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Other matters

# Status of ratification of the Stockholm Convention

# Note by the secretariat

1. The text of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants was adopted at a Conference of Plenipotentiaries on 22 May 2001 in Stockholm, Sweden. In accordance with its Article 26, the Convention entered into force on 17 May 2004, on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

2. According to paragraph 2 of Article 26 of the Convention, "for each State or regional economic integration organization that ratifies, accepts or approves this Convention or accedes thereto after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State or regional economic integration organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession".

3. As of 20 April 2006, 121 States and one regional economic integration organization had ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention. On the date of the opening of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Convention will have entered into force for 118 Parties.

4. Information on the status of ratification and signature of the Convention is outlined in two annexes to the present note. Annex I lists the Parties to the Convention on the date of the opening of the second meeting of the Conference. Annex II shows in more detail the general situation with respect to signature and ratification of the Convention. The information presented in the annexes is based on information received from the Depositary of the Convention. The information provided in annex II is reproduced as published by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, acting on behalf of the Depositary, without formal editing by the Secretariat.

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# Annex I

# Parties to the Convention on 1 May 2006

1.	Albania	40.	Germany	82.	Portugal
2.	Antigua and Barbuda	41.	Ghana	83.	Qatar
3.	Argentina	42.	Honduras	84.	Republic of Moldova
4.	Armenia	43.	Iceland	85.	Romania
5.	Australia	44.	India	86.	Rwanda
6.	Austria	45.	Japan	87.	St. Kitts and Nevis
7.	Azerbaijan	46.	Jordan	88.	St. Lucia
8.	Bahamas	47.	Kenya	89.	St Vincent and the
9.	Bahrain	48.	Kiribati		Grenadines
10.	Barbados	49.	Latvia	90.	Samoa
11.	Belarus	50.	Lebanon	91.	Senegal
12.	Benin	51.	Lesotho	92.	Sierra Leone
13.	Bolivia	52.	Liberia	93.	Singapore
14.	Botswana	53.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	94.	Slovakia
15.	Brazil	54.	Liechtenstein	95.	Slovenia
16.	Bulgaria	55.	Luxembourg	96.	Solomon Islands
17.	•	56.	Madagascar	97.	South Africa
18.	Burundi	57.	Mali	98.	Spain
19.	Canada	58.	Marshall Islands	99.	Sri Lanka
20.	Chad	59.	Mauritania	100.	Swaziland
21.	Chile	60.	Mauritius	101.	Sweden
22.	China	61.	Mexico	102.	Switzerland
23.	Cook Islands	62.	Micronesia	103.	Syrian Arab Republic
24.	Côte d'Ivoire	63.	Monaco		Thailand
25.	Cyprus	64.	Mongolia	105.	The Former Yugoslav
26.	Czech Republic	65.	Morocco		Republic of Macedonia
27.	Democratic People's	66.	Mozambique	106.	Togo
	Republic of Korea	67.	Myanmar		Trinidad and Tobago
28.	Democratic Republic	68.	Namibia		Tunisia
	of the Congo	69.	Nauru	109.	Tuvalu
29.	Denmark	70.	Netherlands	110.	Uganda
30.	Djibouti	71.	New Zealand		United Arab Emirates
31.	Dominica	72.	Nicaragua	112.	United Kingdom of
32.	Ecuador	73.	Nigeria		Great Britain and
33.	Egypt	74.	Niue		Northern Ireland
34.		75.	Norway	113.	United Republic of
35.	Ethiopia	76.	Oman		Tanzania
36.	European Community	77.	Panama	114.	Uruguay
37.	Fiji	78.	Papua New Guinea		Vanuatu
38.	Finland	79.	Paraguay		Venezuela
39.	France	80.	Peru	117.	Viet Nam
		81.	Philippines	118.	Yemen
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# Annex II

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Status of signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession as of 20 April 2006

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Russian Federation	22 May 2002	
Rwanda		5 Jun 2002 a
Saint Kitts and Nevis		21 May 2004 a
Saint Lucia		4 Oct 2002 a
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		15 Sep 2005 a
Samoa	23 May 2001	4 Feb 2002
Sao Tome and Principe	3 Apr 2002	12 Apr 2006
Saudi Arabia	14 Mar 2002	-r
Senegal	23 May 2001	8 Oct 2003
Serbia and Montenegro	2 May 2002	
Seroia and montenegio	- may 2002	

