

**18. SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961, AS AMENDED BY THE  
PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961**

*New York, 8 August 1975*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 8 August 1975, in accordance with article 18 of the Protocol of 25 March 1972.

**REGISTRATION:** 8 August 1975, No. 14152.

**STATUS:** Parties: 186.<sup>1</sup>

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, p. 105.  
 C.N.194.2009.TREATIES-2 of 6 April 2009 (Proposal of Amendments by Bolivia to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)); C.N.474.2009.TREATIES-3 of 30 July 2009 (Proposal of Amendments by Bolivia (Plurinational State of) to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e); Council Document E/2009/L.31 dated 24 July 2009;  
 C.N.829.2009.TREATIES-4 of 19 November 2009 (Proposal of Amendments by Bolivia (Plurinational State of) to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)); Council Document E/2009/116 dated 9 October 2009; C.N.103.2010.TREATIES-1 of 24 February 2010 (Proposal of Amendments by Bolivia (Plurinational State of) to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e)); Council Document E/2010/7 dated 3 February 2010;  
 C.N.3.2011.TREATIES-1 of 18 January 2011 (Proposal of Amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e);  
 C.N.8.2011.TREATIES-2 of 18 January 2011 (Proposal of Amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e);  
 C.N.15.2011.TREATIES-3 of 25 February 2011 (Proposal of Amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e); United States of America) and Council document E/2011/47 of 19 January 2011;  
 C.N.24.2011.TREATIES-4 of 25 February 2011 (Proposal of Amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e); Sweden) and Council document E/2011/48 of 21 January 2011; C.N.26.2011.TREATIES-5 of 25 February 2011 (Proposal of Amendments by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to Article 49, paragraphs 1 (c) and 2 (e); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Council document E/2011/49 of 21 January 2011; C.N.33.2011.TREATIES-6 of 25 February 2011 (Proposal of A

*Note:* The text of the Convention was established by the Secretary-General in accordance with article 22 of the Protocol.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification, accession or succession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 or to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol</i>		<i>Participant</i>	<i>Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification, accession or succession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 or to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol</i>	
	<i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>			<i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>	
Afghanistan.....	19 Feb	2015	Antigua and Barbuda.....	5 Apr	1993
Albania.....			Argentina .....	16 Nov	1973
Algeria .....	26 Feb	2003	Armenia .....		13 Sep 1993 a
Andorra.....			Australia.....	22 Nov	1972
Angola .....	26 Oct	2005	Austria .....	1 Feb	1978

<i>Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification, accession or succession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 or to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol</i>			<i>Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification, accession or succession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 or to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol</i>		
<i>Participant</i>		<i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>	<i>Participant</i>		<i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>
Azerbaijan.....	11 Jan 1999		Democratic People's Republic of Korea.....	19 Mar 2007	
Bahamas.....	23 Nov 1976		Democratic Republic of the Congo.....	15 Jul 1976	
Bahrain.....		7 Feb 1990 a	Denmark.....	18 Apr 1975	
Bangladesh.....	9 May 1980		Djibouti.....	22 Feb 2001	
Barbados.....	21 Jun 1976		Dominica.....	24 Sep 1993	
Belarus.....	13 Sep 2001		Dominican Republic.....	21 Sep 1993	
Belgium.....	13 Jun 1984		Ecuador.....	25 Jul 1973	
Belize.....		18 Dec 2001 a	Egypt.....	14 Jan 1974	
Benin.....	6 Nov 1973		El Salvador.....	26 Feb 1998	
Bhutan.....		24 Aug 2005 a	Eritrea.....	30 Jan 2002	
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) <sup>2</sup> .....		11 Jan 2013 a	Estonia.....		5 Jul 1996 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>3</sup> .....		1 Sep 1993 d	Eswatini.....		18 Oct 1995 a
Botswana.....	27 Dec 1984		Ethiopia.....	11 Oct 1994	
Brazil.....	16 May 1973		Fiji.....	21 Nov 1973	
Brunei Darussalam.....	25 Nov 1987		Finland.....	12 Jan 1973	
Bulgaria.....	18 Jul 1996		France.....	4 Sep 1975	
Burkina Faso.....		2 Jun 1992 a	Gabon.....		14 Oct 1981 a
Burundi.....		18 Feb 1993 a	Gambia.....	23 Apr 1996	
Cabo Verde.....		24 May 1990 a	Georgia.....		27 Mar 2000 a
Cambodia.....	7 Jul 2005		Germany <sup>6</sup> .....	20 Feb 1975	
Cameroon.....	30 May 1974		Ghana.....		10 Apr 1990 a
Canada.....	5 Aug 1976		Greece.....	12 Jul 1985	
Central African Republic.....		15 Oct 2001 a	Grenada.....		19 Aug 1998 a
Chile.....	19 Dec 1975		Guatemala.....	9 Dec 1975	
China <sup>1,4</sup> .....		23 Aug 1985 a	Guinea.....		27 Dec 1990 a
Colombia.....	3 Mar 1975		Guinea-Bissau.....	27 Oct 1995	
Comoros.....		1 Mar 2000 a	Guyana.....	15 Jul 2002	
Congo.....	3 Mar 2004		Haiti.....	29 Jan 1973	
Costa Rica.....	14 Feb 1973		Holy See.....	7 Jan 1976	
Côte d'Ivoire.....	28 Feb 1973		Honduras.....	8 Aug 1979	
Croatia <sup>3</sup> .....	26 Jul 1993		Hungary.....	12 Nov 1987	
Cuba.....	14 Dec 1989		Iceland.....	18 Dec 1974	
Cyprus.....	30 Nov 1973		India.....	14 Dec 1978	
Czech Republic <sup>5</sup> .....		30 Dec 1993 d	Indonesia.....	3 Sep 1976	
			Iran (Islamic Republic.....	18 Dec 2001	

