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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) of 9 December 1975 and Governing Council decision 24 (III) of 30 April 1975. It reports on action taken pursuant to that Governing Council decision and decision 66 (IV) of 13 April 1976, gives information on developments in respect of conventions in the field of the environment received between 1 January and 31 December 1978, and outlines action taken to keep the Governing Council informed of the status of existing conventions and protocols.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, in resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 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. It requested the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to keep the General Assembly informed annually of any new conventions concluded in this field and of the status of existing conventions.

2. In decision 24 (III) of 30 April 1975, the Governing Council had already 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.

By the same decision, the Executive Director was requested to inform the Governing Council at each session of any new international conventions concluded in the field of the environment and of the status of existing conventions, with particular reference to ratifications, accessions and entry into force, as well as of the intention of various Governments to become parties to such conventions during the year of the Council's session. Section II of the present report contains information received between 1 January and 31 December 1978 on conventions which have recently entered into force or been concluded, and on the intention of Governments to ratify existing conventions. It also lists conventions currently being prepared. Section III outlines the action taken in response to Governing Council decisions 24 (III) and 66 (IV) of 30 April 1975 and 13 April 1976 respectively.

II. DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE STATUS OF CONVENTIONS

3. The following international conventions in the field of the environment other than those already recorded in document UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5 and its Supplement I I/ came into force or will come into force between 1 November 1977 and 1 February 1979:

- Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage, 21 May 1963
Date of entry into force 12 November 1977
- Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals, 1 June 1972
Date of entry into force 11 March 1978
- Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources, 4 June 1974
Date of entry into force 6 May 1978
- Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution, 16 February 1976
Date of entry into force 12 February 1978
- Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft, 16 February 1976
Date of entry into force 12 February 1978
- Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency, 16 February 1976
Date of entry into force 12 February 1978

I/ UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/SUPPLEMENT, issued on 15 December 1977, is referred to hereinafter as Supplement I.

- Agreement Supplementary to the Agreement Concerning the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine Against Pollution, 3 December 1976
Date of entry into force 1 February 1979
- Convention on the Protection of the Rhine against Chemical Pollution, 3 December 1976
Date of entry into force 1 February 1979
- Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, 10 December 1976
Date of entry into force 5 October 1978

4. The following new conventions were concluded: 2/

- Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973
Concluded on 1 June 1978
- Kuwait Regional Convention for Co-operation on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Pollution
Concluded on 23 April 1978
- Treaty for Amazonian Co-operation
Concluded on 3 July 1978

5. In reply to a letter which the Executive Director addressed to Governments on 26 July 1978, a number of Governments gave information on the extent of their participation in various existing conventions in the field of the environment. This information was used in up-dating documents UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5 and Supplement 1. 3/

6. In this connexion, the Government of Senegal informed the Executive Director that the accession of Senegal to the following instruments is under study:

2/ For more detailed information on these conventions, see document UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2.

3/ See UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 2.

- Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil (1954), 15 October 1971
- International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 18 December 1971

7. The Government of Morocco indicated that the procedure for ratification of or accession to the following instruments by Morocco has been initiated:

- International Convention for the Protection of Birds, 18 October 1950
- Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas, 29 April 1958
- Convention on the High Seas, 29 April 1958

However, as far as the latter two instruments are concerned, the Government of Morocco is withholding further action in view of the fact that: the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea is in the process of establishing a new global convention which prescribes all aspects of the law of the sea.

8. The Government of Australia indicated that it intends signing the Convention on the Conservation of Nature in the South Pacific, 12 June 1976.

9. The draft agreements listed below are still at various stages of preparation and negotiation. Further information may be obtained from the organizations responsible, which are listed. The draft agreements marked with an asterisk are referred to in greater detail in document UNEP/GC.7/7 4/

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| • *Draft Convention on Conservation of Certain Islands for Science | International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) |
| • *Draft Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Fauna | IUCN |
| • Draft European Convention for the Protection of International Watercourses against Pollution | Council of Europe |
| • *Draft Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden | Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) |
| • Draft Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources | UNEP |

4/ See, in particular, the sections on terrestrial ecosystems and regional seas.

