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. 11.¹

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.

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
Denmark
France
Germany²
Italy
Netherlands
Portugal

Russia
Spain
Sweden and Norway
Switzerland
United Kingdom³

(2) States which acceded to the Agreement

Austria-Hungary
Brazil
Bulgaria
Colombia
Czechoslovakia⁴

Lebanon⁵
Luxembourg
Poland
United States of America

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

German colonies
Iceland and Danish West Indies
Australia
Bahamas
Barbados
British Central Africa
British Guiana
British Solomon Islands
Canada
Fiji Islands
Gambia
Gibraltar
Gilbert and Ellice Islands
Gold Coast
Hong Kong
India
Jamaica
Leeward Islands
Malta
Burma

New Zealand
Northern Nigeria
Palestine and Transjordan
St. Helena
Sarawak
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somaliland
Southern Rhodesia
Ceylon
Trinidad
Uganda
Wei-hai-wei
Windward Islands
Zanzibar
French colonies
Eritrea
Netherlands colonies
(4) The following colonies, dominions and protectorates consented to concur in article I of the Agreement:

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(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:

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

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<td>30 Dec 1993 d</td>
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Notes:


2. 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" as from 10 August 1958."
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.

3 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.

4 See note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

5 The instrument of accession by the Government of Lebanon was deposited with the Secretary-General on 20 June 1949.

6 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.