

Reference: C.N.352.2024.TREATIES-XVIII.12.b (Depositary Notification)

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

BELARUS: COMMUNICATION

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

The above action was effected on 10 September 2024.

(Original: English)

“No. 02-24/976

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit the following Communication of the Republic of Belarus concerning the communications of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the European Union with regard to the interpretive declaration of the Republic of Belarus on the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Conventions against Transnational Organized Crime of 15 November 2000 (*C.N.318.2024.TREATIES-XVIII.12.b*; *C.N.317.2024.TREATIES-XVIII.12.b*; *C.N.320.2024.TREATIES-XVIII.12.b*):

‘The communication of the Republic of Belarus on its interpretive declaration concerning Article 20 of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime of 15 November 2000, (hereinafter referred to as the Protocol) and the legal qualification and effect of the objections of some States Parties to the Protocol against this declaration is fully extended to the objections and interpretations of the relevant dispute settlement clauses of the Protocol made by the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the European Union (*C.N.320.2024.TREATIES-XVIII.12.b*; *C.N.317.2024.TREATIES-XVIII.12.b*; *C.N.318.2024.TREATIES-XVIII.12.b*) and to all similar cases of the subsequent communications of other States Parties to the Protocol.

With regard to the communication of the European Union (*C.N.320.2024.TREATIES-XVIII.12.b*), the Republic of Belarus states that some of its provisions constitute an example of biased assessments of purely political nature that are inappropriate for such a type of treaty declarations and can be regarded as a misrepresentation of the basics and implementation of the Protocol as well as the manifestation of the conduct contrary to the principles of international law enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.’

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations would appreciate it if the Communication of the Republic of Belarus could be circulated to the States parties to the Protocol.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 3 September 2024”

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13 September 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized letters 'DN' with a horizontal line underneath.