2019 Treaty Event: Treaties in Support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Final Report

24th - 27th September 2019

During the 2019 Treaty Event, thirty-two (32) Member States undertook a total of forty-eight (48) treaty actions. Two (2) participated at the level of **Head of State**, one (1) participated at the level of **Head of Government**, twenty-seven (27) participated at the **ministerial level** and two (2) participated at the **ambassadorial level**.

There were a total of four (4) accessions, one (1) approval, three (3) consents to be bound, one (1) declaration, seventeen (17) ratifications, and twenty-two (22) signatures. A breakdown of the treaty actions is provided below:

Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice

• Declarations recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under Article 36, paragraph 2, of the **Statute of the Court (15 October 1946)** (Declaration by the Republic of Latvia)

Human Rights

- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 10 December 1984) (Accession by Grenada)
- 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**)

(Signature by Armenia)

- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New York, 6 October 1999) (Ratification by Benin)
- 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 by Gambia and Myanmar)
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006) (Signature by Saint Kitts and Nevis)

 Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011) (Signature by Armenia; Ratification by Maldives)

Disarmament

- 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 by Benin)
- 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 by Benin)
- Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War 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 V) (Geneva, 28 November 2003) (Consent to be bound by Benin)
- Convention on Cluster Munitions (Dublin, 30 May 2008) (Accession by Maldives)
- Arms Trade Treaty (New York, 2 April 2013) (Accession by Maldives)
- Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (New York, 7 July 2017) (Signature by Botswana, Dominica, Grenada, Lesotho, Maldives, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia; Ratification by Bangladesh, Ecuador, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives and Trinidad and Tobago)

Environment

- Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Kigali, 15 October 2016)
 (Approval by Viet Nam; Ratification by Bhutan)
- 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 Grenada, Jamaica, Nicaragua and Saint Kitts and Nevis; Ratification by Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay)

Commercial Arbitration and Mediation

 United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (New York, 20 December 2018)
 (Signature by Armenia, Chad, Ecuador, Gabon and Guinea-Bissau)

International Trade and Development

 United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 11 April 1980)
 (Accession by the Lao People's Democratic Republic)

Penal Matters

 Amendments on the crime of aggression to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Kampala, 11 June 2010) (Ratification by Ecuador)

Transport and Communications

 Convention on the Facilitation of Border Crossing Procedures for Passengers, Luggage and Load-luggage Carried in International Traffic by Rail (Geneva, 22 February 2019) (Signature by Chad)

