

**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		Finland.....	19 Mar 1954	
Albania.....		2 Jul 1957 a	France.....	14 Feb 1963	
Algeria.....		20 Nov 1963 a	Germany ³	29 May 1973	
Antigua and Barbuda.....	25 Oct 1988 P		Greece.....	12 Dec 1955	
Australia.....	9 Dec 1953		Guatemala.....	11 Nov 1983	
Austria.....	16 Jul 1954		Guinea.....	12 Jul 1963	
Azerbaijan.....	16 Aug 1996		Hungary.....	26 Feb 1958	
Bahamas.....	10 Jun 1976		India.....	12 Mar 1954	
Bahrain.....		27 Mar 1990 a	Iraq.....	23 May 1955	
Bangladesh.....	7 Jan 1985		Ireland.....	31 Aug 1961	
Barbados.....	22 Jul 1976		Israel.....	12 Sep 1955	
Belarus.....		13 Sep 1956 a	Italy.....	4 Feb 1954	
Belgium.....	13 Dec 1962		Jamaica.....		30 Jul 1964 d
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....	6 Oct 1983		Jordan.....		5 May 1959 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina ²		1 Sep 1993 d	Kazakhstan.....	1 May 2008 P	
Brazil.....		6 Jan 1966 a	Kuwait.....		28 May 1963 a
Cameroon.....	27 Jun 1984		Kyrgyzstan.....		5 Sep 1997 a
Canada.....	17 Dec 1953		Lesotho.....		4 Nov 1974 d
Chile.....	20 Jun 1995		Liberia.....	7 Dec 1953	
Croatia ²		12 Oct 1992 d	Libya.....		14 Feb 1957 a
Cuba.....	28 Jun 1954		Madagascar.....		12 Feb 1964 a
Cyprus.....		21 Apr 1986 d	Malawi.....		2 Aug 1965 a
Denmark.....	3 Mar 1954		Mali.....	2 Feb 1973	
Dominica.....	17 Aug 1994		Malta.....		3 Jan 1966 d
Ecuador.....	17 Aug 1955		Mauritania.....	6 Jun 1986	
Egypt.....	29 Sep 1954		Mauritius.....		18 Jul 1969 d
Ethiopia.....		21 Jan 1969	Mexico.....	3 Feb 1954	
Fiji.....	12 Jun 1972		Monaco.....	12 Nov 1954	
			Mongolia.....		20 Dec 1968 a

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

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."

