

26. CONVENTION ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL RELIEF UNION

Geneva, 12 July 1927

**ENTRY INTO FORCE
REGISTRATION:
TEXT:**

27 December 1932, in accordance with article 18.

27 December 1932, No. 3115.¹

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Treaty

Series,

Ratifications or definitive accessions

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| Albania | | | (July 22nd, 1929) |
| Belgium | (August 31st, 1929) | Greece | [January 16th, 1931] |
| Great Britain and Northern Ireland | (May 9th, 1929) | Hungary | (April 17th, 1929) |
| | [January 9th, 1929 a] | | It being understood that "the most extensive immunities, facilities and exemptions" mentioned in Article 10 of the present Convention shall not include exterritoriality or the other rights and immunities enjoyed in Hungary by duly accredited diplomatic agents. |
| Does not include any of His Britannic Majesty's Colonies, Protectorates or territories under suzerainty or mandate. | | | |
| <i>Burma</i> ² | | | |
| New Zealand | [December 22nd, 1928 a] | Iran | (September 28th, 1932 a) |
| On the understanding that no contribution to the initial fund of the Union will fall due by New Zealand before the commencement of the next financial year in that country, viz., April 1st, 1929. | | Iraq ⁴ | (June 12th, 1934 a) |
| | | Italy | (August 2nd, 1928) |
| | | | Applies also to the Italian Colonies. |
| India | [April 2nd, 1929] | Luxembourg | [June 27th, 1929 a] |
| Bulgaria | (May 22nd, 1931) | Monaco | (May 21st, 1929) |
| China ³ | (May 29th, 1935 a) | Poland | (July 11th, 1930) |
| Cuba | [June 18th, 1934] | Romania | [September 11th, 1928] |
| Czechoslovakia ^{4,5} [^e]; | (August 20th, 1931) | San Marino | (August 12th, 1929) |
| Ecuador | (July 30th, 1928) | Sudan | (May 11th, 1928 a) |
| Egypt | [August 7th, 1928] | Switzerland | (January 2nd, 1930 a) |
| Subject to later acceptance by the Egyptian Government of the decisions of the Executive Committee fixing its contribution. | | Turkey | (March 10th, 1932) |
| | | Venezuela | (June 19th, 1929) |
| Finland | (April 10th, 1929) | Yugoslavia (former) ^{4,6} | [August 28th, 1931 a] |
| France | (April 27th, 1932) | | |
| Germany | | | |

Signatures not yet perfected by ratification

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| Brazil | Nicaragua |
| Colombia | Peru |
| Guatemala | Portugal |
| Latvia | Spain |

Uruguay

Actions subsequent to the assumption of depositary functions by the Secretary-General of the United Nations

| <i>Participant^{4,5,7}</i> | <i>Notification of withdrawal from the International Relief Union</i> | <i>Participant^{4,5,7}</i> | <i>Notification of withdrawal from the International Relief Union</i> |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Cuba..... | 8 Oct 1956 | Iraq ⁴ | |
| Egypt..... | 1 Aug 1955 | Luxembourg..... | 20 Apr 1964 |
| France..... | 20 Feb 1973 | Myanmar..... | 1 Oct 1951 |
| Greece..... | 6 Nov 1963 | New Zealand..... | 2 Aug 1950 |
| Hungary ⁴ | | Romania ⁶ | 24 Dec 1963 |
| India..... | 9 Nov 1950 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland..... | 4 May 1948 |

Notes:

¹ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol.135, p.247.

² See note 1 under “Myanmar” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

³ See note concerning signatures, ratifications, accessions etc, made on behalf of China (note 1 “China” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume).

⁴ In a letter of 6 December 1968, the Executive Secretary of the International Relief Union informed the Secretary-General that the Governments of the following States had withdrawn from the said Union by notifying it directly of their withdrawal on the dates indicated:

| Participant: | Date of notification: |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Czechoslovakia | 30 June 1951 |
| Hungary | 13 November 1951 |
| Iraq | 10 April 1961 |

⁵ See note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ The notice of withdrawal contains the following statement:

The Romanian People's Republic hereby gives notice of its decision [of withdrawal] and accordingly considers itself free from any obligations deriving from the Convention establishing an International Relief Union.

As regards the question of dealing with the consequences of national disasters the Government of the Romanian People's Republic will continue as heretofore to give assistance to countries which suffer such disasters in the manner it considers appropriate.

⁷ In accordance with article 19, the provisions of the Convention cease to be applicable to the territory of the

withdrawing Member one year after the receipt of the notice of withdrawal by the Secretary-General

