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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**

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| 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 Grenadines |
| 9. Bahrain | 48. Kiribati | 90. Samoa |
| 10. Barbados | 49. Latvia | 91. Senegal |
| 11. Belarus | 50. Lebanon | 92. Sierra Leone |
| 12. Benin | 51. Lesotho | 93. Singapore |
| 13. Bolivia | 52. Liberia | 94. Slovakia |
| 14. Botswana | 53. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 95. Slovenia |
| 15. Brazil | 54. Liechtenstein | 96. Solomon Islands |
| 16. Bulgaria | 55. Luxembourg | 97. South Africa |
| 17. Burkina Faso | 56. Madagascar | 98. Spain |
| 18. Burundi | 57. Mali | 99. Sri Lanka |
| 19. Canada | 58. Marshall Islands | 100. Swaziland |
| 20. Chad | 59. Mauritania | 101. Sweden |
| 21. Chile | 60. Mauritius | 102. Switzerland |
| 22. China | 61. Mexico | 103. Syrian Arab Republic |
| 23. Cook Islands | 62. Micronesia | 104. Thailand |
| 24. Côte d'Ivoire | 63. Monaco | 105. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| 25. Cyprus | 64. Mongolia | 106. Togo |
| 26. Czech Republic | 65. Morocco | 107. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 27. Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 66. Mozambique | 108. Tunisia |
| 28. Democratic Republic of the Congo | 67. Myanmar | 109. Tuvalu |
| 29. Denmark | 68. Namibia | 110. Uganda |
| 30. Djibouti | 69. Nauru | 111. United Arab Emirates |
| 31. Dominica | 70. Netherlands | 112. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 32. Ecuador | 71. New Zealand | 113. United Republic of Tanzania |
| 33. Egypt | 72. Nicaragua | 114. Uruguay |
| 34. Eritrea | 73. Nigeria | 115. Vanuatu |
| 35. Ethiopia | 74. Niue | 116. Venezuela |
| 36. European Community | 75. Norway | 117. Viet Nam |
| 37. Fiji | 76. Oman | 118. Yemen |
| 38. Finland | 77. Panama | |
| 39. France | 78. Papua New Guinea | |
| | 79. Paraguay | |
| | 80. Peru | |
| | 81. Philippines | |

Annex II

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

PARTICIPANTS

| Participant | Signature | Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a) |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| Albania | 5 Dec 2001 | 4 Oct 2004 |
| Algeria | 5 Sep 2001 | |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 23 May 2001 | 10 Sep 2003 |
| Argentina | 23 May 2001 | 25 Jan 2005 |
| Armenia | 23 May 2001 | 26 Nov 2003 |
| Australia | 23 May 2001 | 20 May 2004 |
| Austria | 23 May 2001 | 27 Aug 2002 |
| Azerbaijan | | 13 Jan 2004 a |
| Bahamas | 20 Mar 2002 | 3 Oct 2005 |
| Bahrain | 22 May 2002 | 31 Jan 2006 |
| Bangladesh | 23 May 2001 | |
| Barbados | | 7 Jun 2004 a |
| Belarus | | 3 Feb 2004 a |
| Belgium | 23 May 2001 | |
| Belize | 14 May 2002 | |
| Benin | 23 May 2001 | 5 Jan 2004 |
| Bolivia | 23 May 2001 | 3 Jun 2003 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 23 May 2001 | |
| Botswana | | 28 Oct 2002 a |
| Brazil | 23 May 2001 | 16 Jun 2004 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 21 May 2002 | |
| Bulgaria | 23 May 2001 | 20 Dec 2004 |
| Burkina Faso | 23 May 2001 | 31 Dec 2004 |
| Burundi | 2 Apr 2002 | 2 Aug 2005 |
| Cambodia | 23 May 2001 | |
| Cameroon | 5 Oct 2001 | |
| Canada | 23 May 2001 | 23 May 2001 |
| Cape Verde | | 1 Mar 2006 a |
| Central African Republic | 9 May 2002 | |
| Chad | 16 May 2002 | 10 Mar 2004 |
| Chile | 23 May 2001 | 20 Jan 2005 |
| China ₂ | 23 May 2001 | 13 Aug 2004 |
| Colombia | 23 May 2001 | |
| Comoros | 23 May 2001 | |
| Congo | 4 Dec 2001 | |
| Cook Islands | | 29 Jun 2004 a |
| Costa Rica | 16 Apr 2002 | |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 23 May 2001 | 20 Jan 2004 |
| Croatia | 23 May 2001 | |

