

7. CONVENTION ON THE LIMITATION PERIOD IN THE INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS

New York, 14 June 1974

- ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 1 August 1988, in accordance with article 44 which reads as follows: "1. This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of six months after the date of the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession. 2. For each State ratifying or acceding to this Convention after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession, this Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of six months after the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession."
- REGISTRATION:** 1 August 1988, No. 26119.
- STATUS:** Signatories: 12. Parties: 30.
- TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1511, p. 3; and depositary notification C.N.260.1975.TREATIES-6 of 30 September 1975 (procès-verbal of rectification of the authentic French text); 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 authentic texts) and to the Certified True Copies) and C.N.8.2009.TREATIES-1 of 12 January 2009 (Corrections).

Note: The Convention was adopted by the United Nations Conference on Prescription (limitation) in the International Sale of Goods, which convened at the Headquarters of the United Nations, at New York, from 20 May to 14 June 1974. The Conference was convened in accordance with Resolution [3104 \(XXVIII\)](#)¹ of the General Assembly adopted on 12 December 1973. The Convention was opened for signature at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, on 14 June 1974, (closing date for signature: 31 December 1975).

<i>Participant²</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Participation under article XI of the Protocol of 11 April 1980(P), Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>	<i>Participant²</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Participation under article XI of the Protocol of 11 April 1980(P), Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>
Argentina		9 Oct 1981 a	Liberia.....		16 Sep 2005 a
Belarus	14 Jun 1974	23 Jan 1997 P	Mexico		21 Jan 1988 a
Belgium		1 Aug 2008 a	Mongolia.....	14 Jun 1974	
Benin.....		29 Jul 2011 a	Montenegro ⁵		23 Oct 2006 d
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³		12 Jan 1994 d	Nicaragua.....	13 May 1975	
Brazil	14 Jun 1974		Norway	11 Dec 1975	20 Mar 1980
Bulgaria	24 Feb 1975		Paraguay		18 Aug 2003 P
Burundi		4 Sep 1998 a	Poland	14 Jun 1974	19 May 1995
Costa Rica.....	30 Aug 1974		Republic of Moldova.....		28 Aug 1997 P
Côte d'Ivoire		1 Feb 2016 P	Romania.....		23 Apr 1992 a
Cuba.....		2 Nov 1994 P	Russian Federation	14 Jun 1974	
Czech Republic ⁴		30 Sep 1993 d	Serbia ³		12 Mar 2001 d
Dominican Republic		23 Dec 1977 a	Slovakia ⁴		28 May 1993 d
Egypt.....		6 Dec 1982 P	Slovenia		2 Aug 1995 P
Ghana.....	5 Dec 1974	7 Oct 1975	Uganda.....		12 Feb 1992 a
Guinea.....		23 Jan 1991 a	Ukraine	14 Jun 1974	13 Sep 1993
Hungary	14 Jun 1974	16 Jun 1983	United States of America.....		5 May 1994 a

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Uruguay		1 Apr 1997 a	Zambia		6 Jun 1986 P

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

NORWAY

"In accordance with article 34 the Government of the Kingdom of Norway declares that the Convention shall not govern contracts of sale where the seller and the buyer

both have their relevant places of business within the territories of the Nordic States (i.e. Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden)."

Notes:

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/9030), p. 143.*

² The German Democratic Republic had signed and ratified the Convention on 14 June 1974 and 31 August 1989, respectively. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

³ The former Yugoslavia had acceded to the Convention on 27 November 1978. 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.

⁴ Czechoslovakia had signed and ratified the Convention on 29 August 1975 and 26 May 1977, 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.

⁵ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

