exploration and exploitation of the sea bed (art. 8), and airborne pollution (art. 9);

(b) Protect and preserve rare or fragile ecosystems as well as the habitat of depleted, threatened or endangered species and other marine life in specially protected areas (art. 10);

(c) Cooperate in dealing with pollution emergencies in the Convention area (art. 11);

(d) Take all appropriate measures to prevent, reduce and combat environmental damage in the Convention area resulting from dredging, land reclamation, and other engineering activities (art. 12);

(e) Develop guidelines for the planning of major development projects in the Convention area, assess the environmental effects of development projects likely to cause significant adverse changes in the Convention area, and develop procedures for dissemination of information and consultation among the parties in such assessments (art. 13);

(f) Cooperate in scientific research and monitoring in the Convention area and exchange of data collected (art. 14);

(g) Cooperate in the development of rules and procedures to govern liability and compensation for damage caused by pollution in the Convention area (art. 15);

(h) Designate UNEP to discharge Secretariat functions under the Convention (art. 16).

The Convention includes an annex, establishing arbitration procedures for resolution of disputes between Contracting Parties.

Membership

Open to any State invited as a participant to the Nairobi Conference held from 17 and 21 June 1985, and to any regional intergovernmental integration organization invited to the Conference which exercise competence in the field covered by the Convention and having at least one member which belongs to the Eastern African region.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 21.06.1985 |
| Place of adoption | Nairobi |
| Date of entry into force | 30.05.1996 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Kenya |

(Status as of September 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) | Date |
|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Comoros | | Ac | 26.09.1994 |
| France (Reunion) | 21.06.1985 | R | 18.08.1989 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) | Date |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Kenya | | Ac | 11.09.1990 |
| Madagascar | 21.06.1985 | R | 26.06.1999 |
| Mauritius | | Ac | 10.07.2000 |
| Mozambique | | Ac | 04.03.1999 |
| Seychelles | 231.06.1985 | R | 29.05.1990 |
| South Africa | | | 16.05.2003 |
| Somalia | 21.06.1985 | R | 01.03.1988 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | 01.03.1996 |
| European Community | 19.06.1986 | | |

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125. **PROTOCOL CONCERNING PROTECTED AREAS AND WILD FAUNA AND FLORA IN THE EASTERN AFRICAN REGION**

Objectives

To provide for the protection of threatened and endangered species of flora and fauna, and important natural habitats, in the Eastern African region.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agree to:

- (a) Take all appropriate measures to protect the endangered species of flora and fauna listed in annexes I and II to the Protocol against capture, killing, destruction of habitat, possession, and sale (arts. 3 and 4);
- (b) Regulate the harvest and sale of threatened or depleted fauna species, listed in annex III, and protect critical habitats of breeding stocks of such species (art. 5);
- (c) Coordinate efforts to protect migratory species, listed in annex IV (art. 6);
- (d) Take measures to prevent the introduction of potentially harmful alien species (art. 7);
- (e) As necessary, establish protected areas to safeguard important ecosystems, including particularly those ecosystems that provide habitat for species of fauna and flora that are endangered, endemic, migratory, or economically important (art. 8), taking into account traditional activities of local populations (art. 11);
- (f) Cooperate in development of guidelines for selection and management of such areas (arts. 9 and 10), and coordinate establishment of protected areas to ensure adequate protection for frontier areas and creation of a representative network of protected areas in the region (arts. 13 and 16);
- (g) Take measures to ensure that the public is informed about protected areas, and has the opportunity to participate in protection efforts (arts. 14 and 15), and to encourage scientific research (art. 17);
- (h) Provide the Convention secretariat with information about their activities under this Protocol and relevant scientific research, and cooperate in providing technical and management assistance to each other (arts. 18 and 19).

The Protocol has four annexes, listing the protected species of wild flora (annex I), the species of wild fauna requiring special protection (annex II), the harvestable species of wild fauna requiring protection (annex III), and the protected migratory species (annex IV).

Membership

The Protocol is open to Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African Region.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 21.06.1985 |
| Place of adoption | Nairobi |
| Date of entry into force | 30.05.1996 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Kenya |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) | Date |
|--------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Comoros | | Ac | 26.09.1994 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) | Date |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| France | 21.06.1985 | R | 18.08.1989 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 11.09.1990 |
| Madagascar | 21.06.1985 | | --.11.1999 |
| Mauritius | | Ac | 10.07.2000 |
| Mozambique | | Ac | 04.03.1999 |
| Seychelles | 21.06.1985 | R | 29.05.1990 |
| Somalia | 21.06.1985 | R | 01.03.1988 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | 01.03.1996 |
| European Community | 19.06.1986 | | |

126. PROTOCOL CONCERNING COOPERATION IN COMBATING MARINE POLLUTION IN CASES OF EMERGENCY IN THE EASTER AFRICAN REGION

Objectives

To provide a framework for coordinated response in major spillages of oil and other harmful substances in the Convention area.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agree to:

- (a) Cooperate in undertaking all necessary measures for prevention and remedy of marine pollution incident, including development of legislation and contingency plans, and exchange of relevant information (arts. 3 and 4);
- (b) Establish procedures for the rapid reporting of marine pollution incidents (art. 5);
- (c) Provide assistance to each other in the event of a marine pollution incident (art. 6);
- (d) Undertake to provide for prompt response to marine pollution incidents, including assessment, notification, consultation, and remedy of the incident (art. 7); such measures to be undertaken through subregional agreements, as appropriate (art. 8);
- (e) The Convention secretariat (UNEP) coordinating and otherwise assisting activities under the Protocol (art. 9).

The Protocol has one annex, specifying guidelines for reporting marine pollution incidents under the terms of article 5.

Membership

The Protocol is open to Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Eastern African region.

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Date of adoption | 21.06.1985 |
| Place of adoption | Nairobi |
| Date of entry into force | 30.05.1996 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Kenya |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) | Date |
|-------------|------------|---|------------|
| Comoros | | Ac | 26.09.1994 |
| France | 21.06.1985 | R | 18.08.1989 |
| Kenya | | Ac | 11.09.1990 |
| Madagascar | 21.06.1985 | ¹²⁹ | --.11.1999 |
| Mauritius | | Ac | 10.07.2000 |
| Mozambique | | Ac | 04.03.1999 |

¹²⁹ Ratified but the instrument of ratification had not been deposited with the Depositary.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) | Date |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Seychelles | 21.06.1985 | R | 29.05.1990 |
| Somalia | 21.06.1985 | R | 01.03.1988 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | 01.03.1996 |
| European Community | 19.06.1986 | | |

127. CONVENTION CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Objectives

To establish and maintain a safe and healthy working environment and the adoption of work to the capabilities of workers in light of their state of physical and mental health.

Summary of provisions

- (a) Each Member to formulate, implement and periodically review a coherent national policy on occupational health services (art. 2);
- (b) Each Member to develop progressively occupational health services for all workers, including those in the public sector and the members of the production cooperatives, in all branches of economic activity and all undertakings (art. 3, para. 1);
- (c) If occupational health services cannot be immediately established for all undertakings, each Member concerned to draw up plans for the establishment of such services in consultation with the most representative organizations of employers and workers, where they exist (art. 3, para. 2)
- (d) Each Member concerned to indicate, in the first report on the application of the Convention submitted under article 22 of the constitution of the International Labour Organization, the plans drawn up pursuant to paragraph 2 of this article, and to indicate in subsequent reports any progress in their application (art. 3, para.2).

Membership

Open for ratification to all States Members of the International Labour Organization. Instruments of ratification to be deposited with the Director-General of the International Labour Office.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 26.06.1985 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 17.02.1988 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | International Labour Office |

(Status as of September 2005)

| Participant | Date of Ratification |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Antigua and Barbuda | 16.09.2002 |
| Benin | 10.11.1998 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 02.06.1993 |
| Brazil | 18.05.1990 |
| Burkina Faso | 25.08.1997 |
| Chile | 30.09.1999 |
| Colombia | 25.01.2001 |
| Croatia | 08.10.1991 |
| Czech Republic | 01.01.1993 |

| Participant | Date of Ratification |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Finland | 27.04.1987 |
| Germany | 17.10.1994 |
| Guatemala | 18.04.1989 |
| Hungary | 24.02.1988 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 17.11.1991 |
| Mexico | 17.02.1987 |
| San Marino | 19.04.1988 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 24.11.2000 |
| Slovakia | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | 29.05.1992 |
| Sweden | 01.07.1986 |
| Turkey | 22.04.2005 |
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128. SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE TREATY

Objectives

To establish a nuclear-free zone in the region and to keep the region free of environmental pollution by radioactive wastes.

