



**MULTILATERAL TREATIES**  
**in respect of which**  
**THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**  
**PERFORMS DEPOSITARY FUNCTIONS**

**ANNEX: FINAL CLAUSES**

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1. Supplement No. 10 brings up to date as of 31 December 1978 the contents of the Annex to the publication *Multilateral Treaties in respect of which the Secretary-General Performs Depositary Functions* by providing the text of the final clauses of the following eight new multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations during the year 1978: (1) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978; (2) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR), concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978; (3) Intergovernmental Agreement on the Establishment of an Inter-African Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance Card, open for signature at New York on 1 October 1978; (4) Protocol to the Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN), concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978; (5) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN), concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978; (6) United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978, concluded at Hamburg on 31 March 1978; (7) Agreement establishing the International Tropical Timber Bureau, concluded at Geneva on 9 November 1977; (8) Vienna Convention on succession of States in respect of treaties, concluded at Vienna on 23 August 1978.

2. The Supplement consists of: (1) revised title pages of chapters XI.B, XI.D, XII, XIX and XXIII in part I; (2) additional pages reproducing the text of final clauses of the new treaties, and (3) revised pages incorporating corrections or modifications to the corresponding pages previously issued. As in the basic edition of the Annex, the pages are designated as follows: at the bottom of each page, the date of issue is given on the left (or on the right), the number of the part to which it belongs in the centre, and the chapter and page number are on the left (or on the right). Parts and chapters are indicated by Roman numerals, and pages by Arabic numerals. In order to bring the basic edition of the Annex up to date, the revised pages should be substituted for the existing pages bearing the identical designation and the additional pages should be inserted at the end of the chapters concerned.

3. With a view to maintaining the record of completeness of the Annex, this page should be inserted in the basic issue of the Annex immediately following the title page of Supplement 9.

4. Supplement No. 10 is published concurrently with the eleventh annual issue of the main part of this publication, consisting of the list of signatures, ratifications, accessions, etc., as at 31 December 1978 (ST/LEG/SER.D/12).



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*Concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978*

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### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### *Article 3*

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature by States which are signatories to, or have acceded to the Convention and are either members of the Economic Commission for Europe or have been admitted to that Commission in a consultative capacity under paragraph 8 of that Commission's terms of reference.

2. This Protocol shall remain open for accession by any of the States referred to in paragraph 1 of this article which are Parties to the Convention.

3. Such States as may participate in certain activities of the Economic Commission for Europe in accordance with paragraph 11 of that Commission's terms of reference which have acceded to the Convention may become Contracting Parties to this Protocol by acceding thereto after its entry into force.

4. This Protocol shall be open for signature at Geneva from 1 September 1978 to 31 August 1979 inclusive. Thereafter, it shall be open for accession.

5. This Protocol shall be subject to ratification after the State concerned has ratified or acceded to the Convention.

6. Ratification or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

7. Any instrument of ratification or accession deposited after the entry into force of an amendment to the present Protocol with respect to all Contracting Parties or after the completion of all measures required for the entry into force of the amendment with respect to all Contracting Parties shall be deemed to apply to the Protocol as modified by the amendment.

#### *Article 4*

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after five of the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Protocol, have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession.

2. For any State ratifying or acceding to it after five States have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, this Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the said State has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

#### *Article 5*

1. Any Contracting Party may denounce this Protocol by so notifying the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Denunciation shall take effect twelve months after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the notification of denunciation.

3. Any Contracting Party which ceases to be Party to the Convention shall on the same date cease to be Party to this Protocol.

*Article 6*

If, after the entry into force of this Protocol, the number of Contracting Parties is reduced, as a result of denunciations, to less than five, this Protocol shall cease to be in force from the date on which the last of such denunciations takes effect. It shall also cease to be in force from the date on which the Convention ceases to be in force.

*Article 7*

1. Any State may, at the time of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession or at any time thereafter, declare by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that this Protocol shall extend to all or any of the territories for whose international relations it is responsible and in respect of which it has made a declaration in accordance with article 46 of the Convention. This Protocol shall extend to the territory or territories named in the notification as from the ninetieth day after its receipt by the Secretary-General or, if on that day the Protocol has not yet entered into force, as from the time of its entry into force.

2. Any State which has made a declaration under the preceding paragraph extending this Protocol to any territory for whose international relations it is responsible may denounce the Protocol separately in respect of that territory in accordance with the provisions of article 5 above.

*Article 8*

Any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Protocol which the Parties are unable to settle by negotiation or other means may, at the request of any one of the Contracting Parties concerned, be referred for settlement to the International Court of Justice.

*Article 9*

1. Each Contracting Party may, at the time of signing, ratifying, or acceding to this Protocol, declare by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it does not consider itself bound by article 8 of this Protocol. Other Contracting Parties shall not be bound by article 8 of this Protocol in respect of any Contracting Party which has entered such a reservation.

2. The declaration referred to in paragraph 1 of this article may be withdrawn at any time by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. No other reservation to this Protocol shall be permitted.

*Article 10*

1. After this Protocol has been in force for three years, any Contracting Party may, by notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, request that a conference be convened for the purpose of reviewing this Protocol. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the request and a review conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General if, within a period of four months following the date of notification by the Secretary-General not less than one-fourth of the Contracting Parties notify him of their concurrence with the request.

2. If a conference is convened in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties and invite them to submit within a period of three months such proposals as they may wish the Conference to consider. The Secretary-General shall circulate to all Contracting Parties the provisional agenda for the Conference together with the texts of such proposals at least three months before the date on which the Conference is to meet.

3. The Secretary-General shall invite to any conference convened in accordance with this article all States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2 and States which have become Contracting Parties under article 3, paragraph 3 of this Protocol.

*Article 11*

In addition to the notifications provided for in article 10, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, of this Protocol and the States which have become Contracting Parties under article 3, paragraph 3, of this Protocol, of:

- (a) ratifications and accessions under article 3;
- (b) the dates of entry into force of this Protocol in accordance with article 4;
- (c) communications received under article 2, paragraph (2);
- (d) denunciations under article 5;
- (e) the termination of this Protocol in accordance with article 6;
- (f) notifications received in accordance with article 7;
- (g) declarations and notifications received in accordance with article 9, paragraphs 1 and 2.

*Article 12*

After 31 August 1979, the original of this Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit certified true copies to each of the States mentioned in article 3, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Protocol.





**14. (a) Protocol amending article 14(3) of the European Agreement  
of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage  
of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)**

*Concluded at New York on 21 August 1975*

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*Article 2*

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRESENT PROTOCOL

The present Protocol shall be open for acceptance by the Contracting Parties to the Agreement. Instruments of acceptance shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 3*

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE PRESENT PROTOCOL

1. The present Protocol and the amendments therein shall enter into force one month from the date on which the instruments of acceptance of all Contracting Parties have been deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Any State becoming a Contracting Party to the Agreement after the entry into force of the present Protocol shall be a Contracting Party to the Agreement as amended by the Protocol.

*Article 4*

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

The original of the present Protocol, in English and French, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit a certified true copy thereof to the Contracting Parties to the Agreement and to all States which may become Parties to the latter.

DRAWN UP by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, at New York, on 21 August 1975, the date of the completion of the procedure by which the Contracting Parties to the Agreement and other States concerned decided to open the present Protocol for acceptance.



## **26. (a) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR)**

*Concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978*

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### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### *Article 3*

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature by States which are signatories to, or have acceded to the Convention and are either members of the Economic Commission for Europe or have been admitted to that Commission in a consultative capacity under paragraph 8 of that Commission's terms of reference.

2. This Protocol shall remain open for accession by any of the States referred to in paragraph 1 of this article which are Parties to the Convention.

3. Such States as may participate in certain activities of the Economic Commission for Europe in accordance with paragraph 11 of that Commission's terms of reference which have acceded to the Convention may become Contracting Parties to this Protocol by acceding thereto after its entry into force.

4. This Protocol shall be open for signature at Geneva from 1 September 1978 until 31 August 1979 inclusive. Thereafter, it shall be open for accession.

