2018 Treaty Event: Promotion of Human Rights through the Multilateral Treaty Framework

Final Report

25th – 28th September 2018

During the 2018 Treaty Event, thirty-seven (37) **Member States** and one (1) **International Organization** undertook a total of fifty-six (56) **treaty actions.** Of the States, one (1) participated at the level of **Head of State**, six (6) participated at the level of **Head of Government**, twenty-two (22) participated at the **ministerial level**, seven (7) participated at the **ambassadorial level** and two (2) participated at the level of **Counsellor**.

There were a total of three (3) acceptances, six (6) accessions, one (1) approval, nineteen (19) ratifications, and twenty-seven (27) signatures. A breakdown of the treaty actions is provided below:

Human Rights

- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (New York, 25 May 2000) (Accession by South Sudan)
- 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) (Accession by South Sudan)
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011) (Accession by San Marino)
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 10 December 1984) (Ratification by the Gambia)
- 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) (Ratification by the Gambia)
- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (New York, 18 December 1990) (Ratification by the Gambia)
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006)

(Signature by the Republic of Moldova)

• International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (New York, 20 December 2006) (Signature by the Dominican Republic; Ratification by the Gambia)

Refugees and Stateless Persons

- Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (New York, 28 September 1954) (Accession by Haiti)
- Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (New York, 30 August 1961) (Accession by Haiti and Spain)

Penal Matters

- Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Kampala, 10 June 2010) (Ratification by Guyana)
- Amendments on the crime of aggression to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Kampala, 11 June 2010) (Ratification by Guyana and Ireland)
- International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (New York, 13 April 2005) (Ratification by Guatemala)

Commercial Arbitration

• United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration (New York, 10 December 2014) (Ratification by the Gambia)

Disarmament

- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (New York, 10 September 1996) (Ratification by Thailand; Signature by Tuvalu)
- Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (New York, 7 July 2017) (Signature by Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Guinea-Bissau, Myanmar, Saint Lucia, Seychelles and Timor-Leste; Ratification by the Gambia, Samoa, San Marino and Vanuatu)

Environment

- Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Kigali, 15 October 2016) (Acceptance by the Czech Republic and Mexico; Approval by the European Union; Ratification by Austria, Estonia, Panama and Sri Lanka)
- Doha amendment to the Kyoto Protocol (Doha, 8 December 2012) (Acceptance by Poland)
- **Paris Agreement (Paris, 12 December 2015)** (Ratification by San Marino)
- Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú, 4 March 2018)

(Signature by Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia and Uruguay)

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