Summary of provisions

The Parties undertake:

- (a) Not to acquire any nuclear explosive device (art. 3 (a)) and not assist the acquisition of any nuclear explosive device by any state (art. 3 (c));
- (b) To apply strict non-proliferation measures to all exports of nuclear materials to ensure exclusively peaceful, non-explosive use (art. 4);
- (c) To prevent the stationing of nuclear weapons on their territories (art. 5 (1));
- (d) To prevent the testing of any nuclear explosive device on their territories (art. 6 (a)) and not to assist the testing of any nuclear explosive device by any State (art. 6 (b));
- (e) Not to dump radioactive wastes at sea within the South Pacific Nuclear-Free Zone (art. 7 (a));
- (f) To prevent the dumping of radioactive wastes in their territorial sea (art. 7 (b)).

The treaty includes three Protocols. The first invites France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to apply the prohibitions contained in Articles 3, 5 and 6 to territories within the South Pacific Nuclear-Free Zone for which they are internationally responsible. The other two respectively invite France, the People's Republic of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America not to use nuclear explosive devices within the zone.

Membership

The Treaty is open to member States of the South Pacific Forum. Protocol 1 is open for signature by France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Protocols 2 and 3 are open for signature by France, the People's Republic of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Director of the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation.

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| Date of adoption | 06.08.1985 |
| Place of adoption | Rarotonga, Cook Islands |
| Date of entry into force | 11.12.1986 |
| Language | English |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the South Pacific Forum Secretariat |

(Status as of 31 October 2003)

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Australia | 06.08.1985 | 11.12.1986 | 11.12.1986 |
| Cook Islands | 06.08.1985 | 28.10.1985 | 11.12.1986 |
| Fiji | 06.08.1985 | 04.10.1985 | 11.12.1986 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Kiribati | 06.08.1985 | 28.10.1986 | 11.12.1986 |
| Nauru | 17.07.1986 | 13.04.1986 | 13.04.1987 |
| New Zealand | 06.08.1985 | 13.11.1986 | 11.12.1986 |
| Niue | 06.08.1985 | 12.05.1986 | 11.12.1986 |
| Papua New guinea | 16.09.1985 | 15.09.1989 | 15.09.1989 |
| Samoa | 06.08.1985 | 20.10.1986 | 11.12.1986 |
| Solomon Islands | 29.05.1987 | 27.01.1989 | 27.01.1989 |
| Tonga | 02.08.1996 | 18.12.2000 | 18.12.2000 |
| Tuvalu | 06.08.1985 | 16.01.1986 | 11.12.1986 |
| Vanuatu | 16.09.1995 | 09.02.1996 | 09.02.1996 |

PROTOCOL 1

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| France | 25.03.1996 | 20.09.1996 | 20.09.1996 |
| United Kingdom | 25.03.1996 | 19.09.1997 | 19.09.1997 |
| United States | 25.03.1996 | | |

PROTOCOL 2

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| China | 10.02.1987 | 21.10.1988 | 21.10.1988 |
| France | 25.03.1996 | 20.09.1996 | 20.09.1996 |
| United Kingdom | 25.03.1996 | 19.09.1997 | 19.09.1997 |
| United States | 25.03.1996 | | |
| Russian Federation | 15.12.1986 | 21.04.1988 | 21.04.1988 |

PROTOCOL 3

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| China | 10.02.1987 | 21.10.1988 | 21.10.1988 |
| France | 25.03.1996 | 20.09.1996 | 20.09.1996 |
| United Kingdom | 25.03.1996 | 19.09.1997 | 19.09.1997 |
| United States | 25.03.1996 | | |
| Russian Federation | 15.12.1986 | 21.04.1988 | 21.04.1988 |

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129. ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN NATIONS AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Objectives

To promote joint and individual State action for the conservation and management of the natural resources of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Region.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agree to promote joint or individual State action:

- (a) To preserve genetic diversity by ensuring the conservation and preservation of all species in their jurisdiction especially by protecting endangered species and conserving endemic species (arts. 1, 3 and 5);
- (b) To maintain harvested species through sound management and ensure sustainable utilization (arts. 1, 4 and 6);
- (c) To take measures towards soil conservation, improvement and rehabilitation, to conserve underground and surface water and to take all appropriate measures towards air quality management (arts. 1, 10 and 11);
- (d) To conserve ecological processes by reducing, controlling or preventing environmental degradation and pollution (arts. 1, 10 and 11);
- (e) To set up protected areas including natural parks and reserves to conserve biological diversity, and especially endangered species;
- (f) To ensure that the conservation and management of natural resources is an integral part of development planning both at the national and regional levels (art. 2, chapters VI and VII);
- (g) To harmonize the utilization of shared resources without prejudice to the environment and avoid transfrontier environmental effects (arts. 19 and 20)
- (h) To cooperate in the formulation of and adoption of protocols to prescribe agreed measures, procedures and standards to implement the agreement (art. 24).

Membership

Open for ratification by member States of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

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| Date of adoption | 09.07.1985 |
| Place of adoption | Kuala Lumpur |
| Date of entry into force | 30 th day after deposit of the Sixth Instrument of Ratification |
| Language | English |
| Depositary | The Association of South East Asian Nations |

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| Participant | Signature | Ratification |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| Brunei Darussalam | 09.07.1985 | |
| Cambodia | | 30.04.1999 |
| Indonesia | 09.07.1985 | 10.07.1986 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | | 16.10.1999 |
| Malaysia | 09.07.1985 | |
| Myanmar | | 16.10.1997 |
| Philippines | 09.07.1985 | 04.09.1986 |
| Singapore | 09.07.1985 | |
| Thailand | 09.07.1985 | 19.05.1986 |
| Viet Nam | | 03.07.1997 |

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**130. PROTOCOL TO THE 1979 CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE
TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION ON THE REDUCTION OF
SULPHUR EMISSIONS OR THEIR TRANSBOUNDARY FLUXES BY
AT LEAST 30 PER CENT**

Objectives

To provide for a 30 per cent reduction in sulphur emissions or transboundary fluxes by 1993.

Summary of provisions

- (a) The Parties agree to reduce their national annual sulphur emissions, or their transboundary fluxes, to at least 30 per cent below 1980 levels by 1993 (arts. 2 and 6);
- (b) The Parties agree to study the need for further reductions (art. 3);
- (c) The Parties agree to report their annual sulphur emissions to the Executive Body of the Convention (art. 4);
- (d) EMEP (the "Cooperative programme for the monitoring and evaluation of the long-range transmission of air pollutants in Europe", created under the Convention) shall annually report to the Executive Body of the Convention its calculations of the sulphur budget, transboundary fluxes, and sulphur depositions within the geographical scope of the Convention (art. 5).

Membership

Open for signature by the member States of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), as well as States having consultative status with ECE and regional economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign States members of ECE.

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| Date of adoption | 08.07.1985 |
| Place of adoption | Helsinki |
| Date of entry into force | 02.09.1987 |
| Languages | English, French, Russian |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

(Status as of 30 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession | Date |
|--------------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| Austria | 09.07.1985 | R | 04.06.1987 |
| Belarus | 09.07.1985 | At | 10.09.1986 |
| Belgium | 09.07.1985 | R | 09.06.1989 |
| Bulgaria | 09.07.1985 | Ap | 26.09.1986 |
| Canada | 09.07.1985 | R | 04.12.1985 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 30.09.1993 |
| Denmark | 09.07.1985 | R | 29.04.1986 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession | Date |
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| Estonia | | Ac | 07.03.2000 |
| Finland | 09.07.1985 | R | 24.06.1986 |
| France | 09.04.1985 | Ap | 13.03.1986 |
| Germany | 09.07.1985 | R | 03.03.1987 |
| Hungary | 09.07.1985 | R | 11.09.1986 |
| Italy | 09.07.1985 | R | 05.02.1990 |
| Liechtenstein | 09.07.1985 | R | 13.02.1986 |
| Luxembourg | 09.07.1985 | R | 24.08.1987 |
| Netherlands ¹³⁰ | 09.07.1985 | At | 30.04.1986 |
| Norway | 09.07.1985 | R | 04.11.1986 |
| Russian Federation | 09.07.1985 | At | 10.09.1986 |
| Slovakia | | S | 28.05.1993 |
| Sweden | 09.07.1985 | R | 31.03.1986 |
| Switzerland | 09.07.1985 | R | 21.09.1987 |
| Ukraine | 09.07.1985 | At | 02.10.1986 |

¹³⁰ For the Kingdom in Europe.