5. This Protocol shall be subject to ratification after the State concerned has ratified or acceded to the Convention.

6. The instruments of ratification or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

7. Any instrument of ratification or accession deposited after the entry into force of an amendment to the present Protocol with respect to all Contracting Parties or after the completion of all measures required for the entry into force of the amendment with respect to all Contracting Parties shall be deemed to apply to the Protocol as modified by the amendment.

#### *Article 4*

1. This Protocol shall come into force on the ninetieth day after five of the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Protocol have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession.

2. However, this Protocol shall not enter into force before the Convention has entered into force.

3. For any State ratifying or acceding to it after five States have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, this Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the said State has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

#### *Article 5*

1. Any Contracting Party may denounce this Protocol by so notifying the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Denunciation shall take effect twelve months after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the notification of denunciation.

3. Any Contracting Party which ceases to be a Party to the Convention shall on the same date cease to be Party to this Protocol.

*Article 6*

If, after the entry into force of this Protocol, the number of Contracting Parties is reduced, as a result of denunciations, to less than five, this Protocol shall cease to be in force from the date on which the last of such denunciations takes effect. It shall also cease to be in force from the date on which the Convention ceases to be in force.

*Article 7*

1. Any State may, at the time of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession, or at any time thereafter, declare by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that this Protocol shall extend to all or any of the territories for whose international relations it is responsible and in respect of which it has made a declaration in accordance with article 28 of the Convention. This Protocol shall extend to the territory or territories named in the notification as from the ninetieth day after its receipt by the Secretary-General or, if on that day the Protocol has not yet entered into force, as from its entry into force.

2. Any State which has made a declaration under paragraph 1 of this article extending this Protocol to any territory for whose international relations it is responsible may denounce the Protocol separately in respect of that territory in conformity with article 5 above.

*Article 8*

Any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Protocol which the parties are unable to settle by negotiation or other means may, at the request of any one of the Contracting Parties concerned, be referred for settlement to the International Court of Justice.

*Article 9*

1. Each Contracting Party may, at the time of signing, ratifying, or acceding to this Protocol, declare by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it does not consider itself bound by article 8 of this Protocol. Other Contracting Parties shall not be bound by article 8 in respect of any Contracting Party which has entered such a reservation.

2. The declaration referred to in paragraph 1 of this article may be withdrawn at any time by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 10*

1. Any Contracting Party to the Agreement on General Conditions for International Carriage of Passengers by Bus, signed at Berlin on 5 December 1970, may at the time of signing, ratifying or acceding to this Protocol or at any time thereafter, declare by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that in the event of conflict between this Protocol and the aforesaid Agreement it will apply the provisions of the latter to an operation for which, according to the contract of carriage,

(a) the places of departure and of destination are situated in the territory of a State which has made the declaration, or

(b) carriage is to take place in the territory of at least one State which has made the said declaration and is not to take place in the territory of any Contracting Party to this Protocol which has not made the declaration.

2. The declaration referred to in paragraph 1 of this article may be withdrawn at any time by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 11*

No reservation or declaration other than those envisaged under articles 9 and 10 of this Protocol shall be permitted.

*Article 12*

1. After this Protocol has been in force for three years, any Contracting Party may, by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, request that a conference be convened for the purpose of amending or reviewing this Protocol. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the request and a conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General for that purpose if, within a period of four months following the date of notification by the Secretary-General, not less than one-fourth of the Contracting Parties notify him of their concurrence with the request.

2. If a conference is convened in pursuance of paragraph 1 of this article, the Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties and invite them to submit within a period of three months, such proposals as they may wish the Conference to consider. The Secretary-General shall circulate to all Contracting Parties the provisional agenda for the Conference, together with the texts of such proposals, at least three months before the date on which the Conference is to meet.

3. The Secretary-General shall invite to any conference convened in accordance with this article all the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, and also the States which have become Contracting Parties under article 3, paragraph 3 of this Protocol.

*Article 13*

In addition to the notification provided for in article 12, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, and the States which have become Contracting Parties under article 3, paragraph 3 of this Protocol, of:

- (a) ratifications and accessions under article 3;
- (b) the dates of entry into force of this Protocol in accordance with article 4;
- (c) communications received under article 2, paragraph 3;
- (d) denunciations under article 5;
- (e) the termination of this Protocol under article 6;
- (f) notices received under article 7;
- (g) notification received in accordance with articles 9 and 10.

*Article 14*

After 31 August 1979, the original of this Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit certified true copies to each of the States mentioned in article 3, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Protocol.



## 29. Intergovernmental Agreement on the Establishment of an Inter-African Motor Vehicle Third Party Liability Insurance Card

*Opened for signature at New York on 1 October 1978*

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### PART III

### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### *Article 7*

#### SIGNATURE, RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL

1. African States participating in the work of the Economic Commission for Africa are entitled to become original parties to this Agreement by:

- (a) definitive signature (not subject to ratification, acceptance or approval); or
- (b) signature subject to and followed by ratification, acceptance or approval.

2. This Agreement shall be open for signature from 1 October 1978 until and including 30 September 1979 at United Nations Headquarters.

3. Ratification, acceptance or approval shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to this effect with the Secretary-General of the United Nations who shall be the Depositary of this Agreement.

#### *Article 8*

#### ACCESSION

After this Agreement has entered into force in accordance with article 9, any State referred to in paragraph 1 of article 7 which has not signed it may accede to the Agreement on conditions established by the Council. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of the appropriate instrument with the Depositary.

#### *Article 9*

#### ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Agreement shall initially enter into force three months after the date on which the Governments of eight States have either signed it definitively or have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depositary. Upon such entry into force, the provisions in this Agreement relating to the establishment of the Council, to the deposit of letters of credit with the latter and to accession shall be given effect as soon as possible. The other provisions shall be given effect only after letters of credit have been deposited with the Council by eight parties at least.

2. For each State which signs this Agreement definitively or on behalf of which an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession is deposited after the date on which definitive signatures have been affixed or instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval have been deposited on behalf of eight States, this Agreement shall enter into force three months after definitive signature or deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession on behalf of that State. Upon entry into force of this Agreement in respect of that State, the provisions relating to the deposit of a letter of credit with the Council shall be given effect as soon as possible. The other provisions shall be given effect in respect of the State concerned only after the appropriate letter of credit has been deposited with the Council.

*Article 10*

## AMENDMENTS

1. Any party may propose one or more amendments to this Agreement by communicating the proposed amendments to the Depositary. The Depositary shall circulate such amendments among the parties, for their acceptance, and among States entitled to become parties to this Agreement for their information.

2. Any proposed amendment circulated in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article shall be deemed to have been accepted if no party communicates an objection thereto to the Depositary within 6 months following the date of its circulation by the Depositary. If a party communicates to the Depositary an objection to the proposed amendment, such amendment shall not be considered as accepted and shall not be put into force.

3. If no objection has been communicated, the amendment shall enter into force for all the parties three months after the expiry date of the period of 6 months referred to in paragraph 2 of this article.

*Article 11*

## WITHDRAWAL AND EXCLUSIONS

1. A party to this Agreement may withdraw from it at any time after the expiration of a period of one year from the date on which this Agreement has entered into force by means of a notification in writing addressed to the Depositary. The withdrawal shall take effect 12 months after the date of receipt of the notification by the Depositary, during which period the withdrawing party shall remain liable for its financial obligations under this Agreement.

2. If the Council finds that any party is in breach of its obligations under this Agreement and decides further that such failure significantly impairs the operation of this Agreement it may, by a two-thirds majority vote, exclude such party from this Agreement. The Council shall notify the Depositary of any such decision. Ninety days after the date of the Council's decision the party concerned shall cease to be a party to this Agreement.

3. The Council shall determine any settlement of accounts with a withdrawing or excluded party.

*Article 12*

## DEPOSITARY

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations is designated as the Depositary of this Agreement.

