

9. CONVENTION ON SPECIAL MISSIONS

New York, 8 December 1969

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 21 June 1985, in accordance with article 53(1).
REGISTRATION: 21 June 1985, No. 23431.
STATUS: Signatories: 12. Parties: 40.
TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1400, p. 231.

Note: The present Convention was opened for signature by all States Members of the United Nations or of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency or Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, and by any other State invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to become a Party to the Convention, from 16 December 1969 until 31 December 1970 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

<i>Participant¹</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant¹</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Argentina	18 Dec 1969	13 Oct 1972	Liechtenstein.....	15 Dec 1970	3 Aug 1977
Austria		22 Aug 1978 a	Lithuania.....		5 Aug 2004 a
Belarus.....		28 Aug 1997 a	Mexico.....		31 Jan 1979 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina ²		1 Sep 1993 d	Montenegro ⁴		23 Oct 2006 d
Bulgaria		14 May 1987 a	Nicaragua.....	18 Sep 1970	
Chile.....		19 Oct 1979 a	North Macedonia		29 Dec 2005 d
Colombia		29 Oct 2004 a	Paraguay		19 Sep 1975 a
Croatia ²		12 Oct 1992 d	Philippines	16 Dec 1969	26 Nov 1976
Cuba.....		9 Jun 1976 a	Poland		22 Mar 1977 a
Cyprus.....	18 Sep 1970	24 Jan 1972	Rwanda.....		29 Nov 1977 a
Czech Republic ³		22 Feb 1993 d	Saudi Arabia		10 May 2022 a
Democratic People's Republic of Korea....		22 May 1985 a	Serbia ²		12 Mar 2001 d
El Salvador	18 Dec 1970		Seychelles		28 Dec 1977 a
Estonia		21 Oct 1991 a	Slovakia ³		28 May 1993 d
Fiji		18 Oct 1972 a	Slovenia ²		6 Jul 1992 d
Finland.....	28 Dec 1970		Spain		31 May 2001 a
Georgia		22 Jun 2005 a	State of Palestine		22 Mar 2018 a
Guatemala.....		12 Feb 1988 a	Switzerland.....	31 Jul 1970	3 Nov 1977
Indonesia.....		4 Jun 1982 a	Tonga.....		18 Jan 1977 a
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....		5 Jun 1975 a	Tunisia	19 Aug 1970	2 Nov 1971
Israel	9 Nov 1970		Ukraine		27 Aug 1993 a
Jamaica	18 Dec 1969		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	17 Dec 1970	
Liberia.....		16 Sep 2005 a	Uruguay		17 Dec 1980 a

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

BULGARIA

In accordance with the principle of the sovereign equality of States, the People's Republic of Bulgaria considers that in case of difference on specifying the size of the special mission, this question should be settled by agreement between the sending State and the receiving State.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria does not accept the provision of article 25, paragraph 1 of the Convention, according to which the agents of the receiving State may enter the premises where the special mission is established in case of fire or other disaster without the express consent of the head of the special mission or, where appropriate, of the head of the permanent mission.

The People's Republic of Bulgaria considers it necessary to underline that article 50 of the Convention, which precludes a number of States from becoming parties to it, is of an unjustifiably restrictive character. This provision is incompatible with the very nature of the Convention, which is of a universal character and should be open for accession by all States.

CUBA

The Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Cuba enters an express reservation with regard to the third sentence of paragraph 1 of article 25 of the Convention, and consequently does not accept the assumption of consent to enter the premises of the special mission for any of the reasons mentioned in that paragraph or for any other reasons.

The Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Cuba considers the provisions of articles 50 and 52 of the Convention to be discriminatory in nature because, whereas the Convention deals with matters affecting the interests of all States, the said provisions deny a number of States the right to sign and accede to the Convention, a situation which is contrary to the principle of the sovereign equality of States.

CZECH REPUBLIC³

SLOVAKIA³

Notes:

¹ Signed on behalf of the Republic of China on 28 December 1970. See also note 1 under "China" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

² The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Convention on 18 December 1969 (See, [C.N.14.1970.TREATIES-1](#)) and 5 March 1974, respectively. 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.

³ Czechoslovakia had acceded to the Convention on 1 October 1976 with a reservation. For the text of the reservation, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1400, p. 338. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁴ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

