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International conventions and protocols in the field
of the environment

Note by the Secretary-General

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly the reports of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (annex I) and on the register of international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (annex II).

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ANNEX I

International conventions and protocols in the
field of the environment*

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS IN THE
FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Report of the Executive Director

This document is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) and Governing Council decision 24 (III). It reports on action taken pursuant to that Governing Council decision and decision 66 (IV), gives information on developments in respect of conventions in the field of the environment received between 1 January and 15 October 1981, and outlines action taken to keep the Governing Council informed of the status of existing conventions and protocols.

A. INTRODUCTION

1. By decision 24 (III) the Governing Council urged all States entitled to become parties to existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment to do so as soon as possible, and requested the Executive Director to inform the Governing Council at each session about the status of both new and existing environmental conventions. Each report was to include information about accessions, ratifications and dates of entry into force, and to summarize the decisions of various Governments regarding their participation in environmental conventions.

2. Subsequently, by resolution 3436 (XXX), the General Assembly expressed concern that existing international conventions or protocols in the field of the environment had not yet received the wide acceptance and application they deserved, and requested the Governing Council to keep the Assembly informed annually of any new convention concluded in this field and of the status of existing conventions.

3. The information contained in the present report is taken from those replies to the Executive Director's letter of 17 November 1980 which were received after the preparation of document UNEP/GC.9/5/Add.1, and from replies to his letters of 31 July and 7 August 1981.

B. DEPOSITARIES

4. The following Governments and international organizations reported on the status of conventions for which they serve as depositaries: Bulgaria, Canada, China, Finland, Japan, Niger, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, International Labour Office, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency; Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of African Unity, Organization of American States.

C. NEW CONVENTIONS

5. The secretariat has been informed of three recent international conventions in the field of the environment other than those already recorded in document UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5 and its supplements 1-4:

(a) Convention on Future Multilateral Co-operation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. Date of adoption 24 October 1978; date of entry into force 1 January 1979; depositary, Canada;

(b) European Convention for the Protection of Animals Kept for Farming Purposes. Date of adoption 1976; depositary, Council of Europe;

(c) European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter. Date of adoption 1979; depositary, Council of Europe.

D. CHANGES IN STATUS OF EXISTING CONVENTIONS

6. The Government of Algeria has ratified the Convention for the Creation of an Institute to Fight against Desertification. 1/
7. Argentina has deposited instruments of accession to the Convention relating to Civil Liability in the Field of Maritime Carriage of Nuclear Material (1971).
8. The Government of Bolivia has signed the Convention on the Protection of the Archeological, Historical and Artistic Heritage of the American Nations.
9. The Government of Bulgaria has ratified the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979).
10. The Government of Canada has deposited instruments of acceptance to amendments to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (1973) and the International Plant Protection Convention (1973). In addition, Canada has signed the Protocol amending the Convention on Conservation of North Pacific Fur Seals (1976). Canada has also become a party to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1971). Canada plans to ratify the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979). Canada has announced its withdrawal from the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, effective 30 June 1982.
11. The Government of the Central African Republic has become a party to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972).
12. The Government of Chile has ratified the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons, and on their Destruction (1972) and the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals (1972). Chile has also signed the Convention on the Protection of the Archeological, Historical and Artistic Heritage of the American Nations (1976).
13. The Government of Colombia has deposited instruments of accession to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships.
14. The Government of Costa Rica has ratified the Convention on the Protection of the Archeological, Historical and Artistic Heritage of the American Nations (1976) and has become a party to the Convention concerning the Protection of Workers against Occupational Hazards in the Working Environment Due to Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration (1977).