131. CONVENTION CONCERNING SAFETY IN THE USE OF ASBESTOS

Objectives

To prevent and control the exposure of workers to asbestos and to protect them against health hazards due to occupational exposure to asbestos.

Summary of provisions

- (a) National laws and regulations to prescribe the measures to be taken for the prevention and control of, and protection of workers against health hazards due to occupational exposure to asbestos (art. 3(1));
- (b) The enforcement of the laws and regulations adopted pursuant to Article 3 of this Convention to be secured by an adequate and appropriate system of inspection (art. 5 (1));
- (c) National laws and regulations to provide for the necessary measures including appropriate penalties to ensure effective enforcement of a compliance with the provisions of this Convention (art. 5 (2));
- (d) Employers to be made responsible for compliance with the prescribed measures (art. 6);
- (e) Workers to be required to comply with prescribed safety and hygiene procedures relating to the prevention and control of, and protection against, health hazards due to occupational exposure to asbestos (art. 7);

Membership

Open for ratification to all States members of the International Labour Organization. Instruments of ratification to be deposited with the Director-General of the International Labour Office.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.06.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | 16.06.1989 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | International Labour Office |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Ratification date |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Belgium | 11.10.1996 |
| Bolivia | 11.06.1990 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 02.06.1993 |
| Brazil | 18.05.1990 |
| Cameroon | 20.02.1989 |
| Canada | 16.06.1988 |
| Chile | 14.10.1994 |
| Colombia | 25.01.2001 |

| Participant | Ratification date |
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| Croatia | 08.10.1991 |
| Cyprus | 07.08.1992 |
| Ecuador | 11.04.1990 |
| Finland | 20.06.1988 |
| Germany | 18.11.1993 |
| Guatemala | 18.04.1989 |
| Japan | 11.08.2005 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 17.11.1991 |
| Netherlands | 15.09.1999 |
| Norway | 04.02.1992 |
| Portugal | 03.05.1999 |
| Russian Federation | 04.09.2000 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 24.11.2000 |
| Slovenia | 29.05.1992 |
| Spain | 02.08.1990 |
| Sweden | 02.09.1987 |
| Switzerland | 16.06.1992 |
| Uganda | 27.03.1990 |
| Uruguay | 06.09.1995 |
| Zimbabwe | 09.04.2003 |

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132. CONVENTION ON EARLY NOTIFICATION OF A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

Objectives

To provide relevant information about nuclear accidents as early as possible in order that transboundary radiological consequences can be minimized.

Summary of provisions

(a) In the event of a nuclear accident, the Party referred to in article 1 to notify, directly or through the International Atomic Energy Agency thereafter referred to as the "Agency", those states which are or may be physically affected as specified in article 1 and the Agency of the nuclear accident, its nature, the time of its occurrence and the exact location where appropriate (art. 2 (a));

(b) In the event of a nuclear accident, the Party referred to in article 1 to provide the states referred to in subparagraph (a), directly or through the Agency, and the Agency with such available information relevant to minimizing the radiological consequences in those states, as specified in article 5 (art. 2 (b));

(c) With a view to minimizing the radiological consequences, Parties may notify in the event of nuclear accidents other than those specified in article 1 (art. 3);

(d) The Agency to inform Parties, member States, other States which are or may be physically affected as specified in article 1 and relevant international organizations of a notification received pursuant to subparagraph (a) of article 2 (art. 4 (a));

(e) The Agency to provide any Party, member States or relevant international organizations, upon request, with the information received pursuant to subparagraph (b) or article 2 (art. 4 (b)).

Membership

This Convention is open to all States, Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, international organizations and regional integration organizations referred to in article 14. Instruments shall be deposited with the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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| Date of adoption | 26.09.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Vienna |
| Date of entry into force | 27.10.1986 |
| Languages | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | International Atomic Energy Agency |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

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|----------------------------|------------|---|------------|------------------|
| Afghanistan ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Albania | | Ac | 30.09.2003 | 30.10.2003 |
| Algeria ¹³¹ | 24.09.1987 | R | 15.01.2004 | 15.02.2004 |

¹³¹ With a reservation or declaration deposited upon signature or ratification.

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Acceptance (At) Approval (Ap) Definitive signature (DS) Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
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| Angola | | Aac | 22.12.2004 | 22.01.2005 |
| Argentina ¹³¹ | | Ac | 17.01.1990 | 17.02.1990 |
| Armenia | | Ac | 24.08.1993 | 24.09.1993 |
| Australia ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 22.09.1987 | 23.10.1987 |
| Austria | 26.09.1986 | R | 18.02.1988 | 20.03.1988 |
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 07.01.1988 | 07.02.1988 |
| Belarus | 26.09.1986 | R | 26.01.1987 | 26.02.1987 |
| Belgium | 26.09.1986 | R | 04.01.1999 | 04.02.1999 |
| Bolivia ¹³¹ | | Ac | 22.08.2003 | 21.09.2003 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 30.06.1998 | 01.03.1992 |
| Brazil | 26.09.1986 | R | 04.12.1990 | 04.01.1991 |
| Bulgaria ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 24.02.1988 | 26.03.1988 |
| Cameroon | 25.09.1987 | | | |
| Canada ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 18.01.1990 | 18.02.1990 |
| Chile | 26.09.1986 | R | 15.11.2005 | 15.12.2005 |
| China ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 10.09.1987 | 11.10.1987 |
| Colombia | | Ac | 28.03.2003 | 28.04.2003 |
| Costa Rica | 26.09.1986 | R | 16.09.1991 | 17.10.1991 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Croatia | | S | 29.09.1992 | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 08.01.1991 | 08.02.1991 |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 04.01.1989 | 04.02.1989 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 24.03.1993 | 01.01.1993 |

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| Democratic People's Republic of Korea ¹³¹ | 29.09.1986 | | | |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 30.09.1986 | | | |
| Denmark | 26.09.1986 | DS | 26.09.1986 | 27.10.1986 |
| Egypt ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 06.07.1988 | 06.08.1988 |
| El Salvador | | Ac | 26.01.2005 | 26.02.2005 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 09.05.1994 | 09.06.1994 |
| Finland | 26.09.1986 | Ap | 11.12.1986 | 11.01.1987 |
| France ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | Ap | 06.03.1989 | 06.04.1989 |
| Germany ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 14.09.1989 | 15.10.1989 |
| Greece | 26.09.1986 | R | 06.06.1991 | 07.07.1991 |
| Guatemala | 26.09.1986 | R | 08.08.1988 | 08.09.1988 |
| Holy See | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Hungary ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 10.03.1987 | 10.04.1987 |
| Iceland | 26.09.1986 | R | 27.09.1989 | 28.10.1989 |
| India ¹³¹ | 29.09.1986 | R | 28.01.1988 | 28.02.1988 |
| Indonesia ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 12.11.1993 | 13.12.1993 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 26.09.1986 | R | 09.10.2000 | 09.11.2000 |
| Iraq ¹³¹ | 12.08.1987 | R | 21.07.1988 | 21.08.1988 |
| Ireland | 26.09.1986 | R | 13.09.1991 | 14.10.1991 |
| Israel ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 25.05.1989 | 25.06.1989 |
| Italy ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 08.02.1990 | 11.03.1990 |
| Japan | 06.03.1987 | At | 09.06.1987 | 10.07.1987 |
| Jordan | 02.10.1986 | R | 11.12.1987 | 11.01.1988 |