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| Cuba | 23 May 2001 | |
| Cyprus | | 7 Mar 2005 a |
| Czech Republic | 23 May 2001 | 6 Aug 2002 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | | 26 Aug 2002 a |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | | 23 Mar 2005 a |
| Denmark ³ | 23 May 2001 | 17 Dec 2003 |
| Djibouti | 15 Nov 2001 | 11 Mar 2004 |
| Dominica | | 8 Aug 2003 a |
| Dominican Republic | 23 May 2001 | |
| Ecuador | 28 Aug 2001 | 7 Jun 2004 |
| Egypt | 17 May 2002 | 2 May 2003 |
| El Salvador | 30 Jul 2001 | |
| Eritrea | | 10 Mar 2005 a |
| Ethiopia | 17 May 2002 | 9 Jan 2003 |
| European Community | 23 May 2001 | 16 Nov 2004 AA |
| Fiji | 14 Jun 2001 | 20 Jun 2001 |
| Finland | 23 May 2001 | 3 Sep 2002 A |
| France | 23 May 2001 | 17 Feb 2004 AA |
| Gabon | 21 May 2002 | |
| Gambia | 23 May 2001 | |
| Georgia | 23 May 2001 | |
| Germany | 23 May 2001 | 25 Apr 2002 |
| Ghana | 23 May 2001 | 30 May 2003 |
| Greece | 23 May 2001 | |
| Guatemala | 29 Jan 2002 | |
| Guinea | 23 May 2001 | |
| Guinea-Bissau | 24 Apr 2002 | |
| Haiti | 23 May 2001 | |
| Honduras | 17 May 2002 | 23 May 2005 |
| Hungary | 23 May 2001 | |
| Iceland | 23 May 2001 | 29 May 2002 |
| India | 14 May 2002 | 13 Jan 2006 |
| Indonesia | 23 May 2001 | |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 23 May 2001 | 6 Feb 2006 |
| Ireland | 23 May 2001 | |
| Israel | 30 Jul 2001 | |
| Italy | 23 May 2001 | |
| Jamaica | 23 May 2001 | |
| Japan | | 30 Aug 2002 a |
| Jordan | 18 Jan 2002 | 8 Nov 2004 |
| Kazakhstan | 23 May 2001 | |
| Kenya | 23 May 2001 | 24 Sep 2004 |
| Kiribati | 4 Apr 2002 | 7 Sep 2004 |
| Kuwait | 23 May 2001 | |
| Kyrgyzstan | 16 May 2002 | |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 5 Mar 2002 | |
| Latvia | 23 May 2001 | 28 Oct 2004 |
| Lebanon | 23 May 2001 | 3 Jan 2003 |
| Lesotho | 23 Jan 2002 | 23 Jan 2002 |
| Liberia | | 23 May 2002 a |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | | 14 Jun 2005 a |

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| Liechtenstein | 23 May 2001 | 3 Dec 2004 |
| Lithuania | 17 May 2002 | |
| Luxembourg | 23 May 2001 | 7 Feb 2003 |
| Madagascar | 24 Sep 2001 | 18 Nov 2005 |
| Malawi | 22 May 2002 | |
| Malaysia | 16 May 2002 | |
| Mali | 23 May 2001 | 5 Sep 2003 |
| Malta | 23 May 2001 | |
| Marshall Islands | | 27 Jan 2003 a |
| Mauritania | 8 Aug 2001 | 22 Jul 2005 |
| Mauritius | 23 May 2001 | 13 Jul 2004 |
| Mexico | 23 May 2001 | 10 Feb 2003 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | 31 Jul 2001 | 15 Jul 2005 |
| Monaco | 23 May 2001 | 20 Oct 2004 |
| Mongolia | 17 May 2002 | 30 Apr 2004 |
| Morocco | 23 May 2001 | 15 Jun 2004 |
| Mozambique | 23 May 2001 | 31 Oct 2005 |
| Myanmar | | 19 Apr 2004 a |
| Namibia | | 24 Jun 2005 a |
| Nauru | 9 May 2002 | 9 May 2002 |
| Nepal | 5 Apr 2002 | |
| Netherlands | 23 May 2001 | 28 Jan 2002 A |
| New Zealand ⁴ | 23 May 2001 | 24 Sep 2004 |
| Nicaragua | 23 May 2001 | 1 Dec 2005 |
| Niger | 12 Oct 2001 | 12 Apr 2006 |
| Nigeria | 23 May 2001 | 24 May 2004 |
| Niue | 12 Mar 2002 | 2 Sep 2005 |
| Norway | 23 May 2001 | 11 Jul 2002 |
| Oman | 4 Mar 2002 | 19 Jan 2005 |
| Pakistan | 6 Dec 2001 | |
| Palau | 28 Mar 2002 | |
| Panama | 23 May 2001 | 5 Mar 2003 |
| Papua New Guinea | 23 May 2001 | 7 Oct 2003 |
| Paraguay | 12 Oct 2001 | 1 Apr 2004 |
| Peru | 23 May 2001 | 14 Sep 2005 |
| Philippines | 23 May 2001 | 27 Feb 2004 |
| Poland | 23 May 2001 | |
| Portugal | 23 May 2001 | 15 Jul 2004 A |
| Qatar | | 10 Dec 2004 a |
| Republic of Korea | 4 Oct 2001 | |
| Republic of Moldova | 23 May 2001 | 7 Apr 2004 |
| Romania | 23 May 2001 | 28 Oct 2004 |
| 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 | |
| Senegal | 23 May 2001 | 8 Oct 2003 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 2 May 2002 | |

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| Seychelles | 25 Mar 2002 | |
| Sierra Leone | | 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 Depository 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 Walloon 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 Persistent 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."
