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ENVIRONMENT

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Kyoto, 11 December 1997.

Ratification: Brazil (23 August 2002)* Accession: Bhutan (26 August 2002)* Ratification: Chile (26 August 2002)* Accession: India (26 August 2002)* Accession: United Republic of Tanzania (26 August 2002)* Accession: Cambodia (22 August 2002)* Ratification: Thailand (28 August 2002)* Accession: Cameroon (28 August 2002)* Approval: China (30 August 2002)* Accession: Sri Lanka (3 September 2002)* Ratification: Malaysia (4 September 2002)*

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior informed Consent Procedures for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, Rotterdam, 10 September 1998.

Accession: Jamaica (20 August 2002)* Accession: Canada (26 August 2002)* Ratification: Austria (27 August 2002)* Ratification: United Republic of Tanzania (26 August 2002)* Ratification: Italy (27 August 2002)* Ratification: Luxembourg (28 August 2002)* Accession: Malaysia (4 September 2002)* Accession: South Africa (4 September 2002)*

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Belarus (26 August 2002)* Accession: Bhutan (26 August 2002)* Ratification: Austria (27 August 2002)* Ratification: Denmark (27 August 2002)* Ratification: Mexico (27 August 2002)* Approval: European Community (27 August 2002)* Ratification: Luxembourg (28 August 2002)* Ratification: Nicaragua (28 August 2002)* Ratification: Mali (28 August 2002)* Ratification: Croatia (29 August 2002)* Accession: Maldives (3 September 2002)*

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Austria (27 August 2002)* Accession: Democratic People's Republic of Korea (26 August 2002)* Accession: Japan (30 August 2002)* Acceptance: Finland (3 September 2002)* Ratification: South Africa (4 September 2002)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Maldives (3 September 2002)* Accession: Seychelles (26 August 2002)* Ratification: Switzerland (28 August 2002)* Acceptance: Japan (30 August 2002)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Seychelles (26 August 2002)* Ratification: Switzerland (28 August 2002)* Acceptance: Japan (30 August 2002)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Bosnia and Herzegovina (26 August 2002)* Accession: Ukraine (27 August 2002)* Accession: Maldives (3 September 2002)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Ratification: Austria (27 August 2002)* Acceptance: Finland (3 September 2002)*

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Bhutan (26 August 2002)*

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: United Republic of Tanzania (26 July 2002)*

Convention on Biological Diversity. Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992

Accession: Bosnia and Herzegovina (26 August 2002)*

HUMAN RIGHTS

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Accession: South Africa (28 August 2002)*

Amendment to article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 15 January 1992

Acceptance: Poland (23 August 2002)*

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Zimbabwe (27 August 2002)*

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: South Africa (28 August 2002)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 September 2002)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Denmark (27 August 2002)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 September 2002)*

PENAL MATTERS

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (22 August 2002)*

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (22 August 2002)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (22 August 2002)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (22 August 2002)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Denmark (27 August 2002)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Botswana (29 August 2002)*

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Botswana (29 August 2002)*

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Botswana (29 August 2002)*

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Slovakia (26 August 2002) Signature: Denmark (27 August 2002) Signature: Germany (3 September 2002) Signature: Portugal (3 September 2002)

DISARMAMENT

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Albania (28 August 2002)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Guatemala (30 August 2002)* Consent to be bound: Albania (28 August 2002)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996 Consent to be bound: Albania (28 August 2002)*

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Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Papua New Guinea (3 September 2002)* Acceptance: Solomon Islands (3 September 2002)* Acceptance: Tonga (3 September 2002)*

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Accession: Indonesia (23 August 2002)*

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Ratification: Cameroon (28 August 2002)*

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Accession: Cameroon (28 August 2002)*

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. New York, 13 February 1946

Accession: South Africa (30 August 2002)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Honduras (30 August 2002)*

Declaration recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, in conformity with article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the International Court of Justice

Declaration under article 36 (2) of the Statute: Cyprus (3 September 2002)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Signature: Czech Republic (4 September 2002)

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