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| Kuwait | | Ac | 13.05.2003 | 13.06.2003 |
| Latvia | | Ac | 28.12.1992 | 28.01.1993 |
| Lebanon | 26.09.1986 | R | 17.04.1997 | 18.05.1997 |
| Liechtenstein | 26.09.1986 | R | 19.04.1994 | 20.05.1994 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 16.11.1994 | 17.12.1994 |
| Luxembourg | 26.09.1986 | R | 26.09.2000 | 27.10.2000 |
| Malaysia ¹³¹ | 01.09.1987 | DS | 01.09.1987 | 02.10.1987 |
| Mali | 02.10.1986 | | | |
| Mauritius ¹³¹ | | Ac | 17.08.1992 | 17.09.1992 |
| Mexico | 26.09.1986 | R | 10.05.1988 | 10.06.1988 |
| Monaco ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | Ap | 19.07.1989 | 19.08.1989 |
| Mongolia ¹³¹ | 08.01.1987 | R | 11.06.1987 | 12.07.1987 |
| Morocco | 26.09.1986 | R | 07.10.1993 | 07.11.1993 |
| Myanmar ¹³¹ | | Ac | 18.12.1997 | 18.01.1998 |
| Netherlands ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | At | 23.09.1991 | 24.10.1991 |
| New Zealand | | Ac | 11.03.1987 | 11.04.1987 |
| Nicaragua ¹³¹ | | Ac | 11.11.1993 | 12.12.1993 |
| Niger | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Nigeria | 21.01.1987 | R | 10.08.1990 | 10.09.1990 |
| Norway | 26.09.1986 | DS | 26.09.1986 | 27.10.1986 |
| Pakistan ¹³¹ | | Ac | 11.09.1989 | 12.10.1989 |
| Panama | 26.09.1986 | R | 01.04.1999 | 02.05.1999 |
| Paraguay | 02.10.1986 | | | |
| Peru ¹³¹ | | Ac | 17.07.1995 | 17.08.1995 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Acceptance (At) Approval (Ap) Definitive signature (DS) Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
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| Philippines | | Ac | 05.05.1997 | 05.06.1997 |
| Poland ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 24.03.1988 | 24.04.1988 |
| Portugal | 26.09.1986 | R | 30.04.1993 | 31.05.1993 |
| Qatar | | Ac | 04.11.2005 | 04.12.2005 |
| Republic of Korea | | Ac | 08.06.1990 | 09.07.1990 |
| Republic of Moldova | | Ac | 07.05.1998 | 07.06.1998 |
| Romania ¹³¹ | | Ac | 12.06.1990 | 13.07.1990 |
| Russian Federation ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 23.12.1986 | 24.01.1987 |
| Saint Vincent & the Grenadines | | Ac | 18.09.2001 | 19.10.2001 |
| Saudi Arabia ¹³¹ | | Ac | 03.11.1989 | 04.12.1989 |
| Senegal | 15.06.1987 | | | |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 27.05.1987 | S | 05.02.2002 | 27.04.1992 |
| Sierra Leone | 25.03.1987 | | | |
| Singapore | | Ac | 15.12.1997 | 15.01.1998 |
| Slovakia ¹³¹ | | S | 10.02.1993 | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 07.07.1992 | 25.06.1991 |
| South Africa ¹³¹ | 10.08.1987 | R | 10.08.1987 | 10.09.1987 |
| Spain ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 13.09.1989 | 14.10.1989 |
| Sri Lanka | | Ac | 11.01.1991 | 11.02.1991 |
| Sudan | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Sweden | 26.09.1986 | R | 27.02.1987 | 30.03.1987 |
| Switzerland | 26.09.1986 | R | 31.05.1988 | 01.07.1988 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 02.07.1987 | | | |

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| Thailand ¹³¹ | 25.09.1987 | R | 21.03.1989 | 21.04.1989 |
| The Former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia | | S | 20.09.1996 | 17.11.1991 |
| Tunisia | 24.02.1987 | R | 24.02.1989 | 27.03.1989 |
| Turkey | 26.09.1986 | R | 03.01.1991 | 03.02.1991 |
| Ukraine | 26.09.1986 | R | 26.01.1987 | 26.02.1987 |
| United Arab Emirates | | Ac | 02.10.1987 | 02.11.1987 |
| United Kingdom ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 09.02.1990 | 12.03.1990 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | 27.01.2005 | 26.02.2005 |
| United States of America ¹³¹ | 26.09.1986 | R | 19.09.1988 | 20.10.1988 |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 21.12.1989 | 21.01.1990 |
| Vietnam ¹³¹ | | Ac | 29.09.1987 | 30.10.1987 |
| Zimbabwe | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations ¹³¹ | | Ac | 19.10.1990 | 19.11.1990 |
| World Health Organization ¹³¹ | | Ac | 10.08.1988 | 10.09.1988 |
| World Meteorological Organization ¹³¹ | | Ac | 17.04.1990 | 18.05.1990 |

133. CONVENTION ON ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT OR RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

Objectives

To facilitate the prompt provision of assistance in the event of a nuclear accident or radiological emergency.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties to cooperate between themselves and with the International Atomic Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency") to facilitate prompt assistance in the event of a nuclear accident or radiological emergency (art. 1 (1));

(b) Parties to request the Agency to use its best endeavours in accordance with the provisions of this Convention to promote, facilitate and support the cooperation between states Parties provided for in this Convention (art. 1 (3));

(c) If a Party needs assistance in the event of a nuclear accident or radiological emergency, whether or not such accident or emergency originates within its territory, jurisdiction or control, it may call for such assistance from any other State Party, directly or through the Agency, and from the Agency, or, where appropriate, from other international intergovernmental organizations (art. 2 (a));

(d) A Party to which a request for such assistance is directed to promptly decide and notify the requesting States Party, directly or through the Agency, where it is in a position to render the assistance requested, and the scope and terms of the assistance that might be rendered (art. 2 (3));

(e) A Party may request assistance relating to medical or temporary relocation into the territory of another State Party of people involved in a nuclear accident or radiological emergency (art. 2 (5)).

Membership

This Convention is open to all States, Namibia, represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia, international organizations and regional integration organizations referred to in article 14. Instruments shall be deposited with the director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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| Afghanistan ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Albania | | Ac | 30.04.2003 | 31.05.2003 |

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| Argentina ¹³² | | Ac | 17.01.1990 | 17.02.1990 |
| Armenia | | Ac | 24.08.1993 | 24.09.1993 |
| Australia ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 22.09.1987 | 23.10.1987 |
| Austria | 26.09.1986 | R | 21.11.1989 | 22.12.1989 |
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 07.01.1988 | 07.02.1988 |
| Belarus | 26.09.1986 | R | 26.01.1987 | 26.02.1987 |
| Belgium | 26.09.1986 | R | 04.01.1999 | 04.02.1999 |
| Bolivia ¹³² | | Ac | 22.08.2003 | 21.09.2003 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | S | 30.06.1998 | 01.03.1992 |
| Brazil | 26.09.1986 | R | 04.12.1990 | 04.01.1991 |
| Bulgaria ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 24.02.1988 | 26.03.1988 |
| Cameroon | 25.09.1987 | | | |
| Canada ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 12.08.2002 | 12.09.2002 |
| Chile | 26.09.1986 | R | 22.09.2004 | 23.10.2004 |
| China ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 10.09.1987 | 11.10.1987 |
| Colombia | | Ac | 23.06.2005 | 23.07.2005 |
| Costa Rica | 26.09.1986 | R | 16.09.1991 | 17.10.1991 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Croatia | | S | 29.09.1992 | 08.10.1991 |
| Cuba ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 08.01.1991 | 08.02.1991 |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 04.01.1989 | 04.02.1989 |
| Czech Republic | | S | 24.03.1993 | 01.01.1993 |