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification, accession or succession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 or to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol</i>		<i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification, accession or succession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 or to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol</i>		<i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>
	<i>Protocol</i>	<i>Year</i>			<i>Protocol</i>	<i>Year</i>	
of).....				Montenegro <sup>7</sup> .....			23 Oct 2006 d
Iraq.....	25 Sep	1978		Morocco.....	19 Mar	2002	
Ireland.....	16 Dec	1980		Mozambique .....	8 Jun	1998	
Israel .....	1 Feb	1974		Myanmar.....	22 Aug	2003	
Italy .....	14 Apr	1975		Namibia .....			31 Mar 1998 a
Jamaica .....	6 Oct	1989		Nepal.....			29 Jun 1987 a
Japan .....	27 Sep	1973		Netherlands.....	29 May	1987	
Jordan.....	28 Feb	1973		New Zealand <sup>8</sup> .....	7 Jun	1990	
Kazakhstan.....	29 Apr	1997		Nicaragua.....	15 Feb	2005	
Kenya.....	9 Feb	1973		Niger .....	28 Dec	1973	
Kuwait .....	7 Nov	1973		Nigeria .....			24 Jun 1981 a
Kyrgyzstan.....	7 Oct	1994		North Macedonia .....	13 Oct	1993	
Lao People's Democratic Republic .....	16 Mar	2009		Norway .....	12 Nov	1973	
Latvia.....	16 Jul	1993		Oman .....	24 Jul	1987	
Lebanon .....	5 Mar	1997		Pakistan.....	2 Jul	1999	
Lesotho .....	4 Nov	1974		Palau .....			19 Aug 1998 a
Liberia.....			13 Apr 1987	Panama.....	19 Oct	1972	
Libya.....	27 Sep	1978		Papua New Guinea .....	28 Oct	1980	
Liechtenstein.....	24 Nov	1999		Paraguay .....	20 Jun	1973	
Lithuania .....	28 Feb	1994		Peru.....	12 Sep	1977	
Luxembourg.....	13 Oct	1976		Philippines .....	7 Jun	1974	
Madagascar .....	20 Jun	1974		Poland .....	9 Jun	1993	
Malawi.....	4 Oct	1973		Portugal <sup>1</sup> .....	20 Apr	1979	
Malaysia.....	20 Apr	1978		Qatar .....			3 Oct 1986 a
Maldives .....			7 Sep 2000 a	Republic of Korea.....	25 Jan	1973	
Mali.....	31 Oct	1995		Republic of Moldova.....	15 Feb	1995	
Malta.....			22 Feb 1990 a	Romania.....	14 Jan	1974	
Marshall Islands.....	9 Aug	1991		Russian Federation .....	3 Jun	1996	
Mauritania.....			24 Oct 1989 a	Rwanda .....			15 Jul 1981 a
Mauritius.....	12 Dec	1994		San Marino .....	10 Oct	2000	
Mexico .....	27 Apr	1977		Sao Tome and Principe..	20 Jun	1996	
Micronesia (Federated States of) .....	29 May	1991		Saudi Arabia .....			7 Nov 1997 a
Monaco .....	30 Dec	1975		Senegal.....	25 Mar	1974	
Mongolia.....	6 May	1991		Serbia <sup>3</sup> .....			12 Mar 2001 d
				Seychelles .....	27 Feb	1992	
				Sierra Leone.....			6 Jun 1994 a

