

**2. SLAVERY CONVENTION, SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 25 SEPTEMBER 1926 AND
AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL**

New York, 7 December 1953

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 7 July 1955, in accordance with article III(2) the date on which the amendments, set forth in the annex to the Protocol of 7 December 1953, entered into force in accordance with article III of the Protocol.

REGISTRATION: 7 July 1955, No. 2861.

STATUS: Parties: 99.

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<i>Participant¹</i>	<i>Definitive signature or participation in the Convention and the Protocol, Participation(P)</i>		<i>Ratification of the Convention as amended, Accession to the Convention as amended(a), Succession to the Convention as amended(d)</i>		<i>Participant¹</i>	<i>Definitive signature or participation in the Convention and the Protocol, Participation(P)</i>		<i>Ratification of the Convention as amended, Accession to the Convention as amended(a), Succession to the Convention as amended(d)</i>	
Afghanistan.....	16 Aug	1954			Egypt.....	29 Sep	1954		
Albania.....			2 Jul	1957 a	Ethiopia.....			21 Jan	1969
Algeria			20 Nov	1963 a	Fiji	12 Jun	1972		
Antigua and Barbuda.....	25 Oct	1988 P			Finland	19 Mar	1954		
Australia.....	9 Dec	1953			France	14 Feb	1963		
Austria	16 Jul	1954			Germany ³	29 May	1973		
Azerbaijan.....	16 Aug	1996			Greece.....	12 Dec	1955		
Bahamas (The).....	10 Jun	1976			Guatemala.....	11 Nov	1983		
Bahrain.....			27 Mar	1990 a	Guinea.....	12 Jul	1962		
Bangladesh.....	7 Jan	1985			Hungary	26 Feb	1958		
Barbados	22 Jul	1976			India	12 Mar	1954		
Belarus			13 Sep	1956 a	Iraq.....	23 May	1955		
Belgium	13 Dec	1962			Ireland.....	31 Aug	1961		
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....	6 Oct	1983			Israel	12 Sep	1955		
Bosnia and Herzegovina ²			1 Sep	1993 d	Italy.....	4 Feb	1954		
Brazil			6 Jan	1966 a	Jamaica			30 Jul	1964 d
Cameroon.....	27 Jun	1984			Jordan.....			5 May	1959 a
Canada	17 Dec	1953			Kazakhstan.....	1 May	2008 P		
Chile.....	20 Jun	1995			Kuwait			28 May	1963 a
Croatia ²			12 Oct	1992 d	Kyrgyzstan.....			5 Sep	1997 a
Cuba.....	28 Jun	1954			Lesotho			4 Nov	1974 d
Cyprus.....			21 Apr	1986 d	Liberia.....	7 Dec	1953		
Denmark	3 Mar	1954			Libya.....			14 Feb	1957 a
Dominica	17 Aug	1994			Madagascar.....			12 Feb	1964 a
Ecuador.....	17 Aug	1955			Malawi.....			2 Aug	1965 a
					Mali.....	2 Feb	1973		
					Malta.....			3 Jan	1966 d

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Mauritania.....	6 Jun 1986		South Africa.....	29 Dec 1953	
Mauritius.....		18 Jul 1969 d	Spain.....	10 Nov 1976	
Mexico.....	3 Feb 1954		Sri Lanka.....		21 Mar 1958 a
Monaco.....	12 Nov 1954		St. Lucia.....	14 Feb 1990	
Mongolia.....		20 Dec 1968 a	St. Vincent and the Grenadines.....		9 Nov 1981
Montenegro ⁴		23 Oct 2006 d	Sudan.....		9 Sep 1957 d
Morocco.....	11 May 1959		Sweden.....	17 Aug 1954	
Myanmar.....	29 Apr 1957		Switzerland.....	7 Dec 1953	
Nepal.....		7 Jan 1963 a	Syrian Arab Republic....	4 Aug 1954	
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ⁵	7 Jul 1955		Trinidad and Tobago....		11 Apr 1966 d
New Zealand ⁶	16 Dec 1953		Tunisia.....		15 Jul 1966 a
Nicaragua.....	14 Jan 1986		Türkiye.....	14 Jan 1955	
Niger.....	7 Dec 1964		Turkmenistan.....	1 May 1997	
Nigeria.....		26 Jun 1961 d	Uganda.....		12 Aug 1964 a
Norway.....	11 Apr 1957		Ukraine.....		27 Jan 1959 a
Pakistan.....		30 Sep 1955 a	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	7 Dec 1953	
Papua New Guinea.....		27 Jan 1982 a	United Republic of Tanzania.....		28 Nov 1962 a
Paraguay.....	27 Sep 2007 P		United States of America.....	7 Mar 1956	
Philippines.....		12 Jul 1955 a	Uruguay.....		7 Jun 2001 a
Romania.....	13 Nov 1957		Viet Nam ⁸		14 Aug 1956 a
Russian Federation ⁷		8 Aug 1956 a	Yemen ⁹		9 Feb 1987 a
Saudi Arabia.....		5 Jul 1973 a	Zambia.....		26 Mar 1973 d
Serbia ²		12 Mar 2001 d			
Sierra Leone.....		13 Mar 1962 d			
Solomon Islands.....	3 Sep 1981				

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

BAHRAIN¹⁰

Notes:

¹ Signed on behalf of the Republic of China on 14 December 1955 (note 1 under "China" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume).

² The former Yugoslavia had accepted the Protocol on 21

March 1955 and, as such, participated in the Convention, as amended by the Protocol. 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.

³ A notification of reapplication of the Convention of 25 September 1926 was received on 16 July 1974 from the Government of the German Democratic Republic. As an instrument of acceptance of the amending Protocol of 7 December 1953 was deposited with the Secretary-General on the same date on behalf of the Government of the German Democratic Republic, the latter has been applying the Convention as amended since 16 July 1974. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁴ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ See note 1 under "Netherlands" regarding Aruba/Netherlands Antilles in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ See note 1 under "New Zealand" regarding Tokelau in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁷ By a communication received on 25 March 1959, the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics notified the Secretary-General that it confirms the accession of the Soviet Union to the Convention as amended, of which the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations advised the Secretary-General of the United Nations in its note of 8 August 1956 is thus the date on which the aforesaid Convention became formally applicable by the Soviet Union in its relations with other States.

⁸ The Republic of Viet Nam had acceded to the Convention on 14 August 1956. See also note 1 under "Viet Nam" in the

"Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁹ The formality was effected by Democratic Yemen. See also note 1 under "Yemen" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume

¹⁰ On 8 July 2021, the Government of Bahrain notified the Secretary-General of its withdrawal of the following reservation made upon accession:

"The accession by the State of Bahrain to the said Convention shall in no way constitute recognition of Israel or be a cause for the establishment of any relations of any kind therewith."

On 25 June 1990, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Israel the following objection concerning the reservation:

"The Government of the State of Israel has noted that the instruments of accession of Bahrain [to the Slavery Convention signed on 25 September 1926 and amended by the Protocol of 7 December 1953 and to the Supplementary Convention on the abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 7 September 1956] contain a declaration in respect of Israel.

"In the view of the Government of the State of Israel such declaration, which is explicitly of a political character is incompatible with the purposes and objectives of these Conventions and cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon Bahrain under general International Law or under particular Conventions.

"The Government of the State of Israel will, in so far as concerns the substance of the matter, adopt towards Bahrain an attitude of complete reciprocity."