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| - Draft Convention on the Law of the Sea | United Nations |
| - Draft revision of the text of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946 | International Whaling Commission (IWC) <u>5/</u> |
| - Draft Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources | Antarctic Treaty Powers |

III. REGISTER OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT

10. The Governing Council, in decision 66 (IV) of 13 April 1976, 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.

11. To help Governments identify those 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 since 1933 in the field of the environment has been presented in documents UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5 and Supplements 1 and 2. This collection forms the nucleus of a UNEP register of international conventions in the field of the environment, which will be up-dated through a loose-leaf system and periodically consolidated in new editions. UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5 and supplements will also be used by UNEP in identifying and helping to overcome the difficulties which prevent Governments from becoming parties to or implementing environmental conventions. 6/

IV. SUGGESTED ACTION BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

12. 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 2, to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, in accordance with resolution 3436 (XXX).

5/ IWC initiated the action, but interested individual Governments are responsible for the revision.

6/ See also the section on environmental law in document UNEP/GC.7/7.

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 2.

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REGISTER OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS
IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT
Supplement 2

This document has been prepared as a second supplement to the register of international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment which was submitted to the Governing Council at its fifth session, held at Nairobi from 9 to 25 May 1977. 1/

The present supplement contains information on some of the conventions and protocols set out in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5. It further updates some of the information contained in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 1 which was submitted to the Governing Council at its sixth session, held at Nairobi from 9 to 25 May 1978. It also contains information on four additional conventions.

The status of all the conventions and protocols in this document is based on information obtained as at 31 December 1978, from Governments and depositaries concerned with the conventions and protocols.

1/ UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5.

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1. CORRECTIONS AND UPDATING

A. Conventions originally listed in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5

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

Page 1

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert Egypt 14.1.1956 and delete Spain.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE REGULATION OF WHALING
(as amended)

Page 4 - 5

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

Netherlands

14.6.1977

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES

Pages 6-7

Further to the information given on page 1 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 1, delete the following States under Parties and dates of entry into force:

Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy and United Kingdom, of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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

Page 8

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, delete Mexico. Note also that Costa Rica has given notice of denunciation which will take effect on 29.4.1979.

INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION

Pages 15 - 17

under Parties and dates of entry into force, ~~insert~~

Bangladesh	1.9.1978
Barbados	6.12.1976
Solomon Islands	18.10.1978
Surinam	28.12.1954 (through succession)
Thailand	16.8.1976

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

Pages 20 - 21

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

Republic of Korea	31.10.1978
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PLANT PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR THE SOUTH EAST ASIA
AND PACIFIC REGION (as amended)

Pages 23 - 24

Under Provisions, add the following sentence to sub-paragraph (a):

"For the purpose of implementing the objectives of this agreement, Hong Kong shall also be considered as being within the Region".

Under Membership, substitute the paragraph by the following:

Open for adherence by any State situated in the region or any Government which is responsible for the international relations of a territory or territories in the region. Instruments of adherence to be deposited with the Director General of FAO.

NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTIONS

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Further to the information contained in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 1, page 2, add the following withdrawals and their effective dates (note the corrected date for the Netherlands)

Belgium	30.12.1977
Denmark	28.12.1977
France	31.12.1977
Germany, Federal Republic of	7.2.1978
Ireland	24.2.1978
Netherlands	29.12.1977
Norway	1.7.1978
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	31.12.1977

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert Cuba 9.12.1976

AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LATIN-AMERICAN FOREST RESEARCH AND
TRAINING INSTITUTE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Page 37

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, delete Cuba with effect
from 19.10.1972.

THE ANTARTIC TREATY

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Under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert Bulgaria 11.9.1978

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

Pages 41 - 42

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, amend the following:

Finland	16.6.1972
Turkey	5.4.1968

Also insert:

Portugal	14.1.1977
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~~CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR NUCLEAR DAMAGE~~

Page 46

Insert against Date of entry into force: 12.11.1977

Replace Date of deposit of relevant instrument by Parties and dates of entry into force and then also replace the list of parties by the following:

Argentina	12.11.1977
Bolivia	"
Cuba	"
Egypt	"
Philippines	"
Trinidad and Tobago	"
United Republic of Cameroon	
Yugoslavia	

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

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Under Parties and dates of entry into force, Insert:

Bahamas	13.8.1976
Bhutan	8.6.1978

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS

Pages 54 - 55

Further to additions under Parties and dates of entry into force contained in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 1, page 2 add Angola 29.7.1976

PHYTO-SANITARY CONVENTION FOR AFRICA

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Under Parties and dates of entry into force, Insert Morocco 10.6.1974