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| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 30.09.1986 | | | |
| Denmark | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Egypt ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 17.10.1988 | 17.11.1988 |
| El Salvador | | Ac | 28.07.2005 | 27.08.2005 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 09.05.1994 | 09.06.1994 |
| Finland | 26.09.1986 | Ap | 27.11.1990 | 28.12.1990 |
| France ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | Ap | 06.03.1989 | 06.04.1989 |
| Germany ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 14.09.1989 | 15.10.1989 |
| Greece | 26.09.1986 | R | 06.06.1991 | 07.07.1991 |
| Guatemala | 26.09.1986 | R | 08.08.1988 | 08.09.1988 |
| Holy See | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Hungary ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 10.03.1987 | 10.04.1987 |
| Iceland | 26.09.1986 | R | | |
| India ¹³² | 29.09.1986 | R | 28.01.1988 | 28.02.1988 |
| Indonesia ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 12.11.1993 | 13.12.1993 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 26.09.1986 | R | 09.10.2000 | 09.11.2000 |
| Iraq ¹³² | 12.08.1987 | R | 21.07.1988 | 21.08.1988 |
| Ireland ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 13.09.1991 | 14.10.1991 |
| Israel ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 25.05.1989 | 25.06.1989 |
| Italy ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 25.10.1990 | 25.11.1990 |
| Japan | 06.03.1987 | At | 09.06.1987 | 10.07.1987 |
| Jordan | 02.10.1986 | R | 11.12.1987 | 11.01.1988 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Acceptance (At) Approval (Ap) Definitive signature (DS) Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
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| Latvia | | Ac | 28.12.1992 | 28.01.1993 |
| Lebanon | 26.09.1986 | R | 17.04.1997 | 18.05.1997 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | Ac | 27.06.1990 | 28.07.1990 |
| Liechtenstein | 26.09.1986 | R | 19.04.1994 | 20.05.1994 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 21.09.2000 | 22.10.2000 |
| Luxembourg | | R | 26.09.2000 | 27.10.2000 |
| Malaysia ¹³² | 01.09.1987 | DS | 01.09.1987 | 02.10.1987 |
| Mali | 02.10.1986 | | | |
| Mauritius ¹³² | | Ac | 17.08.1992 | 17.09.1992 |
| Mexico | 26.09.1986 | R | 10.05.1988 | 10.06.1988 |
| Monaco ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | Ap | 19.07.1989 | 19.08.1989 |
| Mongolia ¹³² | 08.01.1987 | R | 11.06.1987 | 12.07.1987 |
| Morocco | 26.09.1986 | R | 07.10.1993 | 07.11.1993 |
| Netherlands ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | At | 23.09.1991 | 24.10.1991 |
| New Zealand | | Ac | 11.03.1987 | 11.04.1987 |
| Nicaragua ¹³² | | Ac | 11.11.1993 | 12.12.1993 |
| Niger | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Nigeria | 21.01.1987 | R | 10.08.1990 | 10.09.1990 |
| Norway | 26.09.1986 | DS | 26.09.1986 | 26.02.1987 |
| Pakistan ¹³² | | Ac | 11.09.1989 | 12.10.1989 |
| Panama | 26.09.1986 | R | 01.04.1999 | 02.05.1999 |
| Paraguay | 02.10.1986 | | | |
| Peru ¹³² | | Ac | 17.07.1995 | 17.08.1995 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Acceptance (At) Approval (Ap) Definitive signature (DS) Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--|---------------------------|------------------|
| Philippines | | Ac | 05.05.1997 | 05.06.1997 |
| Poland ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 24.03.1988 | 24.04.1988 |
| Portugal | 26.09.1986 | R | 23.10.2003 | 23.11.2003 |
| Qatar | | Ac | 04.11.2005 | 04.12.2005 |
| Republic of Korea | | Ac | 08.06.1990 | 09.07.1990 |
| Republic of Moldova | | Ac | 07.05.1998 | 07.06.1998 |
| Romania ¹³² | | Ac | 12.06.1990 | 13.07.1990 |
| Russian Federation ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 23.12.1986 ¹³³ | 26.02.1987 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | Ac | 18.09.2001 | 19.10.2001 |
| Saudi Arabia ¹³² | | Ac | 03.11.1989 | 04.12.1989 |
| Senegal | 15.06.1987 | | | |
| Serbia and Montenegro | | S | 05.02.2002 | 27.04.1992 |
| Sierra Leone | 25.03.1987 | | | |
| Singapore | | Ac | 15.12.1997 | 15.01.1998 |
| Slovakia ¹³² | | S | 10.02.1993 | 01.01.1993 |
| Slovenia | | S | 07.07.1992 | 25.06.1991 |
| South Africa ¹³² | 10.08.1987 | R | 10.08.1987 | 10.09.1987 |
| Spain ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 13.09.1989 | 14.10.1989 |
| Sri Lanka | | Ac | 11.01.1991 | 11.02.1991 |
| Sudan | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Sweden | 26.09.1986 | R | 24.06.1992 | 25.07.1992 |
| Switzerland | 26.09.1986 | R | 31.05.1988 | 01.07.1988 |

¹³³ Continuation notified on 26.12.1991

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Acceptance (At) Approval (Ap) Definitive signature (DS) Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date | Entry into force |
|--|------------|--|------------|------------------|
| Syrian Arab Republic | 02.07.1987 | | | |
| Thailand ¹³² | 25.09.1987 | R | 21.03.1989 | 21.04.1989 |
| The Former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia | | S | 20.09.1996 | 17.11.1991 |
| Tunisia | 24.02.1987 | R | 24.02.1989 | 27.03.1989 |
| Turkey | 26.09.1986 | R | 03.01.1991 | 03.02.1991 |
| Ukraine | 26.09.1986 | R | 26.01.1987 | 26.02.1987 |
| United Arab Emirates | | Ac | 02.10.1987 | 02.11.1987 |
| United Kingdom ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 09.02.1990 | 12.03.1990 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | 27.01.2005 | 26.02.2005 |
| United States of America ¹³² | 26.09.1986 | R | 19.09.1988 | 20.10.1988 |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 21.12.1989 | 21.01.1990 |
| Vietnam ¹³² | | Ac | 29.09.1987 | 30.10.1987 |
| Zimbabwe | 26.09.1986 | | | |
| Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations ¹³² | | Ac | 19.10.1990 | 19.11.1990 |
| World Health Organization ¹³² | | Ac | 10.08.1988 | 10.09.1988 |
| World Meteorological Organization ¹³² | | Ac | 17.04.1990 | 18.05.1990 |

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134. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF SHIPS

Objectives

To strengthen the genuine link between a State and ships flying its flag so that State may exercise effective jurisdiction and control over such ships respecting identification and accountability of ship owners and operators as well as administrative, technical, economic and social matters.

Summary of provisions

(a) The Convention provides for the right of each State, whether coastal or landlocked, to sail ships flying its flag on the high seas;

(b) It provides for conditions for identification and accountability, ownership of ships, manning of ships, control of flag States over ship-owning companies and ships, registration of ships, bareboat chargers and the protection of interests of labour-supplying countries;

(c) Article 5 requires the flag State to implement applicable international rules and standards for the safety of ships and persons on board and for the prevention of the pollution of the marine environment, as well as to ensure that ships comply with those rules and standards.

Membership

Open to all States for signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Date of adoption | 07.02.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Geneva |
| Date of entry into force | Not yet in force |
| Languages | Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

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| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date |
|----------------|------------|--|------------|
| Albania | | Ac | 04.10.2004 |
| Algeria | 24.02.1987 | | |
| Bolivia | 18.08.1986 | | |
| Bulgaria | | Ac | 27.12.1996 |
| Cameroon | 29.12.1986 | | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 02.04.1987 | R | 28.10.1987 |
| Czech Republic | 02.06.1993 | S | |
| Egypt | 03.03.1987 | R | 09.01.1992 |
| Georgia | | Ac | 07.08.1995 |
| Ghana | | Ac | 29.08.1990 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R) Accession (Ac) Succession (S) | Date |
|------------------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| Haiti | | Ac | 17.05.1989 |
| Hungary | | Ac | 23.01.1989 |
| Indonesia | 26.01.1987 | | |
| Iraq | | Ac | 01.02.1989 |
| Liberia | | Ac | 16.09.2005 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 21.04.1987 | R | 28.02.1989 |
| Mexico | 07.08.1986 | R | 21.01.1988 |
| Morocco | 31.07.1986 | | |
| Oman | | Ac | 18.10.1990 |
| Poland | 01.04.1987 | | |
| Russian Federation | 12.02.1987 | | |
| Senegal | 16.07.1986 | | |
| Slovakia | 28.05.1993 | S | |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | Ac | 29.09.2004 |

135. AGREEMENT ON THE PRESERVATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA CONCERNING DEEP SEA BED AREAS

Objectives

To safeguard the confidentiality of the coordinates of the deep sea bed areas as well as of other proprietary or confidential information regarding those areas.

Summary of provisions

(a) The Parties undertake to take appropriate measures within the framework of existing legislation to preserve the confidentiality of data on proprietary or confidential information about sea bed areas, and to ensure that natural and artificial persons within their jurisdiction having access to such information preserve its confidentiality (arts. 1 and 2);

(b) The confidentiality of the coordinates is to be kept for two years and of other confidential information for five years and may, in either case, be prolonged subject to the agreement of the Parties.