15. The Government of Cuba has become a party to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972) and the Convention concerning the Protection of Workers against Occupational Hazards in the Working Environment Due to Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration (1977).
16. The Government of Czechoslovakia has become a party to the Convention concerning Protection in Hazards of Poisoning Arising from Benzene (1971).
17. The Government of Democratic Yemen has become a party to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972).
18. The Government of Denmark has ratified the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter (1979) and has become a party to the International Plant Protection Convention (1973).
19. The Government of Ecuador has signed the Convention on the Protection of the Archeological, Historical and Artistic Heritage of the American Nations (1976).
20. The Government of Ethiopia has asked the Executive Director to provide it with a variety of materials pertaining to UNEP activities to assist in its review of environmental conventions.
21. The Government of Finland has ratified the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979).
22. The Government of France plans to become a party to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (1979) and the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (1979).
23. The Government of Guinea has deposited instruments of acceptance to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, as amended.
24. The Government of Haiti has signed the Convention on the Protection of Archeological, Historical and Artistic Heritage of the American Nations (1976). Haiti has also informed the Executive Director that its internal environmental protection programmes are generally inadequate to support Haiti's accession to environmental conventions.
25. The Government of Iceland has hosted a Preparatory Meeting to Improve and Update the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946), and has transmitted the report of the meeting to the parties to the Convention and to the International Whaling Commission for consideration.
26. The Government of Iran has reported that it is reviewing its participation in environmental conventions.
27. The Government of Iraq has become a party to the Convention on the Conservation of the Living Resources of the Southeast Atlantic (1969).

28. The Government of Ireland has signed (subject to ratification) the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (1979).
29. The Government of the Ivory Coast has become a party to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972).
30. The Government of Japan has become a party to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1971) (accession), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (1973) (acceptance), the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (1972) (ratification) and the Convention for the Conservation on Antarctic Seals (1972) (acceptance).
31. The Government of Kenya is considering whether it will become a party to the following: Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil (1954), International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (1969), International Convention relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Damage (1969), Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1971), International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (1971), Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft (1972), Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Marine Pollution by Substances Other than Oil (1973) and Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques (1976).
32. The Government of Kuwait has become a party to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (1971), and has deposited an instrument of accession to the International Convention relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties (1969).
33. The Government of Maldives has become a party to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (1971).
34. The Government of Mauritania has become a party to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972).
35. The Government of Mozambique has acceded to the African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (1968).
36. The Government of Nicaragua has ratified the Convention on the Protection of the Archeological, Historical and Artistic Heritage of the American Nations (1976).
37. The Government of Nigeria has deposited an instrument of accession to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (1969).

38. The Government of Norway has become a party to the following conventions: International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (1973) and its Protocol (1978) (accession), Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Marine Pollution by Substances Other than Oil (1973) (accession), Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) (ratification). Norway considered becoming a party to the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (1979), but has decided not to become a party to any additional conventions during 1981.

39. The Government of Papua New Guinea has succeeded to the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water (1963). Papua New Guinea has also acceded to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons, and on their Destruction (1972) and the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (1972).

40. The Government of Paraguay plans to propose to its National Congress that it should ratify the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (1979). Paraguay is currently reviewing various environmental conventions to which it has not yet become a party, but does not plan to become a party to any conventions relating to the seas.

41. The Government of Peru has ratified the Convention on the Protection of the Archeological, Historical and Artistic Heritage of the American Nations (1976).

42. The Government of Poland has acceded to the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals (1972) and ratified the Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances Other than Oil.

43. The Government of Portugal has become a party to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1971), the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), and the Convention concerning the Protection of Workers against Occupational Hazards in the Working Environment Due to Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration (1977).

44. The Government of the Republic of Korea has become a party to the Convention on the Conservation of the Living Resources of the Southeast Atlantic (1969).

45. The Government of Saudi Arabia plans to reintroduce the Arabian oryx into its natural habitat. Saudi Arabia views this action as a prelude to the eventual establishment of an Organization for the Protection of Wild Fauna and Flora in the Arabian Peninsula.

46. The Government of the Solomon Islands has notified succession to the Convention on the Continental Shelf (1954), the Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas (1958), the Convention on the High Seas (1958) and the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Technique (1976).