2. The Council shall notify the Depositary without delay of all decisions and actions which it may take under the various provisions of this Agreement, in particular articles 6, 8, 9 and 10 thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, having been duly authorized to this effect by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement, the English and the French texts of which are equally authentic, on the dates appearing opposite their signatures.



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2. If a conference is convened in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, the Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties and invite them to submit within a period of three months such proposals as they may wish the Conference to consider. The Secretary-General shall circulate to all Contracting Parties the provisional agenda for the Conference together with the texts of such proposals at least three months before the date on which the Conference is to meet.

3. The Secretary-General shall invite to any conference convened in accordance with this article all States referred to in article 11, paragraph 1, and States which have become Contracting Parties under article 11, paragraph 2.

#### *Article 21*

In addition to the notifications provided for in article 20, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the States referred to in article 11, paragraph 1, and the States which have become Contracting Parties under article 11, paragraph 2, of:

- (a) ratifications and accessions under article 11;
- (b) the dates of entry into force of this Convention in accordance with article 12;
- (c) denunciations under article 13;
- (d) the termination of this Convention in accordance with article 14;
- (e) notifications received in accordance with article 16;
- (f) declarations made in accordance with article 10, paragraph 1;
- (g) notifications received in accordance with article 10, paragraph 2, and articles 15 and 18.

#### *Article 22*

After 1 March 1974, the original of this Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit certified true copies to each of the States mentioned in article 11, paragraphs 1 and 2.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Geneva, this first day of March one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three, in a single copy in the English, French and Russian languages, the three texts being equally authentic.

**1. (a) Protocol to the Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability  
of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN)**

*Concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978*

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**FINAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 3*

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature by States which are signatories to, or have acceded to the Convention and are either members of the Economic Commission for Europe or have been admitted to that Commission in a consultative capacity under paragraph 8 of that Commission's terms of reference.
2. This Protocol shall remain open for accession by any of the States referred to in paragraph 1 of this article which are Parties to the Convention.
3. Such States as may participate in certain activities in the Economic Commission for Europe in accordance with paragraph 11 of that Commission's terms of reference which have acceded to the Convention may become Contracting Parties to this Protocol by acceding thereto after its entry into force.
4. This Protocol shall be open for signature at Geneva from 1 September 1978 until 31 August 1979 inclusive. Thereafter, it shall be open for accession.
5. This Protocol shall be subject to ratification after the State concerned has ratified or acceded to the Convention.
6. The instruments of ratification or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
7. Any instrument of ratification or accession deposited after the entry into force of an amendment to the present Protocol with respect to all Contracting Parties or after the completion of all measures required for the entry into force of the amendment with respect to all Contracting Parties shall be deemed to apply to the Protocol as modified by the amendment.

*Article 4*

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after three of the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, of this Protocol have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession.
2. However, this Protocol shall not enter into force before the Convention has entered into force.
3. For any State ratifying or acceding to it after three States have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, this Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the said State has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

*Article 5*

1. Any Contracting Party may denounce this Protocol by so notifying the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. Denunciation shall take effect twelve months after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the notification of denunciation.
3. Any Contracting Party which ceases to be Party to the Convention shall on the same date cease to be Party to this Protocol.

*Article 6*

If, after the entry into force of this Protocol, the number of Contracting Parties is reduced, as a result of denunciations, to less than three, this Protocol shall cease to be in force from the date on which the last of such denunciations takes effect. It shall also cease to be in force from the date on which the Convention ceases to be in force.

*Article 7*

1. Any State may, at the time of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession or at any time thereafter, declare by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that this Protocol shall extend to all or any of the territories for whose international relations it is responsible and in respect of which it has made a declaration in accordance with article 16 of the Convention. This Protocol shall extend to the territory or territories named in the notification as from the ninetieth day after its receipt by the Secretary-General or, if on that day the Protocol has not yet entered into force, as from the time of its entry into force.

2. Any State which has made a declaration under paragraph 1 of this article extending this Protocol to any territory for whose international relations it is responsible may denounce the Protocol separately in respect of that territory in accordance with the provisions of article 5 above.

*Article 8*

Any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Protocol which the Parties are unable to settle by negotiation or other means may, at the request of any one of the Contracting Parties concerned, be referred for settlement to the International Court of Justice.

*Article 9*

1. Each Contracting Party may, at the time of signing, ratifying, or acceding to this Protocol declare by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it does not consider itself bound by article 8 of this Protocol. Other Contracting Parties shall not be bound by article 8 in respect of any Contracting Party which has entered such a reservation.

2. The declaration referred to in paragraph 1 of this article may be withdrawn at any time by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 10*

No reservation or declaration other than those envisaged under article 9 of this Protocol shall be permitted.

*Article 11*

1. After this Protocol has been in force for three years, any Contracting Party may, by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, request that a conference be convened for the purpose of amending or reviewing this Protocol. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the request and a conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General for that purpose if, within a period of four months following the date of notification by the Secretary-General, not less than one-fourth of the Contracting Parties notify him of their concurrence with the request.

2. If a conference is convened in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, the Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties and invite them to submit, within a period of three months such proposals as they may wish the Conference to consider. The Secretary-General shall circulate to all Contracting Parties the provisional agenda for the Conference, together with the texts of such proposals, at least three months before the date on which the Conference is to meet.

3. The Secretary-General shall invite to any conference convened in accordance with this article all States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, of this Protocol, and States which have become Contracting Parties under article 3, paragraph 3, of this Protocol.

#### *Article 12*

In addition to the notifications provided for in article 11, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, and the States which have become Contracting Parties under article 3, paragraph 3, of this Protocol of:

- (a) ratifications and accessions under article 3;
- (b) the dates of entry into force of this Protocol, in accordance with article 4;
- (c) communications received under article 2, paragraph 2;
- (d) denunciations under article 5;
- (e) the termination of this Protocol in accordance with article 6;
- (f) notifications received in accordance with article 7;
- (g) notifications received in accordance with article 9.

#### *Article 13*

After 31 August 1979, the original of this Protocol shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit certified true copies to each of the States mentioned in article 3, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, of this Protocol.

## 2. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN).

*Concluded at Geneva on 6 February 1976*

### Article 19

1. This Convention is open for signature or accession by States members of the Economic Commission for Europe and States admitted to the Commission in a consultative capacity under paragraph 8 of the Commission's Terms of Reference.

2. Such States as may participate in certain activities of the Economic Commission for Europe in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Commission's Terms of Reference may become Contracting Parties to this Convention by acceding thereto after its entry into force.

3. The Convention shall be open for signature until 30 April 1977 inclusive. Thereafter, it shall be open for accession.

4. This Convention shall be subject to ratification by the signatory States.

5. The instruments of ratification or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

### Article 20

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after three of the States referred to in article 19, paragraph 1, have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession.

2. With respect to any State which ratifies or accedes to this Convention after three States have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the said State has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

### Article 21

1. Any Contracting Party may denounce this Convention by giving notice of denunciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. The denunciation shall take effect twelve months after the date on which the Secretary-General receives the notice of denunciation.

### Article 22

If, after the entry into force of this Convention, the number of Contracting Parties is reduced, as a result of denunciations, to less than three, the Convention shall cease to be in force from the date on which the last of such denunciations takes effect.

### Article 23

1. Any State may, at the time of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession, declare by notice addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it will not apply the provisions of this Convention to contracts of carriage under which the place of embarkation or the place of disembarkation, or both these places, are situated in certain parts of its territory.

2. The declaration provided for in paragraph 1 of this article may be made, withdrawn or modified at any later date; in such case, the declaration, withdrawal or modification shall take effect as from the ninetieth day after receipt of the notice by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

### Article 24

Any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Convention which the parties are unable to settle by negotiation or other means may, at the request of any one of the Contracting Parties concerned, be referred for settlement to the International Court of Justice.

*Article 25*

1. Any Contracting Party may, at the time of signing, ratifying, or acceding to this Convention, declare by notice addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it does not consider itself bound by article 24 of the Convention. The other Contracting Parties shall not be bound by article 24 with respect to any Contracting Party which has entered such a reservation.

