

**3. a) Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal**

*Geneva, 22 September 1995*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 5 December 2019, in accordance with article 17(5) of the Convention which reads as follows: "Instruments of ratification, approval, formal confirmation or acceptance of amendments shall be deposited with the Depositary. Amendments adopted in accordance with paragraphs 3 or 4 [of article 17 of the Convention] shall enter into force between Parties having accepted them on the ninetieth day after the receipt by the Depositary of their instrument of ratification, approval, formal confirmation or acceptance by at least three-fourths of the Parties who accepted them or by at least two thirds of the Parties to the protocol concerned who accepted them, except as may otherwise be provided in such protocol. The amendments shall enter into force for any other Party on the ninetieth day after that Party deposits its instrument of ratification, approval, formal confirmation or acceptance of the amendments".

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**STATUS:** Parties: 104.

**TEXT:** [Doc. UNEP/CHW.3/35.](#)

*Note:* By decision III/1, of 22 September 1995, the Third meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the above Convention, which took place in Geneva from 18 to 22 September 1995, adopted an Amendment to the Convention (including the adoption of Annex VII).

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....	27 Oct 2005 A	Czech Republic.....	28 Feb 2000 A
Algeria.....	3 Jul 2017	Denmark <sup>1</sup> .....	10 Sep 1997 AA
Andorra.....	23 Jul 1999 A	Dominican Republic.....	18 Mar 2024 AA
Antigua and Barbuda.....	23 Sep 2016	Ecuador.....	6 Mar 1998
Argentina.....	19 Sep 2011	Egypt.....	27 Jan 2004
Austria.....	17 Oct 1999 A	El Salvador.....	7 Dec 2015
Bahrain.....	25 Jul 2005	Estonia.....	2 Aug 2001
Belgium.....	20 Jun 2003	Ethiopia.....	8 Oct 2003
Benin.....	22 Jan 2014	European Union.....	30 Sep 1997 AA
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....	31 Mar 2005	Finland.....	5 Sep 1996 A
Botswana.....	17 Jun 2004 A	France.....	18 Nov 2003 AA
Brazil.....	22 Mar 2023 A	Gambia.....	7 Mar 2001
Brunei Darussalam.....	16 Dec 2002 A	Germany.....	24 May 2002 A
Bulgaria.....	15 Feb 2000	Ghana.....	9 Jun 2005
Chile.....	12 Aug 2009 A	Greece.....	12 Jul 2010
China.....	1 May 2001	Guatemala.....	26 Dec 2013
Colombia.....	10 Jun 2014	Guinea.....	6 Feb 2017
Congo.....	2 Sep 2014	Hungary.....	25 May 2004 AA
Cook Islands.....	29 Jun 2004	Iceland.....	4 Apr 2018
Costa Rica.....	21 Nov 2019	Indonesia.....	24 Oct 2005
Côte d'Ivoire.....	24 Sep 2013	Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	12 Jan 2016
Croatia.....	6 Sep 2019	Ireland.....	13 Nov 2009
Cyprus.....	7 Jul 2000 A	Italy.....	3 Mar 2009