Membership

Belgium, Canada, Italy, Netherlands and Russian Federation.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 05.12.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Moscow |
| Date of entry into force | 05.12.1986 |
| Languages | English, French, Italian, Dutch, Russian |
| Depositary | (not stated) |

| Participant | Entry into force |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 05.12.1986 |
| Canada | 05.12.1986 |
| Italy | 05.12.1986 |
| Netherlands | 05.12.1986 |
| Russian Federation | 05.12.1986 |

136. CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION

Objectives

To protect and manage the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific region.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agree to:

- (a) Take all appropriate measures to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the Convention area (art. 5), particularly pollution from vessels (art. 6), land-based sources (art. 7), exploration and exploitation of the sea bed (art. 8), airborne pollution (art. 9), dumping (art. 10) and the testing of nuclear devices (art. 12);
- (b) Ensure that the implementation of this Convention shall not result in an increase in pollution in the marine environment outside the Convention area (art. 5 (2));
- (c) Establish laws and regulations for the effective discharge of the obligations prescribed in this Convention (art. 5 (5));
- (d) Prohibit the storage of radioactive wastes in the Convention area (art. 11);
- (e) Take all appropriate measures to protect and preserve rare ecosystems and endangered flora and fauna, as well as their habitat, in the Convention area (art. 14);
- (f) Cooperate in taking all necessary measures to deal with pollution emergencies in the Convention area (art. 15).

Membership

Open for ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to States invited to participate in the High-level Conference on the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment at Noumea, New Caledonia from 24-25 November 1986. Any State that was not invited to participate in the High-level Conference may accede to the Convention subject to prior approval by three-fourths of the Parties.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 24.11.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Noumea, New Caledonia |
| Date of entry into force | 22.08.1990 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | South Pacific Forum Secretariat |

(Status as of October 2005)

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| Australia | 24.11.1987 | 19.07.1989 |
| Cook Islands | 25.11.1986 | 09.09.1987 |
| Fiji | | 18.09.1989 |
| France | 25.11.1986 | 17.07.1990 |
| Marshall Islands | 25.11.1986 | 04.05.1987 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification (R) Acceptance (At) Approval (Ap) Accession (Ac) |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Micronesia, Federated States of | 09.04.1987 | 29.11.1988 |
| Nauru | 15.04.1987 | 28.08.1995 |
| New Zealand | 25.11.1986 | 03.05.1990 |
| Palau | 25.11.1986 | |
| Papua New Guinea | 03.11.1987 | 15.09.1989 |
| Solomon Islands | | 10.08.1989 |
| Tuvalu | 14.08.1987 | |
| United Kingdom | 16.07.1987 | |
| United States of America | 25.11.1986 | 10.06.1991 |
| Western Samoa | 25.11.1986 | 23.07.1990 |

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137. PROTOCOL FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION BY DUMPING

Objectives

To prevent, reduce and control pollution by dumping of wastes and other matter in the South Pacific.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agreed:

- (a) To take all appropriate measures to prevent, reduce and control pollution in the Protocol Area by dumping (art. 3, para. 1);
- (b) Dumping within the territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone or onto the continental shelf of a Party as defined in international law not to be carried out without the express prior approval of the Party (art. 3, para. 2);
- (c) National laws, regulations and measures adopted by the Parties not to be less effective in preventing, reducing and controlling pollution by dumping than the relevant internationally recognized rules and procedures relating to the control of dumping established within the framework of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Waste and Other Matter 1972, (art. 3, para. 3);
- (d) The dumping in the Protocol Area of wastes or other matter listed in annex I to this Protocol is prohibited except as provided in this Protocol (art. 4, para. 1);
- (e) The dumping in in the Protocol Area of wastes or other matter listed in annex II to this Protocol requires, in each case, a prior general permit (art. 5);
- (f) The dumping in the Protocol Area of all wastes or other matter not listed in annexes I and II to this Protocol requires a prior general permit (art. 6);
- (g) The permits referred to in articles 5 and 6 to be issued only after careful consideration of all the factors set forth in annex III to this Protocol (art. 7).

Membership

Open for ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the States invited to participate in the High-level Conference on the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region, held at Noumea, New Caledonia from 24-25 November 1986. Any State that was not invited to participate in the High-level Conference may accede to the Convention subject to prior approval by three-fourths of the Parties.

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 25.11.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Noumea, New Caledonia |
| Date of entry into force | 22.08.1990 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | South Pacific Forum Secretariat |

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| Participant | Signature | Ratification / Acceptance/ Approval / Accession |
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| Australia | 24.11.1987 | 19.07.1989 |
| Cook Islands | 25.11.1986 | 09.09.1987 |
| Fiji | | 18.09.1989 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification / Acceptance/ Approval / Accession |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| France | 25.11.1986 | 17.07.1990 |
| Marshall Islands | 25.11.1986 | 04.05.1987 |
| Micronesia, Federated States of | 09.04.1987 | 29.11.1986 |
| Nauru | 15.04.1987 | 28.08.1995 |
| New Zealand | 25.11.1986 | 03.05.1990 |
| Palau | 25.11.1986 | |
| Papua New Guinea | 03.11.1987 | 15.09.1989 |
| Solomon Islands | | 10.08.1989 |
| Tuvalu | | 14.08.1987 |
| United Kingdom | 16.07.1987 | |
| United States of America | 25.11.1986 | 10.06.1991 |
| Western Samoa | 25.11.1986 | 23.07.1990 |

138. **PROTOCOL CONCERNING COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION EMERGENCIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION**

Objectives

To enhance cooperation among the Parties to protect the South Pacific Region from threats and effects of pollution incidents.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agreed to:

- (a) Cooperate in taking all necessary measures for the protection of the South Pacific Region from the threat and effects of pollution incidents (art. 3, para. 1);
- (b) Establish and maintain or ensure the establishment and maintenance of the means of preventing and combating pollution incidents, and reducing the risk thereof. Such means shall include the enactment, as necessary, of relevant legislation, the preparation of contingency plans, the development and strengthening of the capability to respond to pollution incidents and the designation of a national authority responsible for the implementation of the Protocol (art. 3, para. 2);
- (c) Periodically exchange with other Parties current information relating to the implementation of this Protocol, including the identification of the officials charged with carrying out the activities covered by it and information laws, institutions procedures aimed at combating marine pollution (art. 4);
- (d) Establish appropriate procedures to ensure that information regarding pollution incidents is reported as rapidly as possible (art. 5, para. 1);
- (e) In the event of receiving a report regarding a pollution incident, promptly inform all other Parties whose interests are likely to be affected by such incident, the flag State of any vessel involved in it and the competent international organizations (art. 5, para. 2)
- (f) Each Party requiring assistance to deal with a pollution incident may request the assistance of other Parties (art. 6, para. 1).

Membership

Open to the Parties to the 1986 Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region.

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of adoption | 25.11.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Noumea, New Caledonia |
| Date of entry into force | 22.08.1990 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | South Pacific Forum Secretariat |

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| Participant | Signature | Ratification /Acceptance / Approval / Accession |
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| Australia | 24.11.1987 | 19.07.1989 |
| Cook Islands | 25.11.1986 | 09.09.1987 |
| Fiji | | 18.09.1989 |
| France | 25.11.1986 | 17.07.1990 |
| Marshall Islands | 25.11.1986 | 04.05.1987 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification /Acceptance / Approval / Accession |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Micronesia, Federated States of | 09.04.1987 | 29.11.1988 |
| Nauru | 15.04.1987 | 28.08.1995 |
| New Zealand | 25.11.1986 | 03.05.1990 |
| Palau | 25.11.1986 | |
| Papua New Guinea | 03.11.1987 | 15.09.1989 |
| Solomon Islands | | 10.08.1989 |
| Tuvalu | 14.08.1987 | |
| United Kingdom | 16.07.1987 | |
| United States of America | 25.11.1986 | 10.06.1991 |
| Western Samoa | 25.11.1986 | 23.07.1990 |

139. EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION F VERTEBRATE ANIMALS USED FOR EXPERIMENTAL AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

Objectives

To protect vertebrate animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes from cruel and inhumane scientific procedures.

Summary of provisions

The Parties agree on:

- (a) Regulation of the purposes for which procedures may be performed i.e. avoidance of prevention of disease, diagnosis or treatment of disease, protection of the environment, scientific research, education and training and forensic inquiries (art. 2);
- (b) Undertaking to ensure that procedures are supervised under an effective system of control (art. 3);
- (c) Control over conduct of procedure to ensure that procedures are humane (arts. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12);
- (d) Registration and approval of breeding and supplying establishments (art. 14) and user establishments (art. 18);
- (e) Measures for cooperation in education and training exchange of information, recognition of procedures carried out by other Parties and multilateral consultations through the Council of Europe.