2. The declaration referred to in paragraph 1 of this article may be withdrawn at any time by notice addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 26*

No reservation other than those provided for in articles 23 and 25 of this Convention shall be allowed.

*Article 27*

1. After this Convention has been in force for three years, any Contracting Party may, by notice addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, request that a conference be convened for the purpose of amending or reviewing the Convention. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the request and a conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General for that purpose if, within a period of four months from the date of the notification sent by the Secretary-General, not less than one-third of the Contracting Parties signify their assent to the request.

2. If a conference is convened in pursuance of paragraph 1 of this article, the Secretary-General shall so advise all the Contracting Parties and invite them to submit, within a period of three months, the proposals which they wish the conference to consider. The Secretary-General shall circulate to all Contracting Parties the provisional agenda for the conference, together with the texts of such proposals, at least three months before the opening date of the conference.

3. The Secretary-General shall invite to any conference convened in pursuance of this article all the States referred to in article 19, paragraph 1, and also the States which have become Contracting Parties under article 19, paragraph 2.

*Article 28*

In addition to communicating to them the notices provided for in article 27, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the States referred to in article 19, paragraph 1, and the States which have become Contracting Parties under article 19, paragraph 2, of:

- (a) ratifications and accessions under article 19;
- (b) the dates of entry into force of this Convention pursuant to article 20;
- (c) denunciations under article 21;
- (d) the termination of this Convention under article 22;
- (e) notices received under article 23;
- (f) notices received under article 25.

*Article 29*

This Convention is done in a single copy in English, French and Russian. The text thereof in German is attached thereto. At the time of signing this Convention or of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession, any State may declare that it adopts the English, French, Russian or German text; in that case, the said text shall also be authoritative in relations between the Contracting Parties which have exercised this right and adopted the same text. In all other cases, the English, French and Russian texts shall be authentic.

*Article 30*

After 30 April 1977, the original of this Convention and the German text attached thereto shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit to each of the States mentioned in article 19, paragraphs 1 and 2, certified true copies of the original and of the German text.



## 2. (a) Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN)

*Concluded at Geneva on 5 July 1978*

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### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### *Article 3*

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature by States which are signatories to, or have acceded to the Convention and are either members of the Economic Commission for Europe or have been admitted to that Commission in a consultative capacity under paragraph 8 of that Commission's terms of reference.

2. This Protocol shall remain open for accession by any of the States referred to in paragraph 1 of this article which are Parties to the Convention.

3. Such States as may participate in certain activities of the Economic Commission for Europe in accordance with paragraph 11 of that Commission's terms of reference which have acceded to the Convention may become Contracting Parties to this Protocol by acceding thereto after its entry into force.

4. This Protocol shall be open for signature at Geneva from 1 September 1978 until 31 August 1979 inclusive. Thereafter, it shall be open for accession.

5. This Protocol shall be subject to ratification after the State concerned has ratified or acceded to the Convention.

6. The instruments of ratification or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

7. Any instrument of ratification or accession deposited after the entry into force of an amendment to the present Protocol with respect to all Contracting Parties or after the completion of all measures required for the entry into force of the amendment with respect to all Contracting Parties shall be deemed to apply to the Protocol as modified by the amendment.

#### *Article 4*

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after three of the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Protocol have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession.

2. However, this Protocol shall not enter into force before the Convention has entered into force.

3. For any State ratifying or acceding to it after three States have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, this Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the said State has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

#### *Article 5*

1. Any Contracting Party may denounce this Protocol by so notifying the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. Denunciation shall take effect twelve months after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the notification of denunciation.

3. Any Contracting Party which ceases to be a Party to the Convention shall on the same date cease to be Party to this Protocol.

*Article 6*

If, after the entry into force of this Protocol, the number of Contracting Parties is reduced, as a result of denunciations, to less than three, this Protocol shall cease to be in force from the date on which the last of such denunciations takes effect. It shall also cease to be in force from the date on which the Convention ceases to be in force.

*Article 7*

Any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Protocol which the Parties are unable to settle by negotiation or other means may, at the request of any one of the Contracting Parties concerned, be referred for settlement to the international Court of Justice.

*Article 8*

1. Each Contracting Party may, at the time of the signing, ratifying, or acceding to this Protocol, declare by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it does not consider itself bound by article 7 of this Protocol. Other Contracting Parties shall not be bound by article 7 in respect of any Contracting Party which has entered such a reservation.

2. The declaration referred to in paragraph 1 of this article may be withdrawn at any time by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 9*

No reservation or declaration other than those envisaged under article 8 of this Protocol shall be permitted.

*Article 10*

1. After this Protocol has been in force for three years, any Contracting Party may, by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, request that a conference be convened for the purpose of amending or reviewing this Protocol. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the request and a conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General for that purpose if, within a period of four months following the date of notification by the Secretary-General, not less than one-third of the Contracting Parties notify him of their concurrence with the request.

2. If a conference is convened in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, the Secretary-General shall notify all the Contracting Parties and invite them to submit, within a period of three months, such proposals as they may wish the Conference to consider. The Secretary-General shall circulate to all Contracting Parties the provisional agenda for the Conference, together with the texts of such proposals, at least three months before the date on which the Conference is to meet.

3. The Secretary-General shall invite to any conference convened in accordance with this article all States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, and States which have become Contracting Parties under article 3, paragraph 3 of this Protocol.

*Article 11*

In addition to the notifications provided for in article 10, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the States referred to in article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, and the States which have become Contracting Parties under article 3, paragraph 3, of this Protocol of:

- (a) ratifications and accessions under article 3;
- (b) the dates of entry into force of this Protocol in accordance with article 4;
- (c) communications received under article 2, paragraph 3;
- (d) denunciations under article 5;
- (e) the termination of this Protocol under article 6;
- (f) notifications received in accordance with article 8.

*Article 12*

This Protocol is done in a single copy in English, French and Russian. The text thereof in German is attached thereto. At the time of signing this Protocol or of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession, any State may declare that it adopts the English, French, Russian or German text; in that case, the said text shall also be authoritative in relations between the Contracting Parties which have exercised this right and adopted the same text. In all other cases, the English, French and Russian texts shall be authentic.

*Article 13*

After 31 August 1979, the original of this Protocol and the German text attached thereto shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit certified true copies of the original and of the German text to each of the States mentioned in article 3, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Protocol.

### 3. United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978

*Concluded at Hamburg on 31 March 1978*

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#### PART I

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### *Article 2*

##### SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1. The provisions of this Convention are applicable to all contracts of carriage by sea between two different States, if:
  - (a) the port of loading as provided for in the contract of carriage by sea is located in a Contracting State, or
  - (b) the port of discharge as provided for in the contract of carriage by sea is located in a Contracting State, or
  - (c) one of the optional ports of discharge provided for in the contract of carriage by sea is the actual port of discharge and such port is located in a Contracting State, or
  - (d) the bill of lading or other document evidencing the contract of carriage by sea is issued in a Contracting State, or
  - (e) the bill of lading or other document evidencing the contract of carriage by sea provides that the provisions of this Convention or the legislation of any State giving effect to them are to govern the contract.
2. The provisions of this Convention are applicable without regard to the nationality of the ship, the carrier, the actual carrier, the shipper, the consignee or any other interested person.
3. The provisions of this Convention are not applicable to charter-parties. However, where a bill of lading is issued pursuant to a charter-party, the provisions of the Convention apply to such a bill of lading if it governs the relation between the carrier and the holder of the bill of lading, not being the charterer.
4. If a contract provides for future carriage of goods in a series of shipments during an agreed period, the provisions of this Convention apply to each shipment. However, where a shipment is made under a charter-party, the provisions of paragraph 3 of this article apply.

#### PART VII

#### FINAL CLAUSES

##### *Article 27*

##### DEPOSITARY

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the depositary of this Convention.

*Article 28*

## SIGNATURE, RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, ACCESSION

1. This Convention is open for signature by all States until 30 April 1979 at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York.
2. This Convention is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatory States.
3. After 30 April 1979, this Convention will be open for accession by all States which are not signatory States.
4. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval and accession are to be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 29*

## RESERVATIONS

No reservations may be made to this Convention.

