

Reference: C.N.482.2017.TREATIES-XXVI.2 (Depositary Notification)

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 (WITH  
PROTOCOLS I, II AND III)

GENEVA, 10 OCTOBER 1980

AFGHANISTAN: RATIFICATION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 9 August 2017.

The Convention will enter into force for Afghanistan on 9 February 2018 in accordance with article 5 (2) of the Convention which reads as follows:

“For any State which deposits its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession after the date of the deposit of the twentieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Convention shall enter into force six months after the date on which that State has deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.”

Upon deposit of the instrument of ratification, Afghanistan notified its consent to be bound by Protocols I and III, as well as by Protocol II, as amended on 3 May 1996,<sup>1</sup> IV<sup>2</sup> and V<sup>3</sup> to the above Convention, in accordance with article 4 (3) which reads as follows:

“Expressions of consent to be bound by any of the Protocols annexed to this Convention shall be optional for each State, provided that at the time of the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of this Convention or of accession thereto, that State shall notify the Depositary of its consent to be bound by any two or more of these Protocols.”

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.485.2017.TREATIES-XXVI.2.b of 17 August 2017 (Afghanistan: Consent to be bound by Protocol II, as amended on 3 May 1996).

<sup>2</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.483.2017.TREATIES-XXVI.2.a of 17 August 2017 (Afghanistan: Consent to be bound by Protocol IV).

<sup>3</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.487.2017.TREATIES-XXVI.2.d of 17 August 2017 (Afghanistan: Consent to be bound by Protocol V).

Protocols I and III will enter into force for Afghanistan on 9 February 2018 in accordance with article 5 (4) of the Convention which reads as follows:

“For any State which notifies its consent to be bound by a Protocol annexed to this Convention after the date by which twenty States have notified their consent to be bound by it, the Protocol shall enter into force six months after the date on which that State has notified its consent so to be bound.”

17 August 2017

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