

4. AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL RAILWAYS BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES

Beirut, 14 April 2003

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 23 May 2005, in accordance with article 5(2) which reads as follows: "1. The Agreement shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the date on which four (4) members of ESCWA have either signed it definitively or deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. For each member of ESCWA referred to in article 4, paragraph 1, signing the Agreement definitively or depositing an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval thereof or accession thereto after the date on which four (4) ESCWA members have either signed it definitively or deposited such an instrument, the Agreement shall enter into force ninety (90) days after the date of that member's definitive signature or deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. 2. For each State other than a member of ESCWA depositing an instrument of accession, the Agreement shall enter into force (90) days after the date of that State's deposit of that instrument."

REGISTRATION: 23 May 2005, No. 41357.

STATUS: Signatories: 9. Parties: 12.

TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2316, p. 537; Doc. E/ESCWA/TRANS/2002/1/Rev 2; C.N.291.2003.TREATIES-9 of 15 April 2003 (Rectification of the authentic Arabic text of the Agreement); C.N.373.2003.TREATIES-11 of 9 May 2003 (Rectification of the authentic English and French texts of the Agreement); C.N.852.2003.TREATIES-11 of 22 August 2003 [Rectification of the original of the Agreement (French authentic text)]; C.N.563.2016.TREATIES-XI.C.4 of 10 August 2016 (Proposal of amendments to the Agreement) and C.N.866.2016.TREATIES-XI-C.4 of 18 November 2016 (Entry into force).

Note: The above Agreement was adopted on 14 April 2003 during the 22nd session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) held in Beirut from 14 to 17 April 2003. The Agreement is open for signature by members of ESCWA at United Nations House in Beirut from 14 to 17 April 2003, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 31 December 2004.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Ratification, Definitive signature(s)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Ratification, Definitive signature(s)</i>
Bahrain.....	17 Apr 2003	18 May 2007	Saudi Arabia		12 Jul 2006 a
Egypt.....	14 Apr 2003	5 May 2004	State of Palestine ¹	14 Apr 2003	28 Nov 2006
Iraq.....		30 Jun 2016 a	Sudan		30 Jul 2009 a
Jordan.....	14 Apr 2003	16 Apr 2004	Syrian Arab Republic	14 Apr 2003	22 Feb 2005
Kuwait	10 May 2004	7 Nov 2013	United Arab Emirates	14 Apr 2003	25 Feb 2011
Lebanon	14 Apr 2003	26 Apr 2004	Yemen.....	14 Apr 2003	10 Dec 2007

Notes:

¹ See note 1 under "State of Palestine" in the [Historical Information](#) section of the website.