*Article 30*

## ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Convention enters into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of one year from the date of deposit of the 20th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
2. For each State which becomes a Contracting State to this Convention after the date of the deposit of the 20th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Convention enters into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of one year after the deposit of the appropriate instrument on behalf of that State.
3. Each Contracting State shall apply the provisions of this Convention to contracts of carriage by sea concluded on or after the date of the entry into force of this Convention in respect of that State.

*Article 31*

## DENUNCIATION OF OTHER CONVENTIONS

1. Upon becoming a Contracting State to this Convention, any State party to the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Bills of Lading signed at Brussels on 25 August 1924 (1924 Convention) must notify the Government of Belgium as the depositary of the 1924 Convention of its denunciation of the said Convention with a declaration that the denunciation is to take effect as from the date when this Convention enters into force in respect of that State.
2. Upon the entry into force of this Convention under paragraph 1 of article 30, the depositary of this Convention must notify the Government of Belgium as the depositary of the 1924 Convention of the date of such entry into force, and of the names of the Contracting States in respect of which the Convention has entered into force.
3. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article apply correspondingly in respect of States parties to the Protocol signed on 23 February 1968 to amend the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Bills of Lading signed at Brussels on 25 August 1924.
4. Notwithstanding article 2 of this Convention, for the purposes of paragraph 1 of this article, a Contracting State may, if it deems it desirable, defer the denunciation of the 1924 Convention and of the 1924 Convention as modified by the 1968 Protocol for a maximum period of five years from the entry into force of this Convention. It will then notify the Government of Belgium of its intention. During this transitory period, it must apply to the Contracting States this Convention to the exclusion of any other one.

*Article 32*

## REVISION AND AMENDMENT

1. At the request of not less than one-third of the Contracting States to this Convention, the depositary shall convene a conference of the Contracting States for revising or amending it.
2. Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the entry into force of an amendment to this Convention is deemed to apply to the Convention as amended.

*Article 33*

## REVISION OF THE LIMITATION AMOUNTS AND UNIT OF ACCOUNT OR MONETARY UNIT

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of article 32, a conference only for the purpose of altering the amount specified in article 6 and paragraph 2 of article 26, or of substituting either or both of the units defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of article 26 by other units is to be convened by the depositary in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article. An alteration of the amounts shall be made only because of a significant change in their real value.
2. A revision conference is to be convened by the depositary when not less than one-fourth of the Contracting States so request.
3. Any decision by the conference must be taken by a two-thirds majority of the participating States. The amendment is communicated by the depositary to all the Contracting States for acceptance and to all the States signatories of the Convention for information.
4. Any amendment adopted enters into force on the first day of the month following one year after its acceptance by two-thirds of the Contracting States. Acceptance is to be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument to that effect, with the depositary.
5. After entry into force of an amendment a Contracting State which has accepted the amendment is entitled to apply the Convention as amended in its relations with Contracting States which have not within six months after the adoption of the amendment notified the depositary that they are not bound by the amendment.
6. Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the entry into force of an amendment to this Convention is deemed to apply to the Convention as amended.

*Article 34*

## DENUNCIATION

1. A Contracting State may denounce this Convention at any time by means of a notification in writing addressed to the depositary.
2. The denunciation takes effect on the first day of the month following the expiration of one year after the notification is received by the depositary. Where a longer period is specified in the notification, the denunciation takes effect upon the expiration of such longer period after the notification is received by the depositary.

DONE at Hamburg, this thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight, in a single original, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Convention.

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## 1. Convention on the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization

*Signed at Geneva on 6 March 1948*

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### PART III MEMBERSHIP

#### *Article 5*

Membership in the Organization shall be open to all States, subject to the provisions of Part III.

#### *Article 6*

Members of the United Nations may become Members of the Organization by becoming parties to the Convention in accordance with the provisions of Article 57.

#### *Article 7*

States not Members of the United Nations which have been invited to send representatives to the United Nations Maritime Conference convened in Geneva on the 19th February 1948,<sup>1</sup> may become Members by becoming parties to the Convention in accordance with the provisions of Article 57.

#### *Article 8*

Any State not entitled to become a Member under Article 6 or 7 may apply through the Secretary-General of the Organization to become a Member and shall be admitted as a Member upon its becoming a party to the Convention in accordance with the provisions of Article 57 provided that, upon the recommendation of the Council, its application has been approved by two-thirds of the Members other than Associate Members.

#### *Article 9*

Any territory or group of territories to which the Convention has been made applicable under Article 58, by the Member having responsibility for its international relations or by the United Nations, may become an Associate Member of the Organization by notification in writing given by such Member or by the United Nations, as the case may be, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

#### *Article 10*

An Associate Member shall have the rights and obligations of a Member under the Convention except that it shall not have the right to vote in the Assembly or be eligible for membership on the Council or on the Maritime Safety Committee and subject to this the word "Member" in the Convention shall be deemed to include Associate Member unless the context otherwise requires.

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<sup>1</sup> The following States non-members or then non-members of the United Nations were invited to send representatives to the said Conference : Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland.

*Article 11*

No State or territory may become or remain a Member of the Organization contrary to a resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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PART XIV  
AMENDMENTS

*Article 52*

Texts of proposed amendments to the Convention shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to Members at least six months in advance of their consideration by the Assembly. Amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly, including the concurring votes of a majority of the Members represented on the Council. Twelve months after its acceptance by two-thirds of the Members of the Organization, other than Associate Members, each amendment shall come into force for all Members except those which, before it comes into force, make a declaration that they do not accept the amendment. The Assembly may by a two-thirds majority vote determine at the time of its adoption that an amendment is of such a nature that any Member which has made such a declaration and which does not accept the amendment within a period of twelve months after the amendment comes into force shall, upon the expiration of this period, cease to be a party to the Convention.

*Article 53*

Any amendment adopted under Article 52 shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will immediately forward a copy of the amendment to all Members.

*Article 54*

A declaration or acceptance under Article 52 shall be made by the communication of an instrument to the Secretary-General for deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General will notify Members of the receipt of any such instrument and of the date when the amendment enters into force.

PART XV  
INTERPRETATION

*Article 55*

Any question or dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention shall be referred for settlement to the Assembly, or shall be settled in such other manner as the parties to the dispute agree. Nothing in this Article shall preclude the Council or the Maritime Safety Committee from settling any such question or dispute that may arise during the exercise of their functions.

*Article 56*

Any legal question which cannot be settled as provided in Article 55 shall be referred by the Organization to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion in accordance with Article 96 of the Charter of the United Nations.

### **3. International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations**

*Done at Rome on 26 October 1961*

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#### *Article 17*

Any State which, on October 26, 1961, grants protection to producers of phonograms solely on the basis of the criterion of fixation may, by a notification deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the time of ratification, acceptance or accession, declare that it will apply, for the purposes of Article 5, the criterion of fixation alone and, for the purposes of paragraph 1 (a) (iii) and (iv) of Article 16, the criterion of fixation instead of the criterion of nationality.

#### *Article 18*

Any State which has deposited a notification under paragraph 3 of Article 5, paragraph 2 of Article 6, paragraph 1 of Article 16 or Article 17, may, by a further notification deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, reduce its scope or withdraw it.

#### *Article 20*

1. This Convention shall not prejudice rights acquired in any Contracting State before the date of coming into force of this Convention for that State.

2. No Contracting State shall be bound to apply the provisions of this Convention to performances or broadcasts which took place, or to phonograms which were fixed, before the date of coming into force of this Convention for that State.

#### *Article 22*

Contracting States reserve the right to enter into special agreements among themselves in so far as such agreements grant to performers, producers of phonograms or broadcasting organisations more extensive rights than those granted by this Convention or contain other provisions not contrary to this Convention.

