

**6. PROTOCOL AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE  
SUPPRESSION OF THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC, SIGNED AT PARIS ON 18 MAY  
1904, AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC, SIGNED AT PARIS ON 4 MAY 1910**

*Lake Success, New York, 4 May 1949*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 4 May 1949, in accordance with article 5.<sup>1</sup>

**REGISTRATION:** 4 May 1949, No. 446.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 12. Parties: 33.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 30, p. 23.

*Note:* The Protocol was approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolution [256 \(III\)](#)<sup>2</sup> of 3 December 1948.

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>
Australia <sup>3</sup> .....		8 Dec 1949 s	Iraq.....		1 Jun 1949 s
Austria .....		7 Jun 1950 s	Ireland.....		19 Jul 1961 A
Bahamas.....		10 Jun 1976 d	Italy.....		13 Nov 1952 A
Belgium .....	20 May 1949	13 Oct 1952 A	Luxembourg.....	4 May 1949	14 Mar 1955 A
Brazil .....	4 May 1949		Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	2 Jun 1949	26 Sep 1950 A
Canada .....		4 May 1949 s	Norway .....		4 May 1949 s
Chile.....		20 Jun 1949 s	Pakistan.....	13 May 1949	16 Jun 1952 A
China <sup>4,5</sup> .....		4 May 1949 s	Serbia <sup>9</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
Cuba.....	4 May 1949	4 Aug 1965 A	Slovakia <sup>6</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d
Czech Republic <sup>6</sup> .....		30 Dec 1993 d	South Africa.....		14 Aug 1951 A
Denmark .....	21 Nov 1949	1 Mar 1950 A	Sri Lanka.....		14 Jul 1949 s
Egypt.....	9 May 1949	16 Sep 1949 A	Sweden.....		25 Feb 1952 s
Fiji .....		12 Jun 1972 d	Switzerland .....		23 Sep 1949 A
Finland .....		31 Oct 1949 A	Türkiye.....	4 May 1949	13 Sep 1950 A
France .....		5 May 1949 s	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>4</sup> .....		4 May 1949 s
Germany <sup>7,8</sup> .....		29 May 1973 A	United States of America.....	4 May 1949	14 Aug 1950 A
India.....	12 May 1949	28 Dec 1949 A			
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	28 Dec 1949	30 Dec 1959 A			

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

**CUBA**

The Revolutionary Government of Cuba ratifies the present Protocol in order to co-operate in the supervision by the United Nations, as depositary, of all treaties drawn up prior to its establishment by international organizations which have ceased to exist, since, owing to the social and economic measures taken in Cuba under the revolutionary laws to increase employment opportunities for the mass of the people, the white slave traffic has been stamped out, the social evils inherited from former periods which were

its main cause, unemployment and idleness, having been eliminated; and moreover, the fact that this Protocol shall likewise apply to colonial countries on a basis of equality shall not be taken to mean any acceptance of the position of subjection of these countries, since not only is it a fundamental principle of Cuba's present policy strongly to condemn colonialism and to proclaim the right of peoples under colonial rule to achieve national liberation, but colonialism has been denounced by the United Nations.

---

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> The amendments set forth in the annex to the Protocol entered into force on 21 June 1951 in respect of the Agreement of 18 May 1904, and on 14 August 1951 in respect of the Convention of 4 May 1910, in accordance with the second paragraph of article 5 of the Protocol.

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Third Session, Part I, Resolutions (A/810)*, p. 164.

<sup>3</sup> In a notification made on signature, the Government of Australia declared that it extends the application of the Protocol to all territories for the conduct of whose foreign relations Australia is responsible.

<sup>4</sup> On 6 and 10 June 1997, respectively, 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 Agreement of 18 May 1904, the Convention of 4 May 1910 and the Protocol of 4 May 1949 amending both the Agreement and the Convention will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

<sup>5</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>6</sup> Czechoslovakia had signed and accepted the Protocol of 4 May 1949 on 9 May 1949 and 21 June 1951, respectively. 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>7</sup> The German Democratic Republic had accepted the Protocol with a declaration on 16 July 1974. For the text of the declaration, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 943, p. 329. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in

the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>9</sup> The former Yugoslavia had signed and accepted the Protocol on 4 May 1949 and 26 April 1951, 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.