47. The Government of Spain has become a party to the Convention concerning the Protection of Workers against Occupational Hazards in the Working Environment Due to Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration (1977) (air pollution and noise only). Spain has withdrawn from the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Convention (1959).
48. The Government of Suriname has acceded to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (1972).
49. The Government of Sweden has ratified the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (1973) and its Protocol (1978), and the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979). Sweden has accepted amendments to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (1973) and the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (1974). Sweden has signed the Convention on Future Multilateral Co-operation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (1980). Sweden is considering whether it will accede to the following conventions: Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), Convention concerning Protection against Hazards of Poisoning Arising from Benzene (1971), Antarctic Treaty (1959) and Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques (1977). (Sweden has reservations in particular about the latter two conventions). Finally, Sweden has identified a number of conventions which are not relevant to its concerns.
50. The Government of Switzerland has adhered to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1956) and signed the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (1979).
51. The Government of Tunisia has become a party to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1979).
52. The Government of Venezuela has established a committee to consider whether to adhere to conventions concerning marine pollution. Venezuela intends to convert the Latin American Forest Research and Training Institute, which was originally intended to be an international body, into a national institution. The Agreement for the Establishment on a Permanent Basis of a Latin American Forest Research and Training Institute (1959) was terminated on 17 October 1980, due to lack of interest on the part of the member countries.
53. The Government of Zambia has become a party to the Convention concerning the Protection of Workers against Occupational Hazards in the Working Environment Due to Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration (1977).

E. GOVERNMENTS REPORTING NO CHANGE IN PARTICIPATION

54. The following Governments have reported that there has been no change in their participation in multilateral conventions registered with UNEP, and in most cases, provided the Executive Director with a list of the conventions to which they are parties: Algeria, Austria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Monaco, Nigeria, Paraguay and Venezuela.

F. REGISTER OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND
PROTOCOLS IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT

55. The Governing Council, in decision 66 (IV), requested the Executive Director to continue the systematic collection, analysis and presentation of data and information relating to international conventions and agreements in the field of the environment.

56. To help Governments identify environmental conventions to which they may be entitled to become parties, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 3436 (XXX), and to provide the Governing Council regularly with the information it requested in decisions 24 (III) and 66 (IV), a list of important international conventions adopted in the field of the environment since 1933 has been presented in documents UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5 and supplements. This collection forms the nucleus of a UNEP "Register of International Conventions and Protocols in the Field of the Environment". The "Register" is updated annually and future consolidation is planned. UNEP uses it to help identify and overcome difficulties which prevent Governments from becoming parties to or implementing environmental conventions.

G. SUGGESTED ACTION BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

57. The Governing Council may wish to take note of the present report and authorize the Executive Director to transmit it, together with document UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 5, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, in accordance with resolution 3436 (XXX).

Notes

1/ This Convention is not listed in the UNEP "Register of International Conventions and Protocols in the field of the environment" (UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5). It will appear in Supplement 6 to the "Register".

ANNEX II

Supplement to the register of international conventions
and protocols in the field of the environment*

*Previously issued under the symbol UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 5.

REGISTER OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND
PROTOCOLS IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Supplement 5

This document has been prepared as a fifth supplement to the register of international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (document UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5) which was submitted to the Governing Council at its fifth session.

The present supplement contains information on some of the conventions and protocols set out in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5 and previous supplements to it, as well as on additional conventions. The source of this information has been submissions to UNEP by member countries and depositary international organizations. 1/ The information is current as of 15 October 1981.

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African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (15 September 1968)	9
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Further to the information given on page 1 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, on page 1 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, on page 1 of
UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, delete Canada
(effective 30. 6.1982) and replace Switzerland 20. 5.1980 by Switzerland 29. 5.1980

INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION

Pages 15-17

Further to the information given on page 2 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 2, on page 2 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 5 of
UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force,
insert Indonesia 21. 6.1977

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION
OF THE SEA BY OIL
(as amended)

Pages 20-22

Further to the information given on pages 1 and 2 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, on page 2 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, on page 2 of
UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

Chile 2.11.1977

Guinea 19. 4.1981

Replace German Democratic Republic 21. 5.1979 by German Democratic Republic
25. 4.1979 and Yemen Arab Republic 6. 8.1979 by Yemen Arab Republic 6. 6.1979

Insert Bermuda 1. 12.1980 in the list of States to whom the Convention is extended
and delete Bermuda from the list of Parties

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

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Delete Interim from the title of the Convention

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, replace the previous dates by 12.10.1976

NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION

Pages 34-35

Further to the information given on page 2 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 1 and on pages 2 and 3 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, under Parties and dates of entry into force, delete Spain

CONVENTION CONCERNING FISHING IN THE BLACK SEA

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Add (as amended) to the title of the Convention

Under Membership, insert a new column headed (amendment) and against Date of entry into force insert 30. 6.1965