#### *Article 23*

This Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. It shall be open until June 30, 1962, for signature by any State invited to the Diplomatic Conference on the International Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations which is a party to the Universal Copyright Convention or a member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

*Article 24*

1. This Convention shall be subject to ratification or acceptance by the signatory States.
2. This Convention shall be open for accession by any State invited to the Conference referred to in Article 23, and by any State Member of the United Nations, provided that in either case such State is a party to the Universal Copyright Convention or a member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.
3. Ratification, acceptance or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 25*

1. This Convention shall come into force three months after the date of deposit of the sixth instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession.
2. Subsequently, this Convention shall come into force in respect of each State three months after the date of deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession.

*Article 26*

1. Each Contracting State undertakes to adopt, in accordance with its Constitution, the measures necessary to ensure the application of this Convention.
2. At the time of deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession, each State must be in a position under its domestic law to give effect to the terms of this Convention.

*Article 27*

1. Any State may, at the time of ratification, acceptance or accession, or at any time thereafter, declare by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations that this Convention shall extend to all or any of the territories for whose international relations it is responsible, provided that the Universal Copyright Convention or the International Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works applies to the territory or territories concerned. This notification shall take effect three months after the date of its receipt.
2. The notifications referred to in paragraph 3 of Article 5, paragraph 2 of Article 6, paragraph 1 of Article 16 and Articles 17 and 18, may be extended to cover all or any of the territories referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

*Article 28*

1. Any Contracting State may denounce this Convention, on its own behalf, or on behalf of all or any of the territories referred to in Article 27.
2. The denunciation shall be effected by a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and shall take effect twelve months after the date of receipt of the notification.
3. The right of denunciation shall not be exercised by a Contracting State before the expiry of a period of five years from the date on which the Convention came into force with respect to that State.

4. A Contracting State shall cease to be a party to this Convention from that time when it is neither a party to the Universal Copyright Convention nor a member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

5. This Convention shall cease to apply to any territory referred to in Article 27 from that time when neither the Universal Copyright Convention nor the International Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works applies to that territory.

#### *Article 29*

1. After this Convention has been in force for five years, any Contracting State may, by notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, request that a conference be convened for the purpose of revising the Convention. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting States of this request. If, within a period of six months following the date of notification by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, not less than one half of the Contracting States notify him of their concurrence with the request, the Secretary-General shall inform the Director-General of the International Labour Office, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Director of the Bureau of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, who shall convene a revision conference in co-operation with the Intergovernmental Committee provided for in Article 32.

2. The adoption of any revision of this Convention shall require an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the States attending the revision conference, provided that this majority includes two-thirds of the States which, at the time of the revision conference, are parties to the Convention.

3. In the event of adoption of a Convention revising this Convention in whole or in part, and unless the revising Convention provides otherwise :

- (a) this Convention shall cease to be open to ratification, acceptance or accession as from the date of entry into force of the revising Convention;
- (b) this Convention shall remain in force as regards relations between or with Contracting States which have not become parties to the revising Convention.

#### *Article 30*

Any dispute which may arise between two or more Contracting States concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention and which is not settled by negotiation shall, at the request of any one of the parties to the dispute, be referred to the International Court of Justice for decision, unless they agree to another mode of settlement.

#### *Article 31*

Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 5, paragraph 2 of Article 6, paragraph 1 of Article 16 and Article 17, no reservation may be made to this Convention.

#### *Article 32*

1. An Intergovernmental Committee is hereby established with the following duties:

- (a) to study questions concerning the application and operation of this Convention; and
- (b) to collect proposals and to prepare documentation for possible revision of this Convention.

2. The Committee shall consist of representatives of the Contracting States, chosen with due regard to equitable geographical distribution. The number of members shall be six if there are twelve Contracting States or less, nine if there are thirteen to eighteen Contracting States and twelve if there are more than eighteen Contracting States.

3. The Committee shall be constituted twelve months after the Convention comes into force by an election organised among the Contracting States, each of which shall have one vote, by the Director-General of the International Labour Office, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Director of the Bureau of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, in accordance with rules previously approved by a majority of all Contracting States.

4. The Committee shall elect its Chairman and officers. It shall establish its own rules of procedure. These rules shall in particular provide for the future operation of the Committee and for a method of selecting its members for the future in such a way as to ensure rotation among the various Contracting States.

5. Officials of the International Labour Office, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Bureau of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, designated by the Directors-General and the Director thereof, shall constitute the Secretariat of the Committee.

6. Meetings of the Committee, which shall be convened wherever a majority of its members deems it necessary, shall be held successively at the headquarters of the International Labour Office, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Bureau of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

7. Expenses of members of the Committee shall be borne by their respective Governments

### *Article 33*

1. The present Convention is drawn up in English, French and Spanish, the three texts being equally authentic.

2. In addition, official texts of the present Convention shall be drawn up in German, Italian and Portuguese.

### *Article 34*

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall notify the States invited to the Conference referred to in Article 23 and every State Member of the United Nations, as well as the Director-General of the International Labour Office, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Director of the Bureau of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works:

- (a) of the deposit of each instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession;
- (b) of the date of entry into force of the Convention;
- (c) of all notifications, declarations or communications provided for in this Convention;
- (d) if any of the situations referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 28 arise.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall also notify the Director-General of the International Labour Office, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Director of the Bureau of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of the requests communicated to him in accordance with Article 29, as well as of any communication received from the Contracting States concerning the revision of the Convention.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Rome, this twenty-sixth day of October 1961, in a single copy in the English, French, and Spanish languages. Certified true copies shall be delivered by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all the States invited to the Conference referred to in Article 23 and to every State Member of the United Nations, as well as to the Director-General of the International Labour Office, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Director of the Bureau of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.





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*Article 20*

## ACCESSION

1. The Government of any country qualified to participate under article 2 may, after the entry into force of this Agreement, accede to it under the conditions established by this Agreement and upon any other conditions which shall be established by the Governing Board.

2. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the depositary. Accession shall take effect upon deposit of the instrument.

*Article 21*

## RESERVATIONS

Reservations may not be made with respect to any of the provisions of this Agreement.

*Article 22*

## AMENDMENTS

Any member may propose amendments to this Agreement. The executive director shall circulate the text of such proposed amendments to the members. The Governing Board shall fix the time within which each member shall notify the depositary and the executive director, whether or not it accepts the amendment. The amendment shall become effective 60 days after the depositary has received notification of acceptance from at least two-thirds of the members, provided their total volume of exports of tea account for at least two-thirds of the total volume of exports of all members. For the purpose of this article, the executive director shall advise the depositary whether the notifications of acceptance received are sufficient to make the amendment effective.

*Article 23*

## VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

At any time after the entry into force of this Agreement, any member may withdraw from this Agreement by giving written notice of withdrawal simultaneously to the depositary and to the executive director. Withdrawal shall become effective 90 days after the notice is received by the depositary.

*Article 26*

## TERMINATION

This Agreement shall remain in force unless it is terminated by a decision of at least two-thirds of the members whose total volume of exports of tea account for at least two-thirds of the total volume of exports of all members. Such termination shall take effect on such date as the Governing Board may decide, and the executive director shall notify the depositary of such termination and the date thereof. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, the Association shall remain in being for as long as may be necessary to carry out the liquidation, the settlement of its accounts and the distribution of its assets. During this period, the Association shall retain only such of the powers and functions as are conferred on it by this Agreement for these purposes.

*Article 27*

## AUTHENTIC TEXTS OF THIS AGREEMENT

The texts of this Agreement in the English, French and Spanish languages shall all be equally authentic. The originals shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations.

