

**4. PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE  
CIRCULATION OF OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS, 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. 445.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 15. Parties: 35.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series* , vol. 30, p. 3.

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

<i>Participant<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Acceptance(A), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Acceptance(A), Succession(d)</i>
Australia.....		8 Dec 1949 s	Italy.....		13 Nov 1952 A
Austria.....		4 Aug 1950 s	Luxembourg.....	4 May 1949	14 Mar 1955 A
Belgium.....	20 May 1949	13 Oct 1952 A	Mexico.....		22 Jul 1952 A
Brazil.....	4 May 1949		Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	2 Jun 1949	26 Sep 1950 A
Canada.....		4 May 1949 s	New Zealand.....		14 Oct 1950 s
China <sup>4,5</sup> .....		4 May 1949 s	Norway.....		4 May 1949 s
Colombia.....	1 Jun 1949		Pakistan.....	13 May 1949	4 May 1951 A
Cuba.....	4 May 1949	2 Dec 1983 A	Romania <sup>7</sup> .....		2 Nov 1950 s
Czech Republic <sup>6</sup> .....		30 Dec 1993 d	Russian Federation <sup>7</sup> .....		14 May 1949 s
Denmark.....	21 Nov 1949	1 Mar 1950 A	Serbia <sup>8</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
Egypt.....	9 May 1949	16 Sep 1949 A	Slovakia <sup>6</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d
El Salvador.....	5 May 1949		Solomon Islands.....		3 Sep 1981 d
Fiji.....		1 Nov 1971 d	South Africa.....		1 Sep 1950 s
Finland.....		31 Oct 1949 A	Sri Lanka.....		14 Jul 1949 s
France.....		5 May 1949 s	Switzerland.....		23 Sep 1949 A
Iceland.....		25 Oct 1950 A	Türkiye.....	4 May 1949	13 Sep 1950 A
India.....	12 May 1949	28 Dec 1949 A	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>4</sup> .....		4 May 1949 s
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	28 Dec 1949	30 Dec 1959 A	United States of America.....	4 May 1949	14 Aug 1950 A
Iraq.....	1 Jun 1949	14 Sep 1950 A			
Ireland.....		28 Feb 1952 A			

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> The amendments set forth in the annex to the Protocol entered into force on 1 March 1950, 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> An instrument of acceptance of the Protocol was deposited on 2 December 1975 with the Secretary-General by the Government of the German Democratic Republic with a declaration. For the text of the declaration, see United Nations, *Treaty Series* , vol. 987, p. 410. A "notification of reapplication" of the Agreement of 4 May 1910 on behalf of the German Democratic Republic had been deposited with the

Secretary-General on 4 October 1974. See also note 2 under “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> The Secretary-General received on 6 and 10 June 1997 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 Protocol 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 ratified the Protocol 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> In signing the Protocol, the Governments of the People's Republic of Romania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics declared that they are not in agreement with article 7 of the annex to the said Protocol. See also note 1 under “Russian Federation” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> The former Yugoslavia had signed and accepted the Protocol on 4 May 1949 and 29 April 1953, 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.