AFRICAN CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Pages 57 - 58

Further to the information contained in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, pages 2-3, add the following States under Parties and dates
of entry into force:

Mauritius	-
Morocco	11.12.1977
Sudan	-
Seychelles	-
Uganda	-

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR
OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE

Pages 68 - 69

In addition to the information contained in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, pages 3-4, Insert under Parties and dates of entry into
force:

German Democratic Republic	11. 6.1978
Ghana	19. 7.1978
Indonesia	30.11.1978

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

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In addition to the information in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement 1,
page 4, Insert under Parties and dates of entry into force Ghana 19.7.1978

CONVENTION OF WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE
ESPECIALLY AS WATERFOWL HABITAT

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In addition to the information given in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, page 5, insert under Parties of entry into force:

Denmark	2. 1.1977
German Democratic Republic	30.11.1978
Iceland	2. 4.1978
Jordan	10. 5.1977
Poland	22. 3.1978
Senegal	11.11.1977
Yugoslavia	28. 7.1977

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

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Further to the information contained in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement 1, page 5, insert under Dates of deposit of relevant instruments:

France	11. 5.1978
Ghana	20. 4.1978
Indonesia	1. 9.1978
Yugoslavia	16. 3.1978

CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY
DUMPING FROM SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT

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Under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert Denmark 23. 1.1978

CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARTIC SEALS

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Further to the information contained in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement I, page 6, add under Dates of deposit of relevant instruments:

Argentina	7. 3.1978
Belgium	9. 2.1978
Norway	10.12.1973
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	8.12.1978
United States of America	18. 1.1977

Also against Dates of entry into force, Insert 11. 3.1978

CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD
CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

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Under Parties and dates of entry into force, add:

Brazil	1.12.1977
Canada	23.10.1976
Costa Rica	23.11.1977
Ethiopia	6.10.1977
Guyana	20. 9.1977
India	14. 2.1978
Italy	23.11.1978
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	13. 1.1979
Mali	5. 7.1977
Monaco	7. 2.1979
Nepal	20. 9.1978
Norway	12. 8.1977

Panama	3.6.1978
Saudi Arabia	7.11.1978
United Republic of Tanzania	2.11.1977

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

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Further to the information given on page 6 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement I, insert the following under Parties and dates of entry into
force:

Cape Verde	26. 5.1977
Germany, Federal Republic of	29.11.1977
Morocco	18. 2.1977
Netherlands	2.12.1977
Poland	9.11.1978

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

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

Botswana	14.11.1977
Egypt	4. 1.1978
Kenya	8. 3.1979

CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

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Further to the information given on page 7 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/
Supplement I, a new protocol has been made to the Convention, entitled:

Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973.

Also add the following information:

The protocol was deposited with the Secretary General of IMCO for signature on 1.6.1978 and will remain open for signature until 31.5.1979

Signatories

France	11. 5.1978
Malaysia	20.10.1977
Mexico	1. 6.1978
Monaco	19. 4.1978
Panama	17. 8.1978
Sri Lanka	15.12.1978
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	24. 3.1978
United States of America	27. 6.1978
Venezuela	24.10.1978

AGREEMENT ON CONSERVATION OF POLAR BEARS

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Further to the information given on page 7 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/ Supplement 1, insert the following under Parties and dates of entry into force:

Belgium	30. 3.1978
Germany, Federal Republic of	23.12.1977

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

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Insert against Date of entry into force: 6.5.1978

Replace the heading Dates of deposit of relevant instruments and the entries under it by the following:

Parties and dates of entry into force

Denmark	6. 5.1978
France	"
Netherlands	"
Norway	"
Portugal	5. 6.1978
Sweden	6. 5.1978
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	"
European Economic Community	"

CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
AGAINST POLLUTION

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Further to the information contained on page 7 of UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/5/Supplement I, insert against Date of entry into force: 12.2.1978. Also replace Signatory States by Parties and dates of entry into force and the list appearing under Signatory States by the following:

Egypt	23.9.1978
France*	10.4.1978
Israel	2.4.1978
Lebanon	12.2.1978
Malta	12.2.1978
Monaco	12.2.1978
Spain	12.2.1978
Syrian Arab Republic *	

* With reservation

Tunisia 12.2.1978

Yugoslavia 12.2.1978

European Economic Commission 15.4.1978

The Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the Mediterranean by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft entered into force on the same date as the convention, and the following States are parties to it:

