

**CHAPTER XVIII**  
**PENAL MATTERS**

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**1. PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SLAVERY CONVENTION SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 25  
SEPTEMBER 1926**

*New York, 7 December 1953*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 7 December 1953, in accordance with article III.<sup>1</sup>  
**REGISTRATION:** 7 December 1953, No. 2422.  
**STATUS:** Signatories: 11. Parties: 61.  
**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 182, p. 51.

*Note:* The Protocol was approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolution [794 \(VIII\)](#)<sup>2</sup> of 23 October 1953.

<i>Participant</i> <sup>3,4</sup>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Acceptance(A), Succession(d), Accession(a)</i>	<i>Participant</i> <sup>3,4</sup>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Acceptance(A), Succession(d), Accession(a)</i>
Afghanistan.....		16 Aug 1954 s	Germany <sup>6,7</sup> .....		29 May 1973 A
Antigua and Barbuda.....		25 Oct 1988 d	Greece.....	7 Dec 1953	12 Dec 1955 A
Australia.....		9 Dec 1953 s	Guatemala.....		11 Nov 1983 a
Austria.....	7 Dec 1953	16 Jul 1954 A	Guinea.....		12 Jul 1962 A
Azerbaijan.....		16 Aug 1996 a	Hungary.....		26 Feb 1958 A
Bahamas.....		10 Jun 1976 d	India.....		12 Mar 1954 s
Bangladesh.....		7 Jan 1985 A	Iraq.....		23 May 1955 A
Barbados.....		22 Jul 1976 d	Ireland.....		31 Aug 1961 A
Belgium.....	24 Feb 1954	13 Dec 1962 A	Israel.....		12 Sep 1955 A
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....		6 Oct 1983 a	Italy.....		4 Feb 1954 s
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>5</sup> .....		1 Sep 1993 d	Kazakhstan.....		1 May 2008 a
Cameroon.....		27 Jun 1984 A	Liberia.....		7 Dec 1953 s
Canada.....		17 Dec 1953 s	Mali.....		2 Feb 1973 A
Chile.....		20 Jun 1995 a	Mauritania.....		6 Jun 1986 A
Croatia <sup>5</sup> .....		12 Oct 1992 d	Mexico.....		3 Feb 1954 s
Cuba.....		28 Jun 1954 s	Monaco.....	28 Jan 1954	12 Nov 1954 A
Denmark.....		3 Mar 1954 s	Morocco.....		11 May 1959 A
Dominica.....		17 Aug 1994 d	Myanmar.....	14 Mar 1956	29 Apr 1957 A
Ecuador.....	7 Sep 1954	17 Aug 1955 A	Netherlands <sup>8</sup> .....	15 Dec 1953	7 Jul 1955 A
Egypt.....	15 Jun 1954	29 Sep 1954 A	New Zealand <sup>9</sup> .....		16 Dec 1953 s
Fiji.....		12 Jun 1972 d	Nicaragua.....		14 Jan 1986 A
Finland.....		19 Mar 1954 A	Niger.....		7 Dec 1964 A
France.....	14 Jan 1954	14 Feb 1963 A	Norway.....	24 Feb 1954	11 Apr 1957 A
			Paraguay.....		27 Sep 2007 a
			Romania.....		13 Nov 1957 s

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Serbia <sup>5</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d	Switzerland .....		7 Dec 1953 s
Solomon Islands .....		3 Sep 1981 d	Syrian Arab Republic ....		4 Aug 1954 A
South Africa.....		29 Dec 1953 s	Turkey.....		14 Jan 1955 s
Spain .....		10 Nov 1976 s	Turkmenistan.....		1 May 1997 a
St. Lucia.....		14 Feb 1990 d	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....		7 Dec 1953 s
St. Vincent and the Grenadines .....		9 Nov 1981 A	United States of America.....	16 Dec 1953	7 Mar 1956 A
Sweden.....		17 Aug 1954 s			

### *Territorial Application*

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the notification</i>	<i>Territories</i>
Netherlands <sup>8</sup>	7 Jul 1955	Netherlands Antilles, Netherlands New Guinea and Suriname

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> The amendments set forth in the Annex to the Protocol entered into force on 7 July 1955, in accordance with article III of the Protocol.

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/2630)*, p. 50.

<sup>3</sup> The Secretary-General received, on 10 June 1999, communications concerning the status of Hong Kong from China and the United Kingdom (see also note 2 under “China” and note 2 under “United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland” regarding Hong Kong in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume). Upon resuming the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong, China notified the Secretary-General that the Convention will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

In addition, the communication by China contained the following declaration:

The Government of the People's Republic of China also declares that the signature and ratification by the Taiwan authorities in the name of China on 7 December 1953 and 14 December 1955 respectively of the [said Protocol] are all illegal and therefore null and void.

<sup>4</sup> Signed and ratified on behalf of the Republic of China on 7 December 1953 and 14 December 1955, respectively (note 1 under “China” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume).

<sup>5</sup> The former Yugoslavia had signed and accepted the Protocol on 11 February 1954 and 21 March 1955, respectively.

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>6</sup> See note 1 under “Germany” regarding Berlin (West) in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> The German Democratic Republic had accepted the Protocol on 16 July 1974. See note 2 under “Germany” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> See note 1 under “Netherlands” regarding Aruba/Netherlands Antilles in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>9</sup> See note 1 under “New Zealand” regarding Tokelau in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

