



***2017 Treaty Event:
Promoting Multilateral Treaties that Safeguard Humanity***

Final Report

19th – 22nd September 2017

During the 2017 Treaty Event, seventy-one (71) **Member States** and two (2) **Observer States** undertook a total of ninety-eight (98) **treaty actions**. Of these States, thirteen (13) participated at the level of **Head of State**, five (5) participated at the level of **Head of Government** and forty-six (46) participated at the **ministerial level**.

There were a total of nine (9) acceptances, seven (7) accessions, twenty-three (23) ratifications, fifty-eight (58) signatures and one (1) denunciation. A breakdown of the treaty actions is provided below:

Human Rights

- **Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (New York, 12 December 1995)**
(Acceptance 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 the Central African Republic)
- **Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 18 December 2002)**
(Ratification by Madagascar)
- **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 the Gambia; and Ratification by Madagascar)
- **International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (New York, 18 December 1990)**
(Signature by the Gambia)
- **International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (New York, 20 December 2006)**
(Signature by the Gambia)
- **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, 13 December 2006)**
(Ratification by Monaco)

Refugees and Stateless Persons

- **Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (New York, 30 August 1961)**
(Accession by Luxembourg)

Health

- **Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Seoul, 12 November 2012)**
(Ratification by Madagascar)

International Trade and Development

- **Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, 19 May 2016)**
(Signature by Armenia)

Navigation

- **Convention on the measurement of inland navigation vessels (Geneva, 15 February 1966)**
(Accession by Poland)
- **Convention regarding the Measurement of Vessels employed in Inland Navigation (Paris, 27 November 1925)**
(Denunciation by Poland)

Penal Matters

- **Amendment to article 124 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (The Hague, 26 November 2015)**
(Ratification by Austria)
- **United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)**
(Accession by Fiji)
- **Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)**
(Accession by Fiji)
- **Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)**
(Accession by Fiji)

- **Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 31 May 2001)**
(Accession by Fiji)

Commodities

- **International Cocoa Agreement, 2010 (Geneva, 25 June 2010)**
(Ratification by Papua New Guinea)

Commercial Arbitration

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

Disarmament

- **Amendment to Article I of 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, 21 December 2001)**
(Acceptance by Benin)
- **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (New York, 7 July 2017)**
(Signature by Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cabo Verde, the Central African Republic, Chile, Comoros, the Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, the Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, the Holy See, Honduras, Indonesia, Ireland, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, South Africa, the State of Palestine, Thailand, Togo, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Viet Nam;
Ratification by Guyana, the Holy See and Thailand)

Environment

- **Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Kigali, 15 October 2016)**
(Ratification by Chile and Tuvalu)
- **Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam, 10 September 1998)**
(Ratification by Turkey)
- **Doha amendment to the Kyoto Protocol (Doha, 8 December 2012)**
(Acceptance by Fiji, Luxembourg and Myanmar)

- **Paris Agreement (Paris, 12 December 2015)**
(Ratification by Bhutan, Cabo Verde, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Liechtenstein and Myanmar)
- **Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya, 29 October 2010)**
(Ratification by Ecuador)
- **Amendments to the Text and to Annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VIII to the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Geneva, 18 December 2009)**
(Acceptance by Germany)
- **Amendments to Annexes I and II to the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Geneva, 18 December 2009)**
(Acceptance by Germany)
- **Amendment of the text and annexes II to IX to the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone and the addition of new annexes X and XI (Geneva, 4 May 2012)**
(Acceptance by Germany)
- **Amendments to the Text of and Annexes Other than III and VII to the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals (Geneva, 13 December 2012)**
(Acceptance by Germany)
- **Minamata Convention on Mercury (Kumamoto, 10 October 2013)**
(Accession by Lao People's Democratic Republic; Ratification by Indonesia, Luxembourg and Singapore)

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