

**CHAPTER XIV**  
**EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS**

**1. AGREEMENT FOR FACILITATING THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION OF  
VISUAL AND AUDITORY MATERIALS OF AN EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
CULTURAL CHARACTER**

*Lake Success, New York, 15 July 1949*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 12 August 1954, in accordance with article XII.  
**REGISTRATION:** 12 August 1954, No. 2631.  
**STATUS:** Signatories: 16. Parties: 40.  
**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 197, p. 3.

*Note:* The Agreement was approved by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its third session, held at Beirut from 17 November to 11 December 1948, in a resolution<sup>1</sup> adopted at the seventeenth plenary meeting on 10 December 1948.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Afghanistan.....	29 Dec 1949		Jordan.....		7 Jul 1972 a
Benin.....		18 May 2017 a	Lebanon.....	30 Dec 1949	12 May 1971 A
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>2</sup> .....		12 Jan 1994 d	Liberia.....		16 Sep 2005 a
Brazil.....	15 Sep 1949	15 Aug 1962 A	Libya.....		22 Jan 1973 a
Cambodia.....		20 Feb 1952 a	Madagascar.....		23 May 1962 a
Canada.....	17 Dec 1949	4 Oct 1950 A	Malawi.....		5 Jul 1967 a
Congo.....		26 Aug 1968 a	Malta.....		29 Jul 1968 a
Costa Rica.....		9 Jun 1971 a	Montenegro <sup>3</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d
Côte d'Ivoire.....		26 Sep 2022 a	Morocco.....		25 Jul 1968 a
Croatia <sup>2</sup> .....		26 Jul 1993 d	Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	30 Dec 1949	
Cuba.....		7 Feb 1977 a	Niger.....		22 Apr 1968 a
Cyprus.....		10 Aug 1972 a	North Macedonia <sup>2</sup> .....		2 Sep 1997 d
Czech Republic.....		22 Aug 1997 a	Norway.....	20 Dec 1949	12 Jan 1950 A
Denmark.....	29 Dec 1949	10 Aug 1955 A	Pakistan.....		16 Feb 1950 a
Dominican Republic.....	5 Aug 1949		Philippines.....	31 Dec 1949	13 Nov 1952 A
Ecuador.....	29 Dec 1949		Serbia <sup>2</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
El Salvador.....	29 Dec 1949	24 Jun 1953 A	Slovakia.....		9 Jun 1997 a
Ghana.....		22 Mar 1960 a	Slovenia <sup>2</sup> .....		3 Nov 1992 d
Greece.....	31 Dec 1949	9 Jul 1954 A	Syrian Arab Republic....		16 Sep 1951 a
Haiti.....	2 Dec 1949	14 May 1954 A	Trinidad and Tobago.....		31 Aug 1965 a
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	31 Dec 1949	30 Dec 1959 A	United States of America.....	13 Sep 1949	14 Oct 1966 A
Iraq.....		29 Aug 1952 a	Uruguay.....	31 Dec 1949	20 Apr 1999 A

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

**CUBA**

The Government of the Republic of Cuba does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article IX, inasmuch as it believes that any disputes which may arise between States concerning the interpretation or application of the Agreement must be settled by direct negotiation through the diplomatic channel.

The Government of the Republic of Cuba hereby declares that the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 4 of article XIV of the Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural Character are contrary to the Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples (resolution 1514 (XV)), adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1960, which

proclaims the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.

**LIBYA**

The accession of the Libyan Arab Republic to this Agreement does not imply recognition of Israel or the assumption towards Israel of any commitments arising out of this Agreement.

**NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF THE)**

"As regards article III, paragraph 1, the words and quantitative restrictions and from the necessity of applying for an import licence' will be deleted, and excluded from the application of the Agreement."

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**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> *Records of the General Conference of UNESCO, Third Session, Beirut 1948, vol. II, Resolutions (3/3C/110, vol. II), p. 113.*

<sup>2</sup> The former Yugoslavia had acceded to the Agreement on 30 June 1950. 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.

<sup>3</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

