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### REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

#### Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

#### Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, adopted and opened for signature, and ratification or accession the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. The Convention entered into force on 12 January 1951 in accordance with its article XIII.
2. By its resolution 40/142 of 13 December 1985, the General Assembly, mindful of the fact that the year 1986 marked the thirty-fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention, urged those States that had not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto without further delay; and invited the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-first session a report on the status of the Convention. It further requested the Commission on Human Rights to consider at its forty-second session the question of promoting the full implementation of the Convention and to submit its considerations and proposals on that question, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-first session.
3. By its resolution 1986/18 of 10 March 1986, the Commission on Human Rights strongly condemned once again the crime of genocide; reaffirmed the necessity of international co-operation in order to liberate mankind from such an odious scourge and also urged "those States that have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto without further delay".

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4. The Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 1986/42 of 23 May 1986, reaffirmed the provisions of the resolution of the Commission on Human Rights mentioned above.

5. As at 1 August 1986, the Convention had been ratified or acceded to by 96 States. In addition, four States had signed the Convention. The list of States that have signed, ratified, acceded or succeeded to the Convention, as well as the dates of their signature, ratification, accession or succession is contained in the annex to the present report.

## ANNEX

List of States which have signed, ratified, acceded or succeeded  
to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime  
of Genocide

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of signature</u>	<u>Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification, accession or succession</u>
Afghanistan		22 March 1956 a/
Albania		12 May 1955 a/
Algeria		31 October 1963 a/
Argentina		5 June 1956 a/
Australia	11 December 1948	8 July 1949
Austria		19 March 1958 a/
Bahamas		5 August 1975 d/
Barbados		14 January 1980 a/
Belgium	12 December 1949	5 September 1951
Bolivia	11 December 1948	
Brazil	11 December 1948	15 April 1952
Bulgaria		21 July 1950 a/
Burkina Faso		14 September 1965 a/
Burma	30 December 1949	14 March 1956
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	16 December 1949	11 August 1954
Canada	28 November 1949	3 September 1952
Chile	11 December 1948	3 June 1953
China	20 July 1949	18 April 1983
Colombia	12 August 1949	27 October 1959
Costa Rica		14 October 1950 a/
Cuba	28 December 1949	4 March 1953
Cyprus		29 March 1982 a/
Czechoslovakia	28 December 1949	21 December 1950
Democratic Kampuchea		14 October 1950 a/
Denmark	28 September 1949	15 June 1951
Dominican Republic	11 December 1948	
Ecuador	11 December 1948	21 December 1949
Egypt	12 December 1948	8 February 1952
El Salvador	27 April 1949	28 September 1950
Ethiopia	11 December 1948	1 July 1949
Fiji		11 January 1973 d/
Finland		18 December 1959 a/
France	11 December 1948	14 October 1950
Gabon		21 January 1983 a/
Gambia		29 December 1978 a/
German Democratic Republic		27 March 1973 a/
Germany, Federal Republic of		24 November 1954 a/
Ghana		24 December 1958 a/
Greece	29 December 1949	8 December 1954

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Guatemala	22 June 1949	13 January 1950
Haiti	11 December 1948	14 October 1950
Honduras	22 April 1949	5 March 1952
Hungary		7 January 1952 a/
Iceland	14 May 1949	29 August 1949
India	29 November 1949	27 August 1959
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	8 December 1949	14 August 1956
Iraq		20 January 1959 a/
Ireland		22 June 1976 a/
Israel	17 August 1949	9 March 1950
Italy		4 June 1952 a/
Jamaica		23 September 1968 a/
Jordan		3 April 1950 a/
Lao People's Democratic Republic		8 December 1950 a/
Lebanon	30 December 1949	17 December 1953
Lesotho		29 November 1974 a/
Liberia	11 December 1948	9 June 1950
Luxembourg		7 October 1981 a/
Maldives		24 April 1984 a/
Mali		16 July 1974 a/
Mexico	14 December 1948	22 July 1952
Monaco		30 March 1950 a/
Mongolia		5 January 1967 a/
Morocco		24 January 1958 a/
Mozambique		18 April 1983 a/
Nepal		17 January 1969 a/
Netherlands		20 June 1966 a/
New Zealand	25 November 1949	28 December 1978
Nicaragua		29 January 1952 a/
Norway	11 December 1948	22 July 1949
Pakistan	11 December 1948	12 October 1957
Panama	11 December 1948	11 January 1950
Papua New Guinea		27 January 1982 a/
Paraguay	11 December 1948	
Peru	11 December 1948	24 February 1960
Philippines	11 December 1948	7 July 1950
Poland		14 November 1950 a/
Republic of Korea		14 October 1950 a/
Romania		2 November 1950 a/
Rwanda		16 April 1975 a/
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		9 November 1981 a/
Saudi Arabia		13 July 1950 a/
Senegal		4 August 1983 a/
Spain		13 September 1968 a/
Sri Lanka		12 October 1950 a/
Sweden	30 December 1949	27 May 1952

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Syrian Arab Republic		25 June 1955 <u>a/</u>
Togo		24 May 1984 <u>a/</u>
Tonga		16 February 1972 <u>a/</u>
Tunisia		29 November 1956 <u>a/</u>
Turkey		31 July 1950 <u>a/</u>
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	16 December 1949	15 November 1954
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	16 December 1949	3 May 1954
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		30 January 1970 <u>a/</u> 5 April 1984 <u>a/</u>
United Republic of Tanzania		
United States of America	11 December 1948	
Uruguay	11 December 1948	11 July 1967
Venezuela		12 July 1960 <u>a/</u>
Viet Nam		9 June 1981 <u>a/</u>
Yugoslavia	11 December 1948	29 August 1950
Zaire		31 May 1962 <u>d/</u>

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a/ Accession.

d/ Succession.

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