Caralia II.a	25 Mar 2002	
Seychelles	25 Mar 2002	26.5 2002
Sierra Leone	22.14 2001	26 Sep 2003 a
Singapore	23 May 2001	24 May 2005
Slovakia	23 May 2001	5 Aug 2002
Slovenia	23 May 2001	4 May 2004
Solomon Islands		28 Jul 2004 a
South Africa	23 May 2001	4 Sep 2002
Spain	23 May 2001	28 May 2004
Sri Lanka	5 Sep 2001	22 Dec 2005
Sudan	23 May 2001	
Suriname	22 May 2002	
Sweden	23 May 2001	8 May 2002
Switzerland	23 May 2001	30 Jul 2003
Syrian Arab Republic	15 Feb 2002	5 Aug 2005
Tajikistan	21 May 2002	
Thailand	22 May 2002	31 Jan 2005
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	23 May 2001	27 May 2004
Togo	23 May 2001	22 Jul 2004
Tonga	21 May 2002	
Trinidad and Tobago		13 Dec 2002 a
Tunisia	23 May 2001	17 Jun 2004
Turkey	23 May 2001	
Tuvalu		19 Jan 2004 a
Uganda		20 Jul 2004 a
Ukraine	23 May 2001	
United Arab Emirates	23 May 2001	11 Jul 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11 Dec 2001	17 Jan 2005
United Republic of Tanzania	23 May 2001	30 Apr 2004
United States of America	23 May 2001	-
Uruguay	23 May 2001	9 Feb 2004
Vanuatu	21 May 2002	16 Sep 2005
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	23 May 2001	19 Apr 2005
Viet Nam	23 May 2001	22 Jul 2002
Yemen	5 Dec 2001	9 Jan 2004
Zambia	23 May 2001	
Zimbabwe	23 May 2001	

## NOTES

**1.** In accordance with article 26 (3) of the Convention, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited by a regional economic integration organization shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by member States of that organization.

2. With the following:

In accordance with the provisions of article 153 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and article 138 of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that the Convention shall apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. 3. With a territorial exclusion in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

4. With the following territorial exclusion:

"....consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this ratification shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

# **Declarations**

# (Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations were made upon ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.)

#### Argentina

Declaration:

In accordance with article 25, paragraph 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Republic of Argentina declares that any amendment to Annex A, B, or C shall enter into force for Argentina only after it has deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto.

## Australia

Declaration:

"In accordance with article 25 (4) [of the Convention], the Government of Australia declares that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of Australia's instrument of ratification with respect thereto."

## Austria

Declaration:

"The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with Article 18 paragraph 2 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in paragraph 2 as compulsory in relation to any party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

## Belgium

Declaration made upon signature:

"This signature engages also the Waloon region, the Flemish region, and the Brussels-Capital region."

## Botswana

Declaration:

"... the Republic of Botswana declares pursuant to article 25 (4) that, with respect to it, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for it only after it has deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect to such amendment."

### Canada

Declaration:

"Pursuant to Article 25, paragraph 4, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Canada hereby declares that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for Canada only upon the deposit by Canada of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with respect thereto."

#### China

Declaration:

In accordance with the provisions of article 25, paragraph 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, with respect to the People's Republic of China, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto.

### **European Community**

Declaration in accordance with article 25 (3):

"The Community declares that, in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular article 175 thereof, it is competent for entering into international environmental agreements, and for implementing the obligations resulting therefrom, which contribute to the pursuit of the following objectives:

- Preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment,
- Protecting human health,
- Prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources,
- Promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems.

Moreover, the Community declares that it has already adopted legal instruments, binding on its Member States, covering matters governed by this Convention, and will submit and update, as appropriate, a list of those legal instruments to the Conference of the Parties in accordance with article 15 (1) of the Convention.

The Community is responsible for the performance of those obligations resulting from the Convention which are covered by Community law in force.

The exercise of Community competence is, by its nature, subject to continuous development."

#### Liechtenstein

Declaration:

"The Principality of Liechtenstein declares in accordance with Article 18 paragraph 2 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory in relation to any party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

#### Mauritius

Declaration:

"Pursuant to Article 25, paragraph 4, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistant Organic Pollutants, the Republic of Mauritius declares that any amendments to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for the Republic of Mauritius only upon the deposit by the Republic of Mauritius of its instrument of Ratification, Acceptance, Approval or Accession with respect thereto."

#### **Republic of Moldova**

Declaration:

In accordance with article 18, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the Republic of Moldova accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory in relation to any party that accepts the same obligation.

Pursuant to article 25, paragraph 4, of the Convention, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for the Republic of Moldova only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with respect thereto.

# Slovakia

Declaration:

"Pursuant to article 25, paragraph 4, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Slovak Republic hereby declares that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for the Slovak Republic only upon the deposit by the Slovak Republic of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto."

## Slovenia

Declaration:

"In accordance with article 25, paragraph 4 of the Convention, the Republic of Slovenia herewith declares, that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification with respect thereto."

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