

***2009 Treaty Event:
Towards Universal Participation and Implementation***

Daily Report

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Today the Treaty Section registered 21 treaty actions by 11 States. Of that number, 1 State participated at the level of **Head of State** and 8 States participated at the level of **Minister for Foreign Affairs**.

There were a total of 8 signatures, 10 ratifications and 3 accessions. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

Human rights and statelessness

- **Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2008** (Signature by El Salvador, Madagascar, Republic of Congo, Guinea Bissau, Togo and Azerbaijan);
- **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006** (Ratification by the Lao People's Democratic Republic);
- **Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966** (Accession by Brazil);
- **Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, 1989** (Accession by Brazil);
- **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966** (Ratification by the Lao People's Democratic Republic);
- **Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons, 1954** (Ratification by Lichtenstein);
- **Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, 1961** (Accession by Lichtenstein).

Terrorism, organized crimes, and penal matters

- **United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003** (Ratification by the Lao People's Democratic Republic);
- **International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, 2005** (Ratification by Lichtenstein and Brazil).

Disarmament

- **Convention on Cluster Munitions, 2008** (Ratification by France and Burundi);

Recently adopted agreements

- **Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea, 2008** (Signature by Madagascar);

Other agreements:

- **Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969** (Ratification by Brazil with Reservations);
- **Agreement to establish the South Centre, 1994** (Ratification by Brazil).

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