Parties and dates of entry into force

Egypt 23.9.1978

France 10.4.1978

Lebanon 12.2.1978

Malta 12.2.1978

Monaco 12.2.1978

Spain 12.2.1978

Syrian Arab Republic

Tunisia 12.2.1978

Yugoslavia 12.2.1978

European Economic Commission 15.4.1978

The Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances entered into force on the same date as the convention and the following States are parties to it:

Parties and dates of entry into force

Egypt 23.9.1978

France 10.4.1978

Israel 2.4.1978

Lebanon 12.2.1978

Malta 12.2.1978

Monaco 12.2.1978

Spain 12.2.1978

Syrian Arab Republic

Tunisia 12.2.1978

Yugoslavia 12.2.1978

B. Conventions originally listed in UNEP/GC/INFORMATION/
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CONVENTION CONCERNING FISHING IN THE WATERS OF THE DANUBE

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Under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

Czechoslovakia 29. 6.1972

Hungary 18.12.1961

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

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

Under Date of adoption for the Agreement, replace the date by
25.11.1964 and add Amendments and insert thereunder 2.2.1968 and 15.6.1973

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

Page 16

Under Date of entry into force, substitute:

24.12.1974 by 4.12.1974

Under Parties and dates of entry into force, insert:

Finland 14. 1.1977

Germany, Federal Republic of 1.10.1975

Italy 3. 2.1976

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

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Under Parties and dates of entry into force, Insert:

Congo	23.10.1978
Ethiopia	14. 7.1977
Seychelles	29. 6.1976

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

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Under Parties and dates of entry into force, Insert:

Australia	5.10.1977
Bhutan	8. 6.1978
Congo	23.10.1978
Lesotho	6. 9.1977
Venezuela	18.10.1978

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

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Add Parties and dates of deposit of relevant Instruments of
ratification and Insert thereunder:

Chile	12.7.1978
Ecuador	27.9.1978
Guatemala	3.4.1978
Panama	30.6.1978

AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PROTECTION OF
THE RHINE AGAINST POLLUTION

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Against Date of entry into force, insert: 1.2.1979

Add Parties and date of entry into force and insert thereunder:

France	1.2.1979
Germany, Federal Republic of	"
Luxembourg	"
Netherlands	"
Switzerland	"
European Economic Community	"

CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE RHINE AGAINST
CHEMICAL POLLUTION

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Against Date of entry into force, insert: 1.2.1979

Replace Parties by Parties and dates of entry into force and insert
thereunder:

France	1.2.1979
Germany, Federal Republic of	"
Luxembourg	"
Netherlands	"
Switzerland	"
European Economic Community	"

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

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Signatory States

Zaire	28.2.1978
Ghana	21.3.1978
Sierra Leone	12.4.1978
Cyprus	12.4.1978
Lao People's Democratic Republic	13.4.1978
Tunisia	11.5.1978
Australia	31.5.1978

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

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Add Parties and dates of depositing relevant instrument and insert
thereunder:

Germany, Federal Republic of	28.4.1978
Ireland	27.4.1978
Netherlands	4.5.1977
Norway	4.5.1977
Sweden	11.5.1978
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.5.1977

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.

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 is 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 ILO. Instrument of accession to be deposited with the Director-General of ILO.

Date of adoption	1921
Place of adoption	Geneva
Date of entry into force	31.8.1923
Languages	English, French
Depositary	ILO

Parties and dates of entry into force

Afghanistan	12. 6. 1939
Algeria	19.10.1962
Argentina	26. 5. 1936
Austria	12. 6. 1924
Belgium	19. 7. 1926

Benin	12.12.1960
Bulgaria	6. 3.1925
Central African Empire	27.10.1960
Chad	10.11.1960
Chile	15. 9.1925
Colombia	20. 6.1933
Comoros	23.10.1978
Congo	10.11.1960
Cuba	7. 7.1928
Czechoslovakia	31. 8.1923
Democratic Kampuchea	24. 2.1969
Djibouti	3. 8.1978
Finland	5. 4.1929
France	19. 2.1926
Gabon	14.10.1960
Greece	22.12.1926
Guinea	21. 1.1959
Hungary	8. 6.1956
Iraq	19. 4.1966
Italy	22.10.1952
Ivory Coast	21.11.1960
Lao People's Democratic Republic	23. 1.1964
Luxembourg	16. 4.1928
Madagascar	1.11.1960
Mali	22. 9.1960
Mauritania	20. 6.1961