<i>Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification, accession or succession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 or to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol</i>			<i>Participation in the Convention by virtue of ratification, accession or succession to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 or to the 1961 Convention after the entry into force of the Protocol</i>		
<i>Participant</i>		<i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>	<i>Participant</i>		<i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>
Singapore .....	9 Jul	1975	Trinidad and Tobago .....	23 Jul	1979
Slovakia <sup>5</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d	Tunisia .....	29 Jun	1976
Slovenia <sup>3</sup> .....		6 Jul 1992 d	Turkey .....	20 Jul	2001
Solomon Islands .....	17 Mar	1982	Turkmenistan .....	21 Feb	1996
Somalia .....	9 Jun	1988	Uganda .....	15 Apr	1988
South Africa .....	16 Dec	1975	Ukraine .....	27 Sep	2001
Spain .....	4 Jan	1977	United Arab Emirates ....		17 Feb 1988 a
Sri Lanka .....	29 Jun	1981	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>4</sup> .....	20 Jun	1978
St. Kitts and Nevis .....	9 May	1994	United Republic of Tanzania .....		25 Mar 1999 a
St. Lucia .....	5 Jul	1991	United States of America .....	1 Nov	1972
St. Vincent and the Grenadines .....	3 Dec	2001	Uruguay .....	31 Oct	1975
State of Palestine .....		29 Dec 2017 a	Uzbekistan .....		24 Aug 1995 a
Sudan .....	5 Jul	1994	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) .....	4 Dec	1985
Suriname .....	29 Mar	1990	Viet Nam .....		4 Nov 1997 a
Sweden .....	5 Dec	1972	Yemen .....		25 Mar 1996 a
Switzerland .....	22 Apr	1996	Zambia .....	13 May	1998
Syrian Arab Republic ....	1 Feb	1974	Zimbabwe .....		30 Jul 1993 a
Tajikistan .....		26 Mar 1997 a			
Thailand .....	9 Jan	1975			
Togo .....	10 Nov	1976			
Tonga .....	5 Sep	1973			

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

**ANDORRA**

The Principality of Andorra does not consider itself bound by the provisions of paragraph 2 of article 48 which provide for a mandatory referral to the International Court of Justice of any dispute which cannot be resolved according to the terms of paragraph 1. The Government of Andorra takes the position that for any dispute to be referred to the International Court of Justice for decision the agreement of all the parties to the dispute shall be necessary in each individual case.

**BAHRAIN**

With regard to article 48, paragraph 2:  
[See chapter VI.16 for the text of the reservation.]

[See chapter VI.16 for the text of the declaration and the objection thereto.]

**BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)**

The Plurinational State of Bolivia reserves the right to allow in its territory: traditional coca leaf chewing; the consumption and use of the coca leaf in its natural state for cultural and medicinal purposes, such as its use in infusions; and also the cultivation, trade and possession of the coca leaf to the extent necessary for these licit purposes.

At the same time, the Plurinational State of Bolivia will continue to take all necessary measures to control the cultivation of coca in order to prevent its abuse and the

illicit production of the narcotic drugs which may be extracted from the leaf.

**CHINA**

*[See chapter VI.16.]*

**NEPAL**

"His Majesty's Government of Nepal in accordance with article 49 paragraph 1 of the said Convention hereby reserves the right to permit temporarily in its territory:

- i. the quasi-medical use of opium;
- ii. The use of cannabis, cannabis resin, extracts and tinctures of cannabis for non-medical purposes; and

***[See also text of the declarations and reservations made in respect of the unamended Convention (chapter VI.15) and of the amending Protocol of 25 March 1972 (chapter VI.17).***

***Objections***

***(Unless otherwise indicated, the objections were received upon ratification, accession or succession.)***

**AUSTRIA**

"Austria is of the view that the reservation raises doubts as to its compatibility with the object and purpose of the Convention concerned, in particular the fundamental principle that perpetrators of drug-related crime should be brought to justice, regardless of their whereabouts. Non-acceptance of this principle would undermine the effectiveness of the above-mentioned Convention.

