

Treaty Event – Focus 2006: Crossing Borders

Daily Report and Cumulative Report

DAILY REPORT

Wednesday, 20 September 2006

13 States undertook 20 treaty actions today. Of that number, nine States participated at the level of **Minister for Foreign Affairs**. There were a total of 8 signatures, 6 ratifications and 6 accessions. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

Refugees and Stateless Persons

- *Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, 1961* (Accession by New Zealand).

Migrant Workers and Human Rights

- *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966* (Accession by Bahrain).
- *Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, 1989* (Signature by the Philippines/Accession by the Republic of Moldova).
- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1999* (Ratification by Bulgaria).
- *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002* (Signatures by Germany and South Africa/Ratification by Benin).
- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, 2000* (Accession by Lao People's Democratic Republic).
- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, 2000* (Accession by Lao People's Democratic Republic).

Human Security and Trafficking in Persons and Firearms

- *United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000* (Ratification by Mozambique).
- *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000* (Ratification by Mozambique).

- *Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000* (Ratification by Mozambique).
- *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, 2001* (Accession by Mozambique).
- *United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003* (Ratification by Bulgaria).

Recently Adopted Agreements

- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, 2005* (Signatures by Bulgaria, Czech Republic, New Zealand, Republic of Korea and Romania).



CUMULATIVE REPORT **(13, 14, 15, 19 and 20 September 2006)**

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42 States undertook 67 treaty actions. Of that number, 3 States participated at the level of Head of State or Government, and 15 States participated at the level of Minister for Foreign Affairs. There were a total of 25 signatures, 18 ratifications, 1 acceptance, 20 accessions, 1 partial withdrawal of a reservation, 1 withdrawal of a declaration, and 1 communication. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

Refugees and Stateless Persons

- *Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, 1954* (Accession by Belize).
- *Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, 1961* (Accession by New Zealand).

Migrant Workers and Human Rights

- *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966* (Accession by Maldives).
- *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966* (Accessions by Bahrain and Maldives).
- *Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966* (Accession by Maldives).

- *Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, 1989* (Signature by the Philippines/Accession by the Republic of Moldova).
- *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979* (Ratification by Bulgaria/Partial Withdrawal of a Reservation by Austria).
- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1999* (Accession by Armenia).
- *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002* (Signatures by Germany and South Africa/Ratification by Benin and Ukraine/Accessions by Armenia and Peru).
- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, 2000* (Ratification by Switzerland/Accession by Lao People's Democratic Republic).
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- *Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 2000* (Ratification by Mozambique/Accession by Belize).
- *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, 2001* (Accession by Mozambique).
- *United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003* (Ratifications by Bulgaria, Chile, Indonesia and Poland).

Sustainable Development, Food Security and Ecological Migration

- *Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, 1995* (Accession by Trinidad and Tobago).

Disarmament and State Security

- *Amendment of 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, 2001* (Ratification by Poland).

Recently Adopted Agreements

- *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, 2005* (Signatures by Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine and Uruguay).

Other Agreements

Privileges and Immunities:

- *United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property, 2004* (Signatures by Denmark and Switzerland/Ratifications by Austria and Portugal).

Health:

- *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, 2003* (Ratification by Poland).

International Trade and Development:

- *Agreement establishing the African Development Bank done in Khartoum on 4 August 1963, as amended by resolution 05-79 adopted by the Board of Governors on 17 May 1979, 1982* (Withdrawal of a Declaration by Norway).
- *United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, 2005* (Signature by Madagascar).

Transport:

- *Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), 1956* (Accession by Azerbaijan).

Navigation:

- *Amendments to the Convention of the International Maritime Organization of 1948 relating to the Institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee, 1991* (Acceptance by Colombia).

Penal Matters:

- *International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, 1997* (Communication by Canada).
- *International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, 2005* (Ratification by Austria).

Commodities:

- *International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2005* (Signatures by Madagascar and Norway).
- *Food Aid Convention, 1999* (Accession by Poland).
- *International Coffee Agreement, 2001* (Accession by Poland).

Maintenance Obligations:

- *Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, 1956* (Accession by Ukraine).

Environment:

- *Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1999* (Accession by Colombia).
- *Amendment to the 1991 Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 2001* (Ratification by Austria).
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