

**7. OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR
RELATIONS CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF NATIONALITY**

Vienna, 24 April 1963

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19 March 1967, in accordance with article VI(1).

REGISTRATION: 8 June 1967, No. 8639.

STATUS: Signatories: 19. Parties: 41.

TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 596, p. 469.

Note: See "Note:" in chapter III.6.

<i>Participant</i> ^{1,2}	<i>Signature, Succession to signature(d)</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a)</i>	<i>Participant</i> ^{1,2}	<i>Signature, Succession to signature(d)</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a)</i>
Belgium		9 Sep 1970 a	Lao People's Democratic Republic		9 Aug 1973 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³	12 Jan 1994 d		Liberia.....	24 Apr 1963	
Botswana		12 May 2008 a	Madagascar		17 Feb 1967 a
Brazil	24 Apr 1963		Malawi		23 Feb 1981 a
Bulgaria		11 Jul 1989 a	Montenegro ⁷	23 Oct 2006 d	
Cameroon.....	21 Aug 1963		Morocco.....		23 Feb 1977 a
Colombia	24 Apr 1963		Nauru		14 Dec 2012 a
Congo.....	24 Apr 1963		Nepal.....		28 Sep 1965 a
Democratic Republic of the Congo.....	24 Apr 1963		Netherlands ⁸		17 Dec 1985 a
Denmark	24 Apr 1963	15 Nov 1972	New Zealand ⁹		5 Sep 2003 a
Dominican Republic	24 Apr 1963	4 Mar 1964	Nicaragua.....		9 Jan 1990 a
Egypt.....		21 Jun 1965 a	Niger		21 Jun 1978 a
Estonia		21 Oct 1991 a	Norway	24 Apr 1963	13 Feb 1980
Finland.....	28 Oct 1963	2 Jul 1980	Oman		31 May 1974 a
Gabon.....		23 Feb 1965 a	Panama.....	4 Dec 1963	28 Aug 1967
Germany ^{4,5}	31 Oct 1963	7 Sep 1971	Paraguay		23 Dec 1969 a
Ghana.....	24 Apr 1963	4 Oct 1963	Philippines		15 Nov 1965 a
Iceland		1 Jun 1978 a	Republic of Korea.....		7 Mar 1977 a
India		28 Nov 1977 a	Senegal.....		29 Apr 1966 a
Indonesia.....		4 Jun 1982 a	Serbia ³	12 Mar 2001 d	
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....		5 Jun 1975 a	Suriname.....		11 Sep 1980 a
Iraq ⁶		14 Jan 1970 a	Sweden.....	8 Oct 1963	19 Mar 1974
Italy	22 Nov 1963	25 Jun 1969	Switzerland		12 Jun 1992 a
Kenya.....		1 Jul 1965 a	Thailand.....		15 Apr 1999 a
Kuwait	10 Jan 1964		Tunisia		24 Jan 1968 a
			Viet Nam.....		10 May 1973 a

Declarations and Reservations
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification or accession.)

NETHERLANDS

Declaration:

The Kingdom of the Netherlands interprets the words "not, solely by the operation of the law of the receiving

State" in article II of the Optional Protocol concerning Acquisition of Nationality as meaning that acquisition of nationality by descent is not regarded as acquisition of nationality solely by the operation of this law.

Notes:

¹ Signed on behalf of the Republic of China on 24 April 1963. See also note 1 under "China" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

² The Republic of Viet-Nam had acceded to the Protocol on 10 May 1973. See also note 1 under "Viet Nam" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

³ The former Yugoslavia had signed the Optional Protocol on 24 April 1963. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", "Croatia", "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁴ See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ See note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ See chapter III.6 for the text of the reservation contained in the instrument of accession by the Government of Iraq to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and to this Protocol and note in the same chapter for the communication received in this regard by the Government of Israel.

⁷ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁸ For the Kingdom in Europe and the Netherlands Antilles. See also notes 1 and 2 under "Netherlands" regarding Aruba/Netherlands Antilles in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁹ With a territorial exclusion in respect of the Tokelau Islands:

"Declares that, consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this accession shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

