

## CHAPTER VII

### TRAFFIC IN PERSONS

#### 1. PROTOCOL SIGNED AT LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, ON 12 NOVEMBER 1947, TO AMEND THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN, CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1921, AND THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN OF FULL AGE, CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 11 OCTOBER 1933

*Lake Success, New York, 12 November 1947*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 12 November 1947, in accordance with article V.<sup>1</sup>

**REGISTRATION:** 24 April 1950, No. 770.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 8. Parties: 42.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 53, p. 13.

*Note:* The Protocol was approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolution [126 \(II\)](#)<sup>2</sup> of 20 October 1947.

The Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, concluded at Lake Success, New York of 21 March 1950 consolidates the Protocols, Conventions and Agreements listed in the present chapter under Nos. 1 to 10. Furthermore, the Convention of 21 March 1950 supercedes the provisions of the above-referenced instruments in the relations between the Parties thereto and shall terminate such instruments when all the Parties thereto shall have become Parties to the Convention of 21 March 1950, in accordance with its article 28.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Acceptance(A), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Acceptance(A), Succession(d)</i>
Afghanistan.....		12 Nov 1947 s	Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	16 Jul 1953	
Albania.....		25 Jul 1949 A	Ireland.....		19 Jul 1961 A
Australia.....		13 Nov 1947 s	Italy.....		5 Jan 1949 A
Austria.....		7 Jun 1950 s	Jamaica.....		16 Mar 1965 A
Belgium.....		12 Nov 1947 s	Lebanon.....		12 Nov 1947 s
Brazil.....	17 Mar 1948	6 Apr 1950 A	Luxembourg.....	12 Nov 1947	14 Mar 1955 A
Canada.....		24 Nov 1947 s	Malta.....		27 Feb 1975 A
China <sup>3</sup> .....		12 Nov 1947 s	Mexico.....		12 Nov 1947 s
Côte d'Ivoire.....		5 Nov 1962 s	Myanmar.....		13 May 1949 s
Cuba.....		16 Mar 1981 A	Netherlands.....	12 Nov 1947	7 Mar 1949 A
Czech Republic <sup>4</sup> .....		30 Dec 1993 d	Nicaragua.....	12 Nov 1947	24 Apr 1950 A
Denmark.....	12 Nov 1947	21 Nov 1949 A	Niger.....		7 Dec 1964 A
Egypt.....		12 Nov 1947 s	Norway.....	12 Nov 1947	28 Nov 1947 A
Finland.....		6 Jan 1949 A	Pakistan.....		12 Nov 1947 s
Germany <sup>5,6</sup> .....		29 May 1973 A	Poland.....		21 Dec 1950 A
Greece.....	9 Mar 1951	5 Apr 1960 A	Romania.....		2 Nov 1950 s
Hungary.....		2 Feb 1950 s	Russian Federation.....		18 Dec 1947 s
India.....		12 Nov 1947 s			

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Serbia <sup>7</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d	South Africa.....		12 Nov 1947 s
Sierra Leone.....		13 Aug 1962 s	Sweden.....		9 Jun 1948 s
Singapore.....		26 Oct 1966 A	Syrian Arab Republic ....		17 Nov 1947 s
Slovakia <sup>4</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d	Turkey.....		12 Nov 1947 s

***Declarations and Reservations***  
***(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made  
upon definitive signature or acceptance.)***

**CUBA**

The Government of the Republic of Cuba declares that article 10 of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, concluded at Geneva on 30 September 1921, and article 7 of the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age, concluded at Geneva on 11 October 1933, as amended in the annex to the Protocol done at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947, are discriminatory in that they deny States which are not Members of the United Nations and to which the Economic and Social Council does not officially communicate the Conventions as amended by the Protocol the right to accede to the Conventions as so amended, this being contrary to the principle of sovereign equality of States.

**MALTA**

"In accepting the above-mentioned Protocol, Malta considers itself bound only in so far as the Protocol applies to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children concluded at Geneva on 30 September 1921 to which Malta is a party."

**PAKISTAN**

"In accordance with paragraph 4 of the *Schedule to the Indian Independence Order, 1947*, Pakistan considers herself a party to the International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children concluded at Geneva on 30 September 1921 by the fact that India became a party to the above-mentioned Convention before 15 August 1947."

***Notes:***

<sup>1</sup> The amendments set forth in the annex to the Protocol entered into force in respect of both Conventions on 24 April 1950, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article V of the Protocol.

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Second Session, Resolutions* (A/519), p. 32.

<sup>3</sup> See note concerning signatures, ratifications, accessions, etc., on behalf of China (note 1 under "China" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume).

<sup>4</sup> Czechoslovakia had signed the Protocol definitively on 12 November 1947. 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>5</sup> The German Democratic Republic had accepted the Protocol on 16 July 1974. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>6</sup> The instrument of acceptance by the Federal Republic of Germany was accompanied by the following declaration:

"... The said Protocol shall also apply to Berlin (West) with effect from the date on which it enters into force for the Federal Republic of Germany."

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

<sup>7</sup> The former Yugoslavia had signed the Protocol definitively on 12 November 1947. 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.