CONVENTION ON THIRD PARTY LIABILITY IN THE FIELD
OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

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Further to the information given on page 3 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 2, on page 3 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 6 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, replace Portugal 14. 1.1977 by Portugal 29. 9.1977

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

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Further to the information given on page 4 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 2 and on page 7 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert Papua New Guinea 27.10.1980

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AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING
THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE EASTERN REGION OF ITS DISTRIBUTION
AREA IN SOUTH-WEST ASIA

Page 52

Add (as amended) to the title of the Convention

Under Membership, add a new column headed (amendment) and against
Date of entry into force insert 17. 3.1977

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS

Pages 54-55

Further to the information given on page 2 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, on page 3 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 7 of
UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force,
replace Benin 26.12.1977 by Benin 9. 1.1978 and insert Gabon 19. 9.1977

AFRICAN CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

Pages 57-58

Further to the information given on pages 2 and 3 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1 and on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, under Parties and
dates of entry into force, insert:

Djibouti 7. 5.1978

Mozambique 28. 2.1981

Zaire 31. 5.1972

And insert 14.11.1977 against Seychelles and 30.11.1973 against Sudan and
30.12.1977 against Uganda

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

Page 59

Further to the information given on page 7 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert Italy 28.12.1978

EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS
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Further to the information given on page 3 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
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dates of entry into force, insert Greece 26.11.1978 and insert 9. 8.1977 against
Cyprus

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES
OF THE SOUTHEAST ATLANTIC

Pages 66-67

Further to the information given on page 4 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 3, under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

Iraq	4. 6.1981
Republic of Korea	19. 1.1981

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY
FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE

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Further to the information given on pages 3 and 4 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, on page 4 of
UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 8 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, replace Greece 1. 9.1976
by Greece 27. 9.1976 and Italy 27. 2.1979 by Italy 28. 5.1979 and Yemen Arab
Republic 6. 3.1979 by Yemen Arab Republic 4.6.1979 and insert Nigeria 5. 8.1981

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

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Further to the information given on page 4 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, on page 4 of
UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 8 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

German Democratic Republic	21. 3.1979
Kuwait	1. 7.1981
Monaco	24. 2.1975
Yemen Arab Republic	4. 6.1979
<u>Replace Italy 27. 2.1979 by Italy 28. 5.1979</u>	

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE
ESPECIALLY AS WATERFOWL HABITAT

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Further to the information given on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 1, on page 6 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 9 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

Canada	15. 5.1981
Portugal	24. 3.1981

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

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Further to the information given on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 1 and on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3, under Parties and dates of deposit of instruments, insert Switzerland 21. 6.1977

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

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Further to the information given on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 3 and on page 9 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force, replace Yemen Arab Republic 6. 3.1979 by Yemen Arab Republic 4. 6.1979 and insert:

Argentina	16. 8.1981
Liberia	18. 5.1981

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL
FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE

Pages 77-78

Further to the information given on pages 5 and 6 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 1, on page 6 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, on page 5 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 9 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Membership insert 16.10.1978 against Date of entry into force and replace Dates of deposit of relevant instruments by Parties and dates of entry into force and amend the list of Governments to read:

Algeria	16.10.1978	Liberia	16.10.1978
Bahamas	16.10.1978	Maldives	14. 6.1981
Denmark	16.10.1978	Monaco	21.11.1979
Finland	8. 1.1981	Norway	16.10.1978
France	16.10.1978	Papua New Guinea	16.10.1978
Germany, Federal Republic of	16.10.1978	Sweden	16.10.1978
Ghana	16.10.1978	Syrian Arab Republic	16.10.1978
Iceland	15.10.1980	Tunisia	16.10.1978
Indonesia	30.11.1978	Tuvalu	16.10.1978
Italy	28. 5.1979	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	16.10.1978
Japan	16.10.1978		
Kuwait	1. 7.1981	Yugoslavia	16.10.1978

The Convention has been extended to:

Bailiwick of Guernsey	The Isle of Man
Bailiwick of Jersey	Kiribati
Belize	Montserrat
Bermuda	Pitcairn Group
British Indian Ocean Territory	St. Helena and Dependencies
British Virgin Islands	Seychelles
Cayman Islands	Solomon Islands
Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and Dependencies	Turks and Caicos Islands
Gibraltar	United Kingdom Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the Island of Cyprus
Hong Kong	

CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC SEALS

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Further to the information given on page 6 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1 and on page 7 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, replace Dates of
deposit of relevant instruments by Parties and dates of entry into force and amend
the list of Governments to read:

Argentina	11. 3.1978	South Africa	11. 3.1978
Belgium	11. 3.1978	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	8.12.1978
Chile	9. 3.1980	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11. 3.1978
France	11. 3.1978	United States of America	11. 3.1978
Japan	27. 9.1980		
Norway	11. 3.1978		
Poland	15. 8.1980		

CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD
CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

Pages 82-83

Further to the information given on pages 7 and 8 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 2 and on pages 9 and 10 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under
Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

Afghanistan	20. 6.1979	Guinea	18. 6.1979
Argentina	23.11.1978	Honduras	8. 9.1979
Central African Republic	22. 3.1981	Ivory Coast	9. 4.1981
Cuba	24. 6.1981	Malta	14. 2.1979
Democratic Yemen	7. 1.1981	Mauritania	2. 6.1981
Denmark	25.10.1979	Portugal	30.12.1981
Guatemala	16. 4.1979		

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY
DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER

Pages 84-85

Further to the information given on page 6 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, on page 8 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/Supplement 2, on page 6 of UNEP/
GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 10 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4,
under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

Chile	3. 9.1977
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	22.12.1976

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

Page 88

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert Sweden 28. 7.1974

CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

Page 89

Further to the information given on page 7 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 1, on pages 8 and 9 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, on page 8 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 11 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 4, amend the title to read international Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and under Dates of deposit of relevant instruments insert Colombia 27. 7.1981

Also amend the list of signatories to the Protocol of 1978 which appears on page 9 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2 to read:

Colombia	27. 7.1981	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	22. 5.1980
Denmark	27.11.1980		
Liberia	28.10.1980	United States of America	12. 8.1980
Norway	15. 7.1980	Uruguay	30. 4.1979
Peru	25. 4.1980	Yugoslavia	31.10.1980
Sweden	9. 6.1980		
Tunisia	10.10.1980		

CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA

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Further to the information given on page 7 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 1 and on page 11 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Membership, insert 3. 5.1980 against Date of entry into force and replace Dates of deposit of relevant instruments by Parties and dates of entry into force

For all Governments previously listed amend the dates to read 3. 5.1980 and insert Union of Soviet Socialist Republics 3. 5.1980

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

Page 93

Further to the information given on pages 9 and 10 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 2, under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert Spain 17. 5.1980

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B. Conventions originally appearing in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 1

CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS
AGAINST IONIZING RADIATIONS

Pages 11-12

Further to the information given on page 10 of Supplement 3, under Parties and dates of entry into force, replace:

Argentina	15. 6.1978 <u>by</u> Argentina	15. 6.1979
Barbados	8. 5.1967 <u>by</u> Barbados	8. 5.1968
Denmark	7. 2.1974 <u>by</u> Denmark	7. 2.1975
Djibouti	3. 8.1978 <u>by</u> Djibouti	3. 8.1979
Finland	16.10.1978 <u>by</u> Finland	16.10.1979
German Democratic Republic	7. 5.1975 <u>by</u> German Democratic Republic	7. 5.1976
India	17.11.1975 <u>by</u> India	17.11.1976
Iraq	28.10.1963 <u>by</u> Iraq	26.10.1963
Lebanon	6.12.1977 <u>by</u> Lebanon	6.12.1978
Sweden	17. 6.1962 <u>by</u> Sweden	12. 4.1962

ACT REGARDING NAVIGATION AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN THE STATES OF THE NIGER BASIN

and

AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE NIGER RIVER COMMISSION
AND NAVIGATION AND TRANSPORT ON THE RIVER NIGER

Pages 14-15

Further to the information given on page 12 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2, add after the list of Parties:

CONVENTION FOR THE CREATION OF A NIGER BASIN AUTHORITY

This convention is intended to replace the Agreement concerning the Niger River Commission and Navigation and Transport on the River Niger. It was adopted on 21 November 1980 at Guinea, but has not yet entered into force.

