

**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.....	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 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		Turkey.....	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

"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."

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 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."

