

**18. UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS**

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<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Ratification</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Ratification</i>
Azerbaijan.....		18 Sep 2018 a	Lebanon .....	22 May 2006	
Bahrain.....		4 Jun 2020 a	Madagascar.....	19 Sep 2006	
Belize.....		19 Jan 2023 a	Mongolia.....		3 Dec 2020 a
Benin.....		7 Nov 2019 a	Montenegro.....	27 Sep 2007	23 Sep 2014
Cameroon.....		11 Oct 2017 a	Panama.....	25 Sep 2007	
Central African Republic.....	27 Feb 2006		Paraguay .....	26 Mar 2007	24 Jul 2018
China.....	6 Jul 2006		Philippines .....	25 Sep 2007	7 Jul 2022
Colombia .....	27 Sep 2007		Republic of Korea.....	15 Jan 2008	
Congo.....		28 Jan 2014 a	Russian Federation .....	25 Apr 2007	6 Jan 2014 A
Dominican Republic .....		2 Aug 2012 a	Saudi Arabia .....	12 Nov 2007	
Fiji .....		7 Jun 2017 a	Senegal.....	7 Apr 2006	
Honduras.....	16 Jan 2008	15 Jun 2010	Sierra Leone.....	21 Sep 2006	
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	26 Sep 2007		Singapore.....	6 Jul 2006	7 Jul 2010
Kiribati.....		21 Apr 2020 a	Sri Lanka.....	6 Jul 2006	7 Jul 2015
			Thailand.....		28 Mar 2025 a
			Tuvalu.....		8 Dec 2022 a

**AZERBAIJAN**

“The Republic of Azerbaijan declares that it is unable to guarantee the implementation of the provisions of the Convention in its territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia (the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan and its seven districts surrounding that region) until the liberation of those territories from the occupation and complete elimination of the consequences of that occupation...”

In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 1 of the Convention, the Republic of Azerbaijan declares that it will apply this Convention only if the States referred to article 1, paragraph 1 of the Convention are the Contracting States to this Convention.

In accordance with Article 19, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the Republic of Azerbaijan will not apply the Convention to transactions for which a notarised form or State registration is required under the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The Republic of Azerbaijan understands international contracts covered by the Convention as civil law contracts involving foreign citizens and legal entities, or having a foreign element.”

**FIJI**

“In accordance with Articles 21 and 19 (paragraph 2) of the United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, the Convention shall not apply to electronic communications or transactions specifically excluded under sections 18, 19, 20 and the Schedule to the Electronic Transactions Act 2008 (No 26 of 2008) of Fiji, as amended by the Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Act 2017 (No 8 of 2017).”

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

a) In accordance with article 19, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the Russian Federation will apply the

Convention when the parties to the international contract have agreed that it applies;

b) In accordance with article 19, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Russian Federation will not apply the Convention to transactions for which a notarized form or State registration is required under Russian law or to transactions for the sale of goods whose transfer across the Customs Union border is either prohibited or restricted;

c) The Russian Federation understands the international contracts covered by the Convention to mean civil law contracts involving foreign citizens or legal entities, or a foreign element.

#### **SINGAPORE**

“The Convention shall not apply to electronic communications relating to any contract for the sale or other disposition of immovable property, or any interest in such property.

The Convention shall also not apply in respect of (i) the creation or execution of a will; or (ii) the creation, performance or enforcement of an indenture, declaration of trust or power of attorney, that may be contracted for in any contract governed by the Convention.”

#### **SRI LANKA**

“In accordance with Articles 21 and 19 (paragraph 2) of the United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, the Convention shall not apply to electronic communications or transactions specifically excluded under Section 23 of the Electronic Transactions Act No. 19 of 2006, of Sri Lanka”

#### **THAILAND**

“The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, in accordance with Article 19 paragraph 2 of the Convention, declares that the Convention shall not apply to:

(a) communications or transactions specifically excluded under Section 3 of the Electronic Transactions Act B.E. 2544 (2001) of the Kingdom of Thailand;

(b) contracts to which at least one of the parties is a Thai state agency; and

(c) transactions which are required to be registered with a competent authority under Thai law.”