Membership

Open to members of the Council of Europe and the European Communities and States not members of the Council of Europe upon invitation by the unanimous vote of the Parties to the Convention.

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Date of adoption | 18.03.1986 |
| Place of adoption | Strasbourg, France |
| Date of entry into force | 01.01.1991 |
| Languages | English, French |
| Depositary | Council of Europe |

(Status as of 15 December 2005)

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|----------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| Belgium | 18.03.1986 | 20.12.1991 | 01.07.1992 |
| Bulgaria | 21.05.2003 | 20.07.2004 | 01.02.2005 |
| Cyprus | 09.12.1993 | 09.12.1993 | 01.07.1994 |
| Czech Republic | 09.11.2000 | 20.03.2003 | 01.10.2003 |
| Denmark | 18.03.1986 | 08.09.2000 | 01.04.2001 |
| Finland | 14.06.1990 | 14.06.1990 | 01.01.1991 |
| France | 02.09.1987 | 05.06.2000 | 01.12.2000 |

| Participant | Signature | Ratification | Entry into force |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Germany | 21.06.1988 | 19.04.1991 | 01.11.1991 |
| Greece | 18.03.1986 | 27.05.1992 | 01.12.1992 |
| Ireland | 06.12.1990 | | |
| Lithuania | 13.09.2005 | | |
| Netherlands | 04.08.1986 | 21.01.1997 | 01.08.1997 |
| Norway | 18.03.1986 | 09.07.1986 | 01.01.1991 |
| Portugal | 25.05.2000 | | |
| Slovenia | 31.01.2002 | | |
| Spain | 11.08.1988 | 12.09.1989 | 01.01.1991 |
| Sweden | 18.08.1988 | 15.09.1988 | 01.01.1991 |
| Switzerland | 29.05.1989 | 03.11.1993 | 01.06.1994 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 22.01.2004 | 22.01.2004 | 01.08.2004 |
| Turkey | 05.09.1986 | | |
| United Kingdom | 18.03.1986 | 17.12.1999 | 01.07.2000 |
| European Community | 10.02.1987 | 30.04.1998 | 01.11.1998 |

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140. MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER

Objectives

To protect the ozone layer by taking precautionary measures to control global emissions of substances that deplete it.

Summary of provisions

- (a) The Parties agreed to control:
- Annual consumption and production of substances named in annex A at the 1986 annual level; for substances in both groups I and II, of annex A commencing 7 months and 36 months, respectively, after the protocol enters into force;
 - Annual consumption and production of the substances in Group I to be reduced to fifty percent (50 per cent) of the 1986 annual level from 1 July 1988 (art. 2).
- (b) Developing countries consuming less than 0.3 kg per capita of the controlled substances, on the entry into force of the Protocol for them, may delay compliance with paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of article 2 of the Protocol by ten years, provided in that period they do not exceed 0.3 kg per capita (arts. 2 and 5).
- (c) A year after the entry of the Protocol into force Parties may not import the substances from a non-party to the Protocol. After January 1993 developing countries may not export such substances to a non-party (arts. 4 and 5).
- (d) The Protocol, which operates with the framework of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, provides for measures of exchange of technology and information, calculation of control levels and assessment and review of the progress achieved.

Membership

Open for ratification, acceptance, approval or accession of any state or regional economic integration organization which are Parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Date of adoption | 16.09.1987 |
| Place of adoption | Montreal, Canada |
| Date of entry into force | 01.01.1989 |
| Languages | Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish |
| Depositary | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

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| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|-------------|-----------|---|------------|
| Afghanistan | | Ac | 17.06.2004 |
| Albania | | Ac | 08.10.1999 |
| Algeria | | Ac | 20.10.1992 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Angola | | Ac | 17.05.2000 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | Ac | 03.12.1992 |
| Argentina | 29.06.1988 | R | 18.01.1990 |
| Armenia | | Ac | 01.10.1999 |
| Australia | 08.06.1988 | R | 19.05.1989 |
| Austria | 29.08.1988 | R | 03.05.1989 |
| Azerbaijan | | Ac | 12.06.1996 |
| Bahamas | | Ac | 04.05.1993 |
| Bahrain | | Ac | 27.04.1990 |
| Bangladesh | | Ac | 02.08.1990 |
| Barbados | | Ac | 16.10.1992 |
| Belarus | 22.01.1988 | At | 31.10.1988 |
| Belgium | 16.09.1987 | R | 30.12.1988 |
| Belize | | Ac | 09.01.1998 |
| Benin | | Ac | 01.07.1993 |
| Bhutan | | Ac | 23.08.2004 |
| Bolivia | | Ac | 03.10/1994 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | | Sc | 01.09.1993 |
| Botswana | | Ac | 04.12.1991 |
| Brazil | | Ac | 19.03.1990 |
| Brunei Darussalam | | Ac | 27.05.1993 |
| Bulgaria | | Ac | 20.11.1990 |
| Burkina Faso | 14.09.1988 | R | 20.07.1989 |
| Burundi | | Ac | 06.01.1997 |
| Cambodia | | Ac | 27.06.2001 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Cameroon | | Ac | 30.08.1989 |
| Canada | 16.09.1987 | R | 30.06.1988 |
| Cape Verde | | Ac | 31.07.2001 |
| Central African Republic | | Ac | 29.03.1993 |
| Chad | | R | 07.06.1994 |
| Chile | 14.06.1988 | R | 26.03.1990 |
| China | | Ac | 14.06.1991 |
| Colombia | | Ac | 06.12.1993 |
| Comoros | | Ac | 31.10.1994 |
| Congo | 15.09.1988 | R | 16.11.1994 |
| Cook Islands | | Ac | 22.12.2003 |
| Costa Rica | | Ac | 30.07.1991 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | | Ac | 05.04.1993 |
| Croatia | | Sc | 21.09.1992 |
| Cuba | | Ac | 14.07.1992 |
| Cyprus | | Ac | 28.05.1992 |
| Czech Republic | | Sc | 30.09.1993 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | | Ac | 24.01.1995 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | | Ac | 30.11.1994 |
| Denmark | 16.09.1987 | R | 16.12.1988 |
| Djibouti | | Ac | 30.07.1999 |
| Dominica | | Ac | 31.03.1993 |
| Dominican Republic | | Ac | 18.05.1993 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|--------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Ecuador | | Ac | 30.04.1990 |
| Egypt | 16.09.1987 | R | 02.08.1988 |
| El Salvador | | Ac | 02.10.1992 |
| Eritrea | | Ac | 10.03.2005 |
| Estonia | | Ac | 17.10.1996 |
| Ethiopia | | Ac | 11.10.1994 |
| European Community | 16.09.1987 | Ap | 16.12.1988 |
| Fiji | | Ac | 23.10.1989 |
| Finland | 16.09.1987 | At | 23.12.1988 |
| France | 16.09.1987 | Ap | 28.12.1988 |
| Gabon | | Ac | 09.02.1994 |
| Gambia | | Ac | 25.07.1990 |
| Georgia | | Ac | 21.03.1996 |
| Germany | 16.09.1987 | R | 16.12.1988 |
| Ghana | 16.09.1987 | Ac | 24.07.1989 |
| Greece | 29.10.1987 | R | 29.12.1988 |
| Grenada | | Ac | 31.03.1993 |
| Guatemala | | Ac | 07.11.1989 |
| Guinea | | Ac | 25.06.1992 |
| Guinea Bissau | | Ac | 12.11.2002 |
| Guyana | | Ac | 12.08.1993 |
| Haiti | | Ac | 29.03.2000 |
| Honduras | | Ac | 14.10.1993 |
| Hungary | | Ac | 20.04.1989 |
| Iceland | | Ac | 29.08.1989 |

| Participant | Signature | Instrument of Ratification (R)/ Acceptance (At)/ Approval (Ap)/ Accession (Ac)/ Succession (Sc) | Date |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| India | | Ac | 19.06.1992 |
| Indonesia | 21.07.1988 | R | 26.06.1992 |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | | Ac | 03.10.1990 |
| Ireland | 15.09.1988 | Ac | 16.12.1988 |
| Israel | 14.01.1988 | Ac | 30.06.1992 |
| Italy | 16.09.1987 | R | 16.12.1988 |
| Jamaica | | Ac | 31.03.1993 |
| Japan | 16.09.1987 | At | 30.09.1988 |
| Jordan | | Ac | 31.05.1989 |
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| Kiribati | | Ac | 07.01.1993 |
| Kuwait | | Ac | 23.11.1992 |
| Kyrgyzstan | | Ac | 31.05.2000 |
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| Latvia | | Ac | 28.04.1995 |
| Lebanon | | Ac | 31.03.1993 |
| Lesotho | | Ac | 25.03.1994 |
| Liberia | | Ac | 15.01.1996 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | Ac | 11.07.1990 |
| Liechtenstein | | Ac | 08.02.1989 |
| Lithuania | | Ac | 18.01.1995 |
| Luxembourg | 29.01.1988 | R | 17.10.1988 |
| Madagascar | | Ac | 07.11.1996 |