## ANNEX

## Tea exports: Origin and volume

*List of countries (net exporters of tea) qualified to participate according to the terms of Article 2 and statistical data relating to 1973-1975 for the purposes of Article 19*  
(In thousands of tonnes)

Country	1973	1974	1975	Average	Percentage
Argentina .....	18.0	24.1	17.4	19.8	2.8
Brazil .....	5.7	4.8	4.4	4.9	0.7
Ecuador .....	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.1
Bangladesh .....	20.3	21.2	24.8	22.1	3.1
India .....	188.2	210.6	218.1	205.6	29.1
Indonesia .....	44.7	47.8	46.0	46.2	6.5
Sri Lanka .....	205.5	185.1	212.7	201.1	28.5
Turkey .....	18.8	11.5	—	10.1	1.4
Papua New Guinea .....	2.4	3.7	4.1	3.4	0.5
Burundi .....	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.1
Cameroon .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	—
Kenya .....	52.4	49.3	52.4	51.4	7.3
Malawi .....	23.3	23.1	26.0	24.1	3.4
Mauritius .....	3.7	3.1	2.0	2.9	0.4
Mozambique .....	17.5	18.6	12.2	16.1	2.3
Rwanda .....	2.7	3.1	3.8	3.2	0.5
Tanzania .....	9.5	9.7	10.4	9.9	1.4
Uganda .....	19.1	16.7	17.0	17.6	2.5
Zaire .....	6.7	5.9	4.7	5.8	0.8
China <sup>a</sup> .....	51.1	58.5	64.1	57.9	8.2
Viet-Nam, Socialist Republic of <sup>a</sup> .....	2.3	3.5	3.3	3.0	0.4
TOTAL	693.4	702.3	725.0	706.9	100.0

Sources: FAO (Document CCP: 77/10) and information supplied by the International Tea Committee.

<sup>a</sup> Estimates only.

**17. Agreement establishing the Southeast Asia Tin Research and Development Centre***Signed at Bangkok on 28 April 1977*

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*Article 3***MEMBERSHIP**

(a) The founding members of the Centre shall be the signatories to this Agreement.

(b) Other tin producing countries may join the Centre upon the unanimous approval of the existing members of the Centre and by accession to this Agreement. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 7***SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION**

(a) The original of this Agreement in a single copy in the English language shall remain open for signature, by the duly accredited representatives of the founding members, at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok until 30 April 1977. This Agreement shall thereafter be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

(b) This Agreement shall be subject to ratification or acceptance by the signatory Governments in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.

(c) Instruments of ratification shall be lodged with the Secretary-General of the United Nations not later than 31 July 1977.

*Article 8***ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the deposit of the third instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 9***VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL**

After this Agreement has entered into force a member country may withdraw voluntarily from the Agreement by giving written notice thereof simultaneously to the Centre and the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Withdrawal shall become effective ninety days after the notice is received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 10***AMENDMENT**

The Centre may, by unanimous vote of all the members, amend the provisions of this Agreement. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be notified forthwith of any such amendment.

*Article 11***SAFEKEEPING OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

(a) The original of this Agreement and any amendments thereto and the instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit certified copies thereof to each signatory and acceding Government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement at Bangkok, Thailand, on the dates appearing opposite their signatures.



## 19. Agreement establishing the International Tropical Timber Bureau

*Concluded at Geneva on 9 November 1977*

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### CHAPTER III DEFINITIONS

#### *Article 3*

#### DEFINITIONS

“Tropical timber” means any kind of wood species growing between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn.

“Tropical timber producing country” means a country possessing a forest resource and producing tropical timber and timber products manufactured therefrom.

### CHAPTER XI FINAL PROVISIONS

#### *Article 22*

#### SIGNATURE

This Agreement shall be open for signature at United Nations Headquarters from 16 January 1978 by Governments of the tropical timber producing countries which were invited to the Intergovernmental Meeting of Tropical Timber Producing Countries held in Geneva from 31 October to 9 November 1977.

#### *Article 23*

#### RATIFICATION

1. This Agreement shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatory Governments in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.

2. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as the depositary).

#### *Article 24*

#### ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force six months after the date on which no fewer than one half of the tropical timber producing countries, which were invited to the Intergovernmental Meeting of Tropical Timber Producing Countries held in Geneva from 31 October to 9 November 1977, have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval with the depositary.

#### *Article 25*

#### ACCESSION

This Agreement shall be open to accession by the Government of any State eligible for membership under Article 5 upon conditions to be established by the Council. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the depositary. Instruments of accession shall state that the Government accepts all those conditions.

*Article 26*

## RESERVATIONS

Reservations may not be made with respect to any of the provisions of this Agreement.

*Article 27*

## INTERPRETATION

Any question or dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement which is not settled among the Members involved shall, at the request of any Member party to the question or dispute, be referred to the Council for decision.

*Article 28*

## EXCLUSION

If the Council finds that a Member has failed to pay its financial contribution to The Bureau twenty-four months from the date on which such contribution is due, or to meet its other obligations under this Agreement, it may decide to exclude such Member from The Bureau. The Council shall immediately notify the depositary of any such decision. Three months after the date of the Council's decision, that Member shall cease to be a Member of The Bureau.

*Article 29*

## WITHDRAWAL

1. Any Member may withdraw from this Agreement by written notification to the depositary, who shall immediately inform the other Members and the Executive Director of such notification.

2. Notification of withdrawal may be given at any time after the expiration of twelve months from the date on which this Agreement enters into force.

3. Withdrawal shall take effect upon the expiration of twelve months from the date on which such written notification is received by the depositary.

*Article 32*

## AMENDMENT

1. The Council may decide to recommend an amendment to this Agreement to the Members. The Council shall fix a time within which each Member shall notify the depositary whether or not it accepts the amendment. The amendment shall become effective sixty days after the depositary receives notification of acceptance from at least three-quarters of the Parties.

2. Any proposed amendment to this Agreement shall be communicated by the Executive Director to the Parties to this Agreement at least six months in advance of its consideration by the Council.

3. The depositary shall inform the Parties of the receipt of any notifications referred to in this Article and of the date on which the amendment enters into force.

4. Any Member on behalf of which notification of acceptance of an amendment has not been made by the date on which such amendment becomes effective shall as of that date cease to participate in The Bureau, unless such Member has satisfied the Council that acceptance could not be secured in time owing to difficulties in completing its constitutional procedures, and the Council decides to extend for such Member the period fixed for acceptance. Such Member shall not be bound by the amendment before it has notified its acceptance thereof.



*Article 33*

AUTHENTIC TEXTS OF THE AGREEMENT

The texts of this Agreement in the English, French and Spanish languages shall be equally authentic. The originals shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations.



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## ANNEX

1. A list of conciliators consisting of qualified jurists shall be drawn up and maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. To this end, every State which is a Member of the United Nations or a party to the present Convention shall be invited to nominate two conciliators, and the names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. The term of a conciliator, including that of any conciliator nominated to fill a casual vacancy, shall be five years and may be renewed. A conciliator whose term expires shall continue to fulfil any function for which he shall have been chosen under the following paragraph.

2. When a request has been made to the Secretary-General under article 66, the Secretary-General shall bring the dispute before a conciliation commission constituted as follows:

The State or States constituting one of the parties to the dispute shall appoint:

- (a) One conciliator of the nationality of that State or of one of those States, who may or may not be chosen from the list referred to in paragraph 1; and
- (b) One conciliator not of the nationality of that State or of any of those States, who shall be chosen from the list.

The State or States constituting the other party to the dispute shall appoint two conciliators in the same way. The four conciliators chosen by the parties shall be appointed within sixty days following the date on which the Secretary-General receives the request.

The four conciliators shall, within sixty days following the date of the last of their own appointments, appoint a fifth conciliator chosen from the list, who shall be chairman.

If the appointment of the chairman or of any of the other conciliators has not been made within the period prescribed above for such appointment, it shall be made by the Secretary-General within sixty days following the expiry of that period. The appointment of the chairman may be made by the Secretary-General either from the list or from the membership of the International Law Commission. Any of the periods within which appointments must be made may be extended by agreement between the parties to the dispute.

Any vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed for the initial appointment.

3. The Conciliation Commission shall decide its own procedure. The Commission, with the consent of the parties to the dispute, may invite any party to the treaty to submit to it its views orally or in writing. Decisions and recommendations of the Commission shall be made by a majority vote of the five members.

4. The Commission may draw the attention of the parties to the dispute to any measures which might facilitate an amicable settlement.