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Jamaica .....	29 Sep 2015	Paraguay .....	28 Aug 1998
Jordan.....	6 Dec 2004 AA	Peru.....	30 Mar 2015 A
Kenya.....	9 Sep 2009 A	Poland.....	29 Jan 2003 A
Kuwait.....	12 May 2006	Portugal.....	30 Oct 2000
Latvia.....	18 Dec 2003 A	Qatar.....	28 Feb 2002
Lebanon.....	13 Oct 2017 A	Republic of Moldova.....	18 Nov 2008 A
Lesotho.....	22 Feb 2012 A	Romania.....	17 Jul 2002 A
Liberia.....	16 Sep 2005 A	Saudi Arabia.....	10 Jan 2013
Liechtenstein.....	20 May 2003 A	Serbia.....	22 Nov 2002 A
Lithuania.....	7 Nov 2003 A	Seychelles.....	15 Jul 2015 A
Luxembourg.....	14 Aug 1997	Sierra Leone.....	15 Jun 2020
Malawi.....	1 Aug 2017	Slovakia.....	11 Sep 1998 A
Malaysia.....	26 Oct 2001	Slovenia.....	1 Dec 2004
Maldives.....	19 Jun 2017	South Africa.....	24 Jun 2016
Malta.....	12 Dec 2011 A	Spain <sup>3,4</sup> .....	7 Aug 1997 A
Mauritius.....	9 Nov 2004	Sri Lanka.....	29 Jan 1999
Mexico.....	12 May 2022 A	St. Kitts and Nevis.....	29 Aug 2019
Monaco.....	20 Mar 2013 AA	St. Lucia.....	22 Jan 2002
Montenegro <sup>2</sup> .....	23 Oct 2006 d	Sweden.....	10 Sep 1997 A
Morocco.....	10 Sep 2004 AA	Switzerland.....	7 Nov 2002 A
Namibia.....	31 Aug 2018 A	Syrian Arab Republic.....	5 Oct 2004
Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	22 Jan 2001 A	Thailand.....	9 Mar 2023 A
Nicaragua.....	13 Jan 2021	Trinidad and Tobago.....	12 Jan 2000
Niger.....	5 Nov 2015 AA	Tunisia.....	26 Oct 1999
Nigeria.....	24 May 2004	Türkiye.....	27 Aug 2003
North Macedonia.....	18 Nov 2004	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>3,5,6</sup> .....	13 Oct 1997
Norway.....	16 Jul 1997 A	United Republic of Tanzania.....	26 Aug 2002
Oman.....	17 May 2004	Uruguay.....	10 Mar 1999
Panama.....	7 Oct 1998	Zambia.....	27 Jul 2011

### **Declarations**

***(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations were made upon formal confirmation, ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession.)***

#### **SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC**

... that the accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Amendment and the Protocol shall not under any circumstances whatsoever signify recognition of Israel,

nor shall it lead to entry therewith into any dealings that may be governed by the provisions of the said amendment and Protocol.

#### **Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> With a reservation for the application to the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

Subsequently, on 15 April 1998, the Government of Denmark informed the Secretary-General of the following: "...the

reservation for the application of the Amendment to Greenland is hereby lifted.”

<sup>2</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> On 11 April 2013, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland informed the Secretary-General that:

"... the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland wishes the United Kingdom's ratification of the Convention as amended be extended to the territory of Gibraltar for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland considers the extension of the aforesaid Convention as amended to Gibraltar to take effect on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of this notification ..."

<sup>4</sup> On 1 November 2013, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Spain the following communication with regard to the Territorial Application by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Gibraltar:

1. Gibraltar is a Non-Self-Governing Territory for whose international relations the Government of the United Kingdom is responsible and which is subject to a process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly.

2. The Gibraltar authorities are local in character, and exercise competences exclusively over internal affairs that originate in and are based on the powers allocated to and conferred on them by the United Kingdom, in accordance with its domestic legislation and in its capacity as the sovereign State upon which depends the said Non-Self-Governing Territory.

3. Consequently, any involvement by the Gibraltar authorities in the implementation of this Convention shall be understood to take place exclusively within the framework of the internal affairs of Gibraltar and shall not be considered to affect in any way the content of the two preceding paragraphs.

4. The procedure envisaged in the Arrangements relating to Gibraltar authorities in the context of Mixed Agreements, which was agreed by Spain and the United Kingdom on 19 December 2007 (together with "Agreed Arrangements relating to Gibraltar authorities in the context of European Union and European Community Instruments and Related Treaties" of 19 April 2000) applies to the present Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Basel, 22 March 1989) and to the Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Geneva, 22 September 1995).

5. The implementation of the present Convention and the Amendment thereto in Gibraltar cannot be interpreted as recognition of any rights or situations involving matters not included in Article 10 of the Treaty of Utrecht of 13 July 1713, signed by the crowns of Spain and Great Britain.

<sup>5</sup> On behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the British Antarctic Territory.

Further, on 12 December 2001, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland informed the Secretary-General that "the amendment shall extend to the Isle of Man for whose international relations the Government of the United Kingdom is responsible".

On 27 November 2002: on behalf of the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

On 6 September 2006: on behalf of Akrotiri and Dhekelia.

<sup>6</sup> On 14 September 2007, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland informed the Secretary-General that it "wishes the United Kingdom's Ratification of the Amendment ... to be extended to Jersey for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland considers the extension of the Amendment to the Convention ... to Jersey to take effect from the date of deposit of this notification , ... ."