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| Malawi | | Ac | 09.01.1991 |
| Malaysia | | Ac | 29.08.1989 |
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| Marshall Islands | | Ac | 11.03.1993 |
| Mauritania | | Ac | 26.05.1994 |
| Mauritius | | Ac | 18.08.1992 |
| Mexico | 16.09.1987 | R | 31.03.1988 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | | Ac | 06.09.1995 |
| Monaco | | Ac | 12.03.1993 |
| Mongolia | | A | 07.03.1996 |
| Morocco | 07.01.1988 | R | 28.12.1995 |
| Mozambique | | Ac | 09.09.1994 |
| Myanmar | | Ac | 24.11.1993 |
| Namibia | | Ac | 20.09.1993 |
| Nauru | | Ac | 12.11.2001 |
| Nepal | | Ac | 06.07.1994 |
| Netherlands | 16.09.1987 | At | 16.12.1988 |
| New Zealand | 16.09.1987 | R | 21.07.1988 |
| Nicaragua | | Ac | 05.03.1993 |
| Niger | | Ac | 09.10.1992 |
| Nigeria | | Ac | 31.10.1988 |
| Niue | | Ac | 22.12.2003 |

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| Pakistan | 16.09.1987 | Ac | 18.12.1992 |
| Palau | | Ac | 29.05.2001 |
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| Papua New Guinea | | Ac | 27.10.1992 |
| Paraguay | | Ac | 03.12.1992 |
| Peru | | Ac | 31.03.1993 |
| Philippines | 14.09.1988 | R | 17.07.1991 |
| Poland | | Ac | 13.07.1990 |
| Portugal | 16.09.1987 | R | 17.10.1988 |
| Qatar | | Ac | 22.01.1996 |
| Republic of Korea | | Ac | 27.02.1992 |
| Republic of Moldova | | Ac | 24.10.1996 |
| Romania | | Ac | 27.01.1993 |
| Russian Federation | 29.12.1987 | Ac | 10.11.1988 |
| Rwanda | | Ac | 11.10.2001 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | | Ac | 10.08.1992 |
| Saint Lucia | | Ac | 28.07.1993 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | | Ac | 02.12.1996 |
| Samoa | | Ac | 21.12.1992 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | | Ac | 19.11.2001 |
| Saudi Arabia | | Ac | 01.03.1993 |
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| Sierra Leone | | Ac | 29.08.2001 |
| Singapore | | Ac | 05.01.1989 |
| Slovakia | | Sc | 28.05.1993 |
| Slovenia | | Sc | 06.07.1992 |
| Solomon Islands | | Ac | 17.06.1993 |
| Somalia | | Ac | 01.08.2001 |
| South Africa | | Ac | 15.01.1990 |
| Spain | 21.07.1988 | R | 16.12.1988 |
| Sri Lanka | | Ac | 15.12.1989 |
| Sudan | | Ac | 29.01.1993 |
| Suriname | | Ac | 14.10.1997 |
| Swaziland | | Ac | 10.11.1992 |
| Sweden | 16.09.1987 | R | 29.06.1988 |
| Switzerland | 16.09.1987 | R | 28.12.1988 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | | Ac | 12.12.1989 |
| Tajikistan | | Ac | 07.01.1998 |
| Thailand | 15.09.1988 | R | 07.07.1989 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | | Sc | 10.03.1994 |
| Togo | 16.09.1987 | Ac | 25.02.1991 |
| Tonga | | Ac | 29.07.1998 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | | Ac | 28.08.1989 |
| Tunisia | | Ac | 25.09.1989 |
| Turkey | | Ac | 20.09.1991 |

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| Uganda | 15.09.1988 | R | 15.09.1988 |
| Ukraine | 18.02.1988 | At | 20.09.1988 |
| United Arab Emirates | | Ac | 22.12.1989 |
| United Kingdom | 16.09.1987 | R | 16.12.1987 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | | Ac | 16.04.1993 |
| United States of America | 16.09.1987 | R | 21.04.1988 |
| Uruguay | | Ac | 08.01.1991 |
| Uzbekistan | | Ac | 18.05.1993 |
| Vanuatu | | Ac | 21.11.1994 |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 16.09.1987 | R | 06.02.1989 |
| Viet Nam | | Ac | 26.01.1994 |
| Yemen | | Ac | 21.02.1996 |
| Yugoslavia | | Sc | 12.03.2001 |
| Zambia | | Ac | 24.01.1990 |
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141. AGREEMENT ON THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMON ZAMBEZI RIVER SYSTEM

Objectives

To coordinate the efforts of the Parties in the sound management of the water resources and the environment of the Common Zambezi River System.

Summary of provisions

The Parties:

- (a) Adopt the Action Plan for the Environmentally Sound Management of the Common Zambezi River System encompassing the territories within or related to the Zambezi River Basin;
- (b) Provide for institutional and financial arrangements for the Plan through the normal institutional arrangements of the Southern Africa Development Coordination Conference or through the alternative plan in annex II;
- (c) Establish national focal points to harmonize the implementation of the Plan.

The Action Plan forms annex I of the agreement. The Parties emphasize four elements: (i) environmental assessment at national and subregional levels; (ii) environmental management; (iii) encouragement of national legislation and the development of the Basin; and (iv) the encouragement of support measures such as training of experts and increasing public awareness through the education of the Action Plan.

Membership

The Parties to the Agreement: Botswana, Mozambique, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe but also open to Angola, Malawi and Namibia (represented by the United Nations Council for Namibia).

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| Zambia | 28.05.1987 |
| Zimbabwe | 28.05.1987 |

142. EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF PET ANIMALS

Objectives

To protect pet animals kept by a person or legal entity in any household or in any establishment for trading, for commercial breeding and boarding and in animals sanctuaries.

Summary of provisions

(a) Parties undertake to ensure that pet animals are not caused pain, suffering, distress or abandoned (art. 7);

(b) Parties undertake to encourage the development of information and education programmes so as to promote awareness and knowledge amongst organizations and individuals concerned with the keeping, breeding, training, trading and boarding of pet animals of the provisions and the Principles in the Convention (art. 14);

(c) The Parties shall within five years from the entry into force of the Convention and every five years thereafter, and in any case, whenever a majority of the Parties so request, hold multilateral consultations within the Council of Europe examine the application of the Convention and the advisability of revising it or extending any of its provisions (art. 15).

Membership

Open for signature by the members States of the Council of Europe and subject to ratification, acceptance or approval.

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| Azerbaijan | 22.10.2003 | | |
| Belgium | 13.11.1987 | 20.12.1991 | 01.07.1992 |
| Bulgaria | 21.05.2003 | 20.07.2004 | 01.02.2005 |
| Cyprus | 09.12.1993 | 09.12.1993 | 01.07.1994 |
| Czech Republic | 24.06.1998 | 23.09.1998 | 24.03.1999 |
| Denmark | 13.11.1987 | 20.10.1992 | 01.05.1993 |
| Finland | 02.12.1991 | 02.12.1991 | 01.07.1992 |
| France | 18.12.1996 | 03.10.2003 | 01.05.2004 |
| Germany | 21.06.1988 | 27.05.1991 | 01.05.1992 |

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| Greece | 13.11.1987 | 29.04.1992 | 01.11.1992 |
| Italy | 13.11.1987 | | |
| Lithuania | 11.09.2003 | 19.05.2004 | 01.12.2004 |
| Luxembourg | 13.11.1987 | 25.10.1991 | 01.05.1992 |
| Netherlands | 13.11.1987 | | |
| Norway | 13.11.1987 | 03.02.1988 | 01.05.1992 |
| Portugal | 13.11.1987 | 26.06.1993 | 01.01.1994 |
| Romania | 23.06.2003 | 06.08.2004 | 01.03.2005 |
| Sweden | 14.03.1989 | 14.03.1989 | 01.05.1992 |
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