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CONVENTION SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE PARIS CONVENTION ON THIRD PARTY
LIABILITY IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

(as amended)

Page 16

Further to the information given on page 12 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 2, under Parties and dates of entry into force, replace:

Finland	14. 1.1977 <u>by</u> Finland	14. 4.1977
Germany, Federal Republic of	1.10.1975 <u>by</u> Germany, Federal Republic of	1. 1.1976
Italy	3. 2.1976 <u>by</u> Italy	3. 5.1976

TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE EMPLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
AND OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ON THE SEA-BED AND THE
OCEAN FLOOR AND IN THE SUBSOIL THEREOF

Pages 20-22

Further to the information given on page 13 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 2 and on page 12 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Parties
and dates of entry into force, insert Qatar 12.11.1974

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

Pages 23-26

Further to the information given on page 13 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 2, on page 11 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on page 13 of
UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Parties and dates of entry into force,
insert:

Chile	22. 4.1980	
Cuba	21. 4.1976	
Democratic Yemen	1. 6.1979	
Papua New Guinea	27.10.1980	
<u>And replace</u> Argentina	27.11.1979 <u>by</u> Argentina	5.12.1979

AGREEMENT ON AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMME

Pages 28-29

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

Australia	10. 7.1976
Italy	13. 2.1978

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

Page 30

Further to the information given on page 13 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 2 and on page 11 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3, under Membership,
insert 30. 6.1978 against Date of entry into force and replace Parties and dates of
deposit of relevant instruments by Parties and dates of entry into force and insert
thereunder:

Costa Rica	27. 8.1980	Nicaragua	10. 4.1980
Ecuador	27. 9.1978	Panama	30. 6.1978
El Salvador	11. 8.1980	Peru	22. 1.1980
Guatemala	17.12.1979		

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

Pages 33-34

Further to the information given on page 15 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 2, on pages 12 and 13 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 3 and on
pages 13 and 14 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Membership insert
5.10.1978 against Date of entry into force and replace Signatory States by Parties
and dates of entry into force and insert thereunder:

Bangladesh	3.10.1979	Malawi	5.10.1978
Bulgaria	5.10.1978	Mongolia	5.10.1978
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	5.10.1978	Norway	15. 2.1979
Canada	11. 6.1981	Papua New Guinea	28.10.1980
Cape Verde	5.10.1979	Poland	5.10.1978
Cuba	5.10.1978	Sao Tome and Principe	5.10.1978
Cyprus	5.10.1978	Solomon Islands	19. 6.1981
Czechoslovakia	5.10.1978	Spain	5.10.1978
Democratic Yemen	12. 6.1979	Sri Lanka	5.10.1978
Denmark	5.10.1978	Tunisia	5.10.1978
Finland	5.10.1978	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	5.10.1978
German Democratic Republic	5.10.1978	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	5.10.1978
Ghana	5.10.1978	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	5.10.1978
Hungary	5.10.1978	United States of America	17. 1.1980
India	15.12.1978	Viet Nam	26. 8.1980
Kuwait	2. 1.1980	Yemen	5.10.1978
Lao People's Democratic Republic	5.10.1978		

CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS AGAINST OCCUPATIONAL
HAZARDS IN THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT DUE TO AIR POLLUTION, NOISE AND
VIBRATION

Page 37

Further to the information given on page 13 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 3 and on page 14 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Membership
insert 11. 7.1979 against Date of entry into force and under Parties and dates of
entry into force amend the list to read:

Costa Rica	16. 6.1982
Cuba	29.12.1981
Ecuador	11. 7.1979
Finland	8. 6.1980
Norway	13. 3.1980
Portugal	9. 1.1982
Spain	17.12.1981 (air pollution and noise only)
Sweden	11. 7.1979
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	8. 3.1980 (air pollution only)
Zambia	19. 8.1981

C. Conventions originally appearing in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2

CONVENTION CONCERNING PROTECTION AGAINST HAZARDS OF POISONING
ARISING FROM BENZENE

Pages 18-20

Further to the information given on page 14 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 3 and on page 14 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, under Parties
and dates of entry into force, amend the list to read:

