

**7. a) Protocol amending the Convention on the Limitation Period in the  
International Sale of Goods**

*Vienna, 11 April 1980*

- ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 1 August 1988, in accordance with article IX which reads as follows: "1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the sixth month following the deposit of the second instrument of accession, provided that on that date: (a) the 1974 Limitation Convention is itself in force; and (b) the 1980 Sales Convention is also in force. If these Conventions are not both in force on that date, this Protocol shall enter into force on the first day on which both Conventions are in force. (2) For each State acceding to this Protocol after the second instrument of accession has been deposited, this Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the sixth month following the deposit of its instrument of accession, if by that date the Protocol is itself in force. If by that date the Protocol itself is not yet in force, the Protocol shall enter into force for that State on the date the Protocol itself enters into force."
- REGISTRATION:** 1 August 1988, No. 26120.
- STATUS:** Parties: 17.
- TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1511, p. 77.  
C.N.754.2008.TREATIES-2 of 14 October 2008 (Proposal of corrections) and  
C.N.8.2009.TREATIES-1 of 12 January 2009 (Corrections)

*Note:* The Protocol was adopted by the United Nations Conference on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, held at Vienna from 10 March to 11 April 1980. The Conference was convened by the General Assembly of the United Nations, in accordance with its resolution 33/93<sup>1</sup> of 16 December 1978 adopted on the basis of chapter II of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its eleventh session (1978). C.N.754.2008.TREATIES-2 of 14 October 2008 (Proposal of corrections to the original text of the Protocol (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and C.N.8.2009.TREATIES-1 of 12 January 2009 (corrections of the original text of the Protocol).

The Protocol is open for accession by all States, at any time, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

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<i>Participant<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Argentina .....	19 Jul 1983 a	Poland .....	19 May 1995 a
Belgium .....	1 Aug 2008 a	Romania .....	23 Apr 1992 a
Czech Republic <sup>3</sup> .....	30 Sep 1993 d	Slovakia <sup>3</sup> .....	28 May 1993 d
Egypt.....	6 Dec 1982 a	Slovenia .....	2 Aug 1995 a
Guinea.....	23 Jan 1991 a	Uganda.....	12 Feb 1992 a
Hungary .....	16 Jun 1983 a	United States of America.....	5 May 1994 a
Liberia.....	16 Sep 2005 a	Uruguay .....	1 Apr 1997 a
Mexico .....	21 Jan 1988 a	Zambia .....	6 Jun 1986 a
Montenegro.....	6 Aug 2012 a		

***Declarations and Reservations***  
***(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made  
upon accession or succession.)***

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

"Pursuant to article XII, the United States will not be bound by article I of the Protocol."

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/3345), p. 217.*

<sup>2</sup> The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Protocol on 31 August 1989. See also note 2 under “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> Czechoslovakia had acceded to the Protocol on 5 March 1990 with the following reservation:

Pursuant to article XII [of the Protocol], the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic declares that it shall not consider itself bound by the provision of its article I.

On 22 November 2017, the Government of the Czech Republic notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw the reservation with respect to article XII made by Czechoslovakia upon accession.

See also note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

