

**8. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE "WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC"**

*Paris, 18 May 1904*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 18 July 1905, in accordance with article 8.

**REGISTRATION:** 7 September 1920, No. 11.<sup>1</sup>

*Note:* 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.

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*The following list was provided by the Government of France at the time of the transfer to the Secretary-General of the depositary functions in respect of the Agreement.*

*(1) States which ratified the Agreement*

Belgium	Russia
Denmark	Spain
France	Sweden and Norway
Germany <sup>2</sup>	Switzerland
Italy	United Kingdom <sup>3</sup>
Netherlands	
Portugal	

*(2) States which acceded to the Agreement*

Austria-Hungary	Lebanon <sup>5</sup>
Brazil	Luxembourg
Bulgaria	Poland
Colombia	United States of America
Czechoslovakia <sup>4</sup>	

*(3) The Agreement was declared applicable to the following colonies, dominions and protectorates*

German colonies	New Zealand
Iceland and Danish West Indies	Northern Nigeria
Australia	Palestine and Transjordan
Bahamas	St. Helena
Barbados	Sarawak
British Central Africa	Seychelles
British Guinea and Guiana	Sierra Leone
British Solomon Islands	Somaliland
Canada	Southern Rhodesia
Fiji Islands	Ceylon
Gambia	Trinidad
Gibraltar	Uganda
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	Wei-hai-wei
Gold Coast	Windward Islands
Hong Kong	Zanzibar
India	French colonies
Jamaica	Eritrea
Leeward Islands	Netherlands colonies
Malta	
Burma	

**(4) The following colonies, dominions and protectorates consented to concur in article I of the Agreement**

Basutoland	Natal
Bechuanaland	Orange River Colony
Bermuda	Southern Nigeria
British East Africa	Straits Settlements
British Honduras	Transvaal
Cape Town	
Cyprus	

**(5) States and territories on behalf of which accession to the Convention of 4 May 1910 on the White Slave Traffic entailed ipso facto accession to the Agreement of 18 May 1904 by virtue of article 8 of the Convention of 1910**

Chile	Isle of Man
Cuba	Japan
Egypt	China
Finland	Yugoslavia (former) <sup>6</sup>
Irish Free State	New Guinea
Lithuania	Nauru
Norway	Jersey
Persia	Guernsey
Siam	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
Estonia	Iraq
Newfoundland	Sudan
Tanganyika	Turkey
Union of South Africa	Uruguay
Kenya	Monaco
Nyasaland	Morocco
Papua and Norfolk	Tunisia
Grenada	Mauritius
St. Lucia	
St. Vincent	

**Actions subsequent to the assumption of depositary functions by the Secretary-General of the United Nations**

<i>Participant<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Succession(d)</i>
Bahamas.....	10 Jun 1976 d	Slovakia <sup>4</sup> .....	28 May 1993 d
Czech Republic <sup>4</sup> .....	30 Dec 1993 d	Zimbabwe.....	1 Dec 1998 d
Fiji.....	12 Jun 1972 d		

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> See League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, [vol. I, p. 83](#).

<sup>2</sup> In a notification received on 16 July 1974, the Government of the German Democratic Republic stated that the German Democratic Republic had declared the reapplication of the Agreement as from 10 August 1958.

In this connection, the Secretary-General received, on 2 March 1976, the following communication from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

With reference to the communication by the German Democratic Republic of 17 June 1974, concerning the application, as from 10 August 1958, of the International Agreement of 18 May 1904 for the Suppression of the "White Slave Traffic", the Government of the Federal Republic of

Germany declares that in the relation between the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic the declaration of application has no retroactive effect beyond 21 June 1973.

Subsequently, in a communication received on 17 June 1976, the Government of the German Democratic Republic declared:

"The Government of the German Democratic Republic takes the view that in accordance with the applicable rules of international law and the international practice of States the regulations on the reapplication of agreements concluded under international law are an internal affair of the successor State concerned. Accordingly, the German Democratic Republic was entitled to determine the date of reapplication of the International Agreement for the Suppression of the 'White Slave

Traffic', May 18th, 1904 to which it established its status as a party by way of succession."

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

<sup>3</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>4</sup> See 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 instrument of accession by the Government of Lebanon was deposited with the Secretary-General on 20 June 1949.

<sup>6</sup> See 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.