Austria therefore objects to the reservation. This objection does not preclude the entry into force of the above-mentioned Convention between Austria and Viet Nam."

**SWEDEN**

"The Government of Sweden is of the view that the reservation made by the Government of Viet Nam regarding article 36, paragraph 2 subparagraph (b) may raise doubts as to the commitment of Viet Nam to the object and purpose of the Convention.

It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become parties are respected

iii. The production and manufacture of and trade in the drugs referred to under (i) and (ii) above."

**SAUDI ARABIA**

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will not be bound by article 48, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

**VIET NAM<sup>9</sup>**

[The Government of Viet Nam declares its reservation to] article 36, paragraph 2, point b on Extradition and article 48, paragraph 2 on Dispute settlement.

as to their object and purpose by all parties, and that States are prepared to undertake any legislative changes necessary to comply with their obligations under the treaties.

Furthermore, according to the Vienna Convention on the law of Treaties of 23 May 1969, and well-established customary international law, a reservation contrary to the object and purpose of the treaty shall not be permitted.

The Government of Sweden therefore objects to the aforesaid [reservation] by the Government of Viet Nam.

[This objection does] not preclude the entry into force of the [Convention] between Viet Nam and Sweden. The [Convention] will thus become operative between the two States without Viet Nam benefiting from the [reservation]."

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

"The United Kingdom is not in a position to accept [the] reservation."

The above objection is not however to constitute an obstacle to the entry into force of the said [Convention] as between Vietnam and the United Kingdom."

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> On 9 and 15 December 1999, the Secretary-General received communications regarding the status of Macao from China and Portugal (see also note 3 under "China" and note 1 under "Portugal" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume). Upon resuming the exercise of sovereignty over Macao, China notified the Secretary-General that the Convention will also apply to the Macao Special Administrative Region.

<sup>2</sup> The Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia originally deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention on 23 September 1976. On 29 June 2011, the Government notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to denounce the Convention. In accordance with article 46 (2), the denunciation took effect on 1 January 2012. Following denunciation, the Plurinational State of Bolivia re-accessed to the

Convention with a reservation. See C.N.94.2013.TREATIES-VI.18.

<sup>3</sup> The former Yugoslavia had ratified the Protocol on 23 June 1978. 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.

<sup>4</sup> The Secretary-General received communications regarding the status of Hong Kong from China and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (see also note 2 under "China" and note 2 under "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume). Upon resuming the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong, China notified the Secretary-

General that the Convention and Protocol will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

In addition, the notification made by China contained the following declaration:

The reservation to paragraph 2, article 48 of the said Convention made by the Government of the People's Republic of China will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

<sup>5</sup> Czechoslovakia, by virtue of its accession on 4 June 1991 to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 amending the Single Convention, became as of the date of its accession a participant in the Convention. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>6</sup> The German Democratic Republic, by virtue of its accession on 4 October 1988 to the Protocol of 25 March 1972 amending the Single Convention, became as of the date of its accession a participant in the Convention. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

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

<sup>8</sup> Applicable to Niue and Tokelau. See also note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>9</sup> In a communication received on 15 January 1999, the Government of Finland notified the Secretary-General of the following:

"The Government of Finland is of the view that [this reservation] raise[s] doubts as to [its] compatibility with the object and purpose of the [Convention] concerned, in particular the [reservation] to article 32, paragraph 2, subparagraph b) 1). According to the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, and well-established customary international law, a reservation contrary to the object and purpose of the treaty shall not be permitted.

It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become Parties are respected as to their object and purpose by all Parties, and that States are prepared to undertake any legislative changes necessary to comply with their obligations under the treaties.

The Government of Finland therefore objects to [this reservation] made by the Government of Viet Nam to the [Convention].

This objection does not preclude the entry into force of the [Convention] between Viet Nam and Finland. The [Convention] will thus become operative between the two States without Viet Nam benefitting from [this reservation]."