5. The Commission shall hear the parties, examine the claims and objections, and make proposals to the parties with a view to reaching an amicable settlement of the dispute.

6. The Commission shall report within twelve months of its constitution. Its report shall be deposited with the Secretary-General and transmitted to the parties to the dispute. The report of the Commission, including any conclusions stated therein regarding the facts or questions of law, shall not be binding upon the parties and it shall have no other character than that of recommendations submitted for the consideration of the parties in order to facilitate an amicable settlement of the dispute.

7. The Secretary-General shall provide the Commission with such assistance and facilities as it may require. The expenses of the Commission shall be borne by the United Nations.

## 2. Vienna Convention on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties

*Concluded at Vienna on 23 August 1978*

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### *Article 7*

#### TEMPORAL APPLICATION OF THE PRESENT CONVENTION

1. Without prejudice to the application of any of the rules set forth in the present Convention to which the effects of a succession of States would be subject under international law independently of the Convention, the Convention applies only in respect of a succession of States which has occurred after the entry into force of the Convention except as may be otherwise agreed.

2. A successor State may, at the time of expressing its consent to be bound by the present convention or at any time thereafter, make a declaration that it will apply the provisions of the Convention in respect of its own succession of States which has occurred before the entry into force of the Convention in relation to any other contracting State or State Party to the Convention which makes a declaration accepting the declaration of the successor State. Upon the entry into force of the Convention as between the States making the declarations or upon the making of the declaration of acceptance, whichever occurs later, the provisions of the Convention shall apply to the effects of the succession of States as from the date of that succession of States.

### PART VI

#### SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

##### *Article 41*

#### CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION

If a dispute regarding the interpretation or application of the present Convention arises between two or more Parties to the Convention, they shall, upon the request of any of them, seek to resolve it by a process of consultation and negotiation.

##### *Article 42*

#### CONCILIATION

If the dispute is not resolved within six months of the date on which the request referred to in article 41 has been made, any party to the dispute may submit it to the conciliation procedure specified in the Annex to the present Convention by submitting a request to that effect to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and informing the other party or parties to the dispute of the request.

##### *Article 43*

#### JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ARBITRATION

Any State at the time of signature or ratification of the present Convention or accession thereto or at any time thereafter, may, by notification to the depositary, declare that, where a dispute has not been resolved by the application of the procedures referred to in articles 41 and 42, that dispute may be submitted for a decision to the International Court of Justice by a written application of any party to the dispute, or in the alternative to arbitration, provided that the other party to the dispute has made a like declaration.

*Article 44*

## SETTLEMENT BY COMMON CONSENT

Notwithstanding articles 41, 42 and 43, if a dispute regarding the interpretation or application of the present Convention arises between two or more Parties to the Convention, they may by common consent agree to submit it to the International Court of Justice, or to arbitration, or to any other appropriate procedure for the settlement of disputes.

*Article 45*

## OTHER PROVISIONS IN FORCE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Nothing in articles 41 to 44 shall affect the rights or obligations of the Parties to the present Convention under any provisions in force binding them with regard to the settlement of disputes.

PART VII  
FINAL PROVISIONS*Article 46*

## SIGNATURE

The present Convention shall be open for signature by all States until 28 February 1979 at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, and subsequently, until 31 August 1979, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

*Article 47*

## RATIFICATION

The present Convention is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 48*

## ACCESSION

The present Convention shall remain open for accession by any State. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 49*

## ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. The present Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the fifteenth instrument of ratification or accession.
2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the fifteenth instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

*Article 50*

## AUTHENTIC TEXTS

The original of the present Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Convention.

DONE at Vienna, this twenty-third day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

#### ANNEX

1. A list of conciliators consisting of qualified jurists shall be drawn up and maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. To this end, every State which is a Member of the United Nations or a Party to the present Convention shall be invited to nominate two conciliators, and the names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. The term of a conciliator, including that of any conciliator nominated to fill a casual vacancy, shall be five years and may be renewed. A conciliator whose term expires shall continue to fulfil any function for which he shall have been chosen under the following paragraph.

2. When a request has been made to the Secretary-General under article 42, the Secretary-General shall bring the dispute before a conciliation commission constituted as follows:

The State or States constituting one of the parties to the dispute shall appoint:

- (a) one conciliator of the nationality of that State or of one of those States, who may or may not be chosen from the list referred to in paragraph 1; and
- (b) one conciliator not of the nationality of that State or of any of those States, who shall be chosen from the list.

The State or States constituting the other party to the dispute shall appoint two conciliators in the same way. The four conciliators chosen by the parties shall be appointed within sixty days following the date on which the Secretary-General receives the request.

The four conciliators shall, within sixty days following the date of the appointment of the last of them, appoint a fifth conciliator chosen from the list, who shall be chairman.

If the appointment of the chairman or of any of the other conciliators has not been made within the period prescribed above for such appointment, it shall be made by the Secretary-General within sixty days following the expiry of that period. The appointment of the chairman may be made by the Secretary-General either from the list or from the membership of the International Law Commission. Any of the periods within which appointments must be made may be extended by agreement between the parties to the dispute.

Any vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed for the initial appointment.

3. The Conciliation Commission shall decide its own procedure. The Commission, with the consent of the parties to the dispute, may invite any Party to the present Convention to submit to it its views orally or in writing. Decisions and recommendations of the Commission shall be made by a majority vote of the five members.

4. The Commission may draw the attention of the parties to the dispute to any measures which might facilitate an amicable settlement.

5. The Commission shall hear the parties, examine the claims and objections, and make proposals to the parties with a view to reaching an amicable settlement of the dispute.

6. The Commission shall report within twelve months of its constitution. Its report shall be deposited with the Secretary-General and transmitted to the parties to the dispute. The report of the Commission, including any conclusions stated therein regarding the facts or questions of law, shall not be binding upon the parties and it shall have no other character than that of recommendations submitted for the consideration of the parties in order to facilitate an amicable settlement of the dispute.

7. The Secretary-General shall provide the Commission with such assistance and facilities as it may require. The expenses of the Commission shall be borne by the United Nations.



## 1. Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space

*Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations  
on 12 November 1974*

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### *Article VII*

1. In this Convention, with the exception of articles VIII to XII inclusive, references to States shall be deemed to apply to any international intergovernmental organization which conducts space activities if the organization declares its acceptance of the rights and obligations provided for in this Convention and if a majority of the States members of the organization are States Parties to this Convention and to the Treaty on principles governing the activities of States in the exploration and use of outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies.

2. States members of any such organization which are States Parties to this Convention shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that the organization makes a declaration in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article.

### *Article VIII*

1. This Convention shall be open for signature by all States at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Any State which does not sign this Convention before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article may accede to it at any time.

2. This Convention shall be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification and instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. This Convention shall enter into force among the States which have deposited instruments of ratification on the deposit of the fifth such instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

4. For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry into force of this Convention, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.

5. The Secretary-General shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification of and accession to this Convention, the date of its entry into force and other notices.

### *Article IX*

Any State Party to this Convention may propose amendments to the Convention. Amendments shall enter into force for each State Party to the Convention accepting the amendments upon their acceptance by a majority of the States Parties to the Convention and thereafter for each remaining State Party to the Convention on the date of acceptance by it.

*Article X*

Ten years after the entry into force of this Convention, the question of the review of the Convention shall be included in the provisional agenda of the United Nations General Assembly in order to consider, in the light of past application of the Convention, whether it requires revision. However, at any time after the Convention has been in force for five years, at the request of one third of the States Parties to the Convention and with the concurrence of the majority of the States Parties, a conference of the States Parties shall be convened to review this Convention. Such review shall take into account in particular any relevant technological developments, including those relating to the identification of space objects.

*Article XI*

Any State Party to this Convention may give notice of its withdrawal from the Convention one year after its entry into force by written notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Such withdrawal shall take effect one year from the date of receipt of this notification.

*Article XII*

The original of this Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all signatory and acceding States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention, opened for signature at New York on 14 January 1975.