Bolivia	31. 1.1978	Iraq	27. 7.1973
Colombia	16.11.1977	Israel	21. 6.1980
Cuba	17.11.1973	Italy	23. 6.1982
Czechoslovakia	23. 4.1981	Ivory Coast	21. 2.1974
Ecuador	27. 3.1976	Kuwait	29. 3.1975
Finland	13. 1.1977	Morocco	22. 7.1975
France	27. 7.1973	Romania	6.11.1976
Germany, Federal Republic of	26. 9.1974	Spain	8. 5.1974
		Switzerland	25. 3.1976
Greece	24. 1.1978	Syrian Arab Republic	7. 2.1978
Guinea	26. 5.1978	Uruguay	2. 6.1978
Hungary	11. 9.1973	Yugoslavia	24. 6.1974

KUWAIT REGIONAL CONVENTION FOR CO-OPERATION ON THE PROTECTION
OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION

Pages 20-21

Further to the information given on page 14 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 3 and on pages 14 and 15 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4, replace
Signatory States by Parties and dates of entry into force and insert thereunder:

Bahrain	1. 7.1979
Iraq	1. 7.1979
Kuwait	1. 7.1979
Oman	1. 7.1979
Qatar	1. 7.1979

D. Conventions originally appearing in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 4

CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION

Pages 18-21

Under Signatory States insert European Economic Commission 14.11.1979 and add the dates of ratification of the Convention for the following States:

Bulgaria	9. 6.1981
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	14. 5.1980
Finland	15. 4.1981
Norway	13. 2.1981
Sweden	12. 2.1981

II. ADDITIONAL CONVENTIONS

EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS
KEPT FOR FARMING PURPOSES 2/

Membership

Date of adoption	1976
Place of adoption	
Date of entry into force	
Languages	
Depositary	Council of Europe

Signatory States

Belgium	Italy
Cyprus	Luxembourg
Denmark	Netherlands
France	Norway
Germany, Federal Republic of	Portugal
Greece	Sweden
Iceland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ireland	

CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL CO-OPERATION IN THE NORTHWEST
ATLANTIC FISHERIES 3/

Membership

Date of adoption	24.10.1978
Place of adoption	Ottawa
Date of entry into force	1. 1.1979
Languages	English
Depositary	Canada

Parties and dates of entry into force

Bulgaria	6. 6.1979	Norway	1. 1.1979
Canada	1. 1.1979	Poland	6.11.1979
Cuba	1. 1.1979	Portugal	25. 5.1979
Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands)	22. 5.1979	Romania	5. 3.1979
German Democratic Republic	1. 1.1979	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1. 1.1979
Iceland	1. 1.1979	European Economic Community	1. 1.1979
Japan	4. 1.1980		

EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER 4/

Membership

Date of adoption	1979
Place of adoption	
Date of entry into force	
Languages	
Depositary	Council of Europe

Signatory States

Belgium	Luxembourg
Denmark	Portugal
France	Sweden
Germany, Federal Republic of	Switzerland
Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE AND NATURAL HABITATS

Objectives

To conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats, especially those species and habitats whose conservation requires the co-operation of several States, and to promote such co-operation.

Provisions

(a) The Contracting Parties shall take requisite measures to maintain the population of wild flora and fauna at, or adapt it to, a level which corresponds in particular to ecological, scientific and cultural requirements and shall 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 shall be taken to ensure the conservation of the habitats of the wild flora and fauna species, especially those specified in Appendices I and II of the Convention. Special attention shall be given to the protection of areas that are of importance for the migratory species specified in Appendices II and III (art. 4);

(c) Appropriate and necessary measures shall be taken to ensure the special protection of wild flora and fauna species specified respectively 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 (art. 5-7);

(d) A Standing Committee is established, which shall 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 by the European Economic 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. 9.1979
Place of adoption	Bern
Date of entry into force	
Languages	English, French
Depositary	Council of Europe

Signatory States

Austria	Netherlands
Belgium	Norway
Denmark	Portugal
Finland	Spain
France	Sweden
Germany, Federal Republic of	Switzerland
Greece	Turkey
Ireland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	European Economic Community
Liechtenstein	
Luxembourg	

Notes

1/ The present supplement may contain some inaccuracies, particularly as to dates. UNEP will shortly conduct a survey to verify the accuracy of all the information appearing in the register and its supplements.

2/ More complete information about this Convention will appear in the next register.

3/ Ibid.

4/ Ibid.
