

**12. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL BILLS OF EXCHANGE
AND INTERNATIONAL PROMISSORY NOTES**

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NOT YET IN FORCE: see article 89 which reads as follows: "1. This Convention enters into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of twelve months after the date of deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. 2. When a State ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to this Convention after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Convention enters into force in respect of that State on the first day of the month following the expiration of twelve months after the date of deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession."

STATUS: Signatories: 3. Parties: 5.

TEXT: Doc. [A/RES/43/165](#).

Note: The draft Convention was prepared by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. The Convention was adopted by resolution 43/165¹ of 9 December 1988 at the forty-third session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, was open for signature by all States at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, until 30 June 1990, in accordance with article 86 (1).

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Accession(a), Ratification</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Accession(a), Ratification</i>
Canada	7 Dec	1989	Liberia.....		16 Sep 2005 a
Gabon.....		15 Dec 2004 a	Mexico		11 Sep 1992 a
Guinea.....		23 Jan 1991 a	Russian Federation	30 Jun 1990	
Honduras.....		8 Aug 2001 a	United States of America.....	29 Jun 1990	

Notes:

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/43/49), p. 280 .*