

**5. AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE CIRCULATION OF OBSCENE
PUBLICATIONS, SIGNED AT PARIS ON 4 MAY 1910, AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL
SIGNED AT LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, 4 MAY 1949**

New York, 4 May 1949

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 March 1950 , the date on which the amendments to the Agreement, set forth in the annex to the Protocol of 4 May 1949, entered into force in accordance with the second paragraph of article 5 of the Protocol.

REGISTRATION: 1 March 1950, No. 728.

STATUS: Parties: 57.

TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series* , vol. 47, p. 159.

<i>Acceptance(A), Definitive signature of the Protocol, Acceptance of the Protocol, Acceptance ipso facto by virtue of article 10 (1) of the Convention of 12 September 1923, as amended(A), Succession to the Agreement and the Protocol</i>			<i>Acceptance(A), Definitive signature of the Protocol, Acceptance of the Protocol, Acceptance ipso facto by virtue of article 10 (1) of the Convention of 12 September 1923, as amended(A), Succession to the Agreement and the Protocol</i>		
<i>Participant¹</i>			<i>Participant¹</i>		
Australia.....	8 Dec	1949	Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	30 Dec	1959
Austria	4 Aug	1950	Iraq.....	14 Sep	1950
Belarus		8 Sep 1998 d	Ireland.....	28 Feb	1952
Belgium	13 Oct	1952	Italy.....	13 Nov	1952
Cambodia.....		30 Mar 1959 a	Jamaica ⁵		30 Jul 1964 a
Canada	4 May	1949	Jordan ⁵		11 May 1959 a
China ^{2,3}	4 May	1949	Lesotho		28 Nov 1975 d
Cuba.....	2 Dec	1983	Liberia ⁵	16 Sep	2005 A
Cyprus.....		16 May 1963 d	Luxembourg.....	14 Mar	1955
Czech Republic ⁴		30 Dec 1993 d	Madagascar		10 Apr 1963 a
Democratic Republic of the Congo		31 May 1962 d	Malawi.....		22 Jul 1965 a
Denmark	1 Mar	1950	Malaysia.....		31 Aug 1957 d
Egypt.....	16 Sep	1949	Malta.....		24 Mar 1967 d
Fiji	1 Nov	1971	Mauritius.....		18 Jul 1969 d
Finland	31 Oct	1949	Mexico	22 Jul	1952
France	5 May	1949	Montenegro ⁶		23 Oct 2006 d
Ghana.....		7 Apr 1958 d	Myanmar ⁵		13 May 1949 a
Haiti ⁵		26 Aug 1953	Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	26 Sep	1950
Iceland	25 Oct	1950	New Zealand.....	14 Oct	1950
India.....	28 Dec	1949			

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Nigeria			26 Jun	1961 d	Switzerland	23 Sep	1949		
Norway	4 May	1949			Trinidad and Tobago			11 Apr	1966 d
Pakistan.....	4 May	1951			Türkiye.....	13 Sep	1950		
Romania.....	2 Nov	1950			United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ²	4 May	1949		
Russian Federation	14 May	1949			United Republic of Tanzania.....			28 Nov	1962 a
Serbia ⁷			12 Mar	2001 d	United States of America.....	14 Aug	1950		
Sierra Leone.....			13 Mar	1962 d	Zambia			1 Nov	1974 d
Slovakia ⁴			28 May	1993 d					
Solomon Islands			3 Sep	1981 d					
South Africa.....	1 Sep	1950							
Sri Lanka.....	14 Jul	1949							

Notes:

¹ 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. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

² 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 with regard to the Agreement (chapter VIII-6) and Protocol (chapter VIII-4)(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 and the Protocol will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

On 17 December 2002, the Government of China informed the Secretary-General of the following:

"On 1 July 2002, the Government of the HKSAR merged its Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau and the Commerce and Industry Bureau into the Commerce Industry and Technology Bureau. Accordingly, the Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau becomes the authority of the HKSAR charged with the duty provided for in Article 1 of the Agreement."

³ 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).

⁴ Czechoslovakia, by virtue of its acceptance on 21 June 1951 of the Protocol of 4 May 1949 amending the Agreement of 1910, was a participant in the Agreement on that same date. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ Ratification of or accession to the Convention of 12 September 1923 shall *ipso facto*, and without special notification, involve concomitant and full acceptance of the Agreement of 4 May 1910 [...]

⁶ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁷ The former Yugoslavia had accepted the Protocol on 29 April 1953. 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.