Mexico	7. 1.1938
Morocco	13. 6.1956
Netherlands	15.12.1939
Nicaragua	12. 4.1934
Niger	12. 2.1961
Norway	11. 6.1929
Panama	19. 6.1970
Poland	21. 6.1924
Romania	4.12.1925
Senegal	4.11.1960
Spain	20. 6.1924
Surinam	15. 6.1976
Sweden	27.11.1923
Togo	7. 6.1960
Tunisia	12. 6.1956
United Republic of Cameroon	7. 6.1960
Upper Volta	21.11.1960
Uruguay	6. 6.1933
Venezuela	28. 4.1933
Viet-Nam	6. 6.1953
Yugoslavia	30. 9.1929

II. ADDITIONAL CONVENTIONS

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.

Provisions

(a) The Convention to apply to all activities involving exposure of workers to benzene (the aromatic hydrocarbon benzene - C_6H_6) 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 ppm.

(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 for accession to all States members of the International Labour Organization (ILO). Instrument of accession to be deposited with the Director-General of ILO.

Date of adoption	1971
Place of adoption	Geneva
Date of entry into force	27.7.1973
Languages	English, French
Depository	ILO

Parties and dates of entry into force

Bolivia	31. 1. 1977
Colombia	16. 11. 1976
Cuba	17. 11. 1972
Ecuador	27. 3. 1975
Finland	13. 1. 1976
France	30. 6. 1972
Germany, Federal Republic of	26. 9. 1973

Greece	24. 1.1977
Guinea	26. 5.1977
Hungary	11. 9.1972
Iraq	27. 7.1972
Ivory Coast	21. 2.1973
Kuwait	29. 3.1974
Morocco	22. 7.1974
Romania	6.11.1975
Spain	8. 5.1973
Switzerland	25. 3.1975
Syrian Arab Republic	7. 2.1977
Uruguay	2. 6.1977
Yugoslavia	24. 6.1975
Zambia	24. 5.1973

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

Realizing the state of pollution in their region, by oil and other noxious materials arising from human activities which threaten marine life, human health, recreational uses of beaches and other amenities, the States concerned have bound themselves by the convention to prevent, abate and combat pollution of the sea environment.

Provisions

(a) Parties to take all measures to prevent, abate and combat pollution of the marine environment. (art. III - VIII);

(b) Parties to co-operate in taking necessary measures to deal with pollution emergencies. (art. IX);

(c) Parties to co-operate in scientific and technical research relating to marine pollution. (art. X - XII);

(d) Parties to co-operate 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).

The Protocol for Combating Oil and Other Harmful Substances in Cases of Emergency was adopted on the same date as the Convention.

Open to the States which participated in the Kuwait Conference
15-23 April 1978.

Date of adoption	23.4.1978
Place of adoption	Kuwait
Date of entry into force	
Languages	Arabic, English, Persian
Depositary	Kuwait

Signatory States

Bahrain	24.4.1978
Iran	"
Iraq	"
Kuwait	"
Oman	"
Qatar	"
Saudi Arabia	"
United Arab Emirates	"

TREATY FOR AMAZONIAN CO-OPERATION

Objective

To promote the harmonious development of the Amazon region and permit an equitable distribution of the benefits of said development among the Contracting Parties.

Provisions

(a) Parties to undertake joint action and efforts to promote the harmonious development of their respective Amazonian territories in such a way that these joint actions produce equitable and mutually beneficial results and achieve also 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 and utilization of natural resources within the respective territories of the Parties declared, and Parties to make efforts to achieve rational utilization of hydro-resources;

(d) Scientific research and exchange of information to be promoted to ensure that the exploitation of the flora and fauna 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 respective Amazonian territories of the Parties;

(f) Transportation and communication links among the States of the Amazonian region to be improved and retail trade of products among them to be promoted.

(g) Conservation of ethnological and archeological wealth of the Amazon to be ensured;

(h) The Amazonian Co-operative 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 Meetings of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

Membership

Open for ratification only by all the Contracting Parties. Instrument of ratification to be deposited with the Government of Brazil.

Date of adoption	3.7.1978
Place of adoption	Brasilia
Date of entry into force	
Languages	English, Dutch, Portugese, Spanish
Depositry	Brazil

Signatory States

Bolivia

Brazil

Colombia

Ecuador

Guyana

Peru

Surinam

Venezuela