

**8. AGREEMENT ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA**

*New York, 23 May 1997*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 30 December 2001, in accordance with article 30(1).

**REGISTRATION:** 30 December 2001, No. 37925.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 21. Parties: 41.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2167, p. 271; and depositary notifications C.N.495.1998.TREATIES-5 of 7 October 1998 (procès-verbal of rectification of the French authentic text); C.N.858.2006.TREATIES-7 of 19 October 2006 (Corrections to the authentic Russian text of the Agreement).

*Note:* The Agreement was adopted on 23 May 1997 at the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. In accordance with its article 27, the Agreement was opened for signature by all States at United Nations Headquarters for a period of twenty-four months as from 1 July 1997.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Undertaking of provisional application in accordance with article 31</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a)</i>
Argentina .....	2 Jun 1998		20 Oct 2006
Australia.....	26 May 1999		11 May 2001
Austria .....			1 Oct 2001 a
Belgium .....	19 Mar 1999		30 Mar 2007
Belize.....			14 Sep 2005 a
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....			18 May 2006 a
Bulgaria .....			26 Nov 2008 a
Cameroon.....			30 Jul 2001 a
Chile.....			27 Sep 2007 a
Croatia .....	27 May 1999		8 Sep 2000
Cyprus.....			12 Jun 2003 a
Czech Republic.....			26 Oct 2001 a
Denmark .....			16 Nov 2004 a
Estonia .....			1 Feb 2008 a
Finland.....	31 Mar 1999		28 Jul 2006
France .....			12 May 2011 a
Germany .....	18 May 1999		8 Jun 2007
Ghana.....	30 Jun 1999		
Greece.....	1 Jul 1997		17 Oct 2007
India.....			14 Nov 2005 a
Ireland.....			9 Feb 2011 a
Italy.....			19 Jul 2006 a
Jamaica .....			1 Dec 2005 a
Jordan.....	17 Apr 1998		
Kuwait .....	15 Jun 1999		2 Aug 2002
Lebanon .....	15 Jun 1999		23 Jul 2002
Liberia.....			16 Sep 2005 a

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Undertaking of provisional application in accordance with article 31</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a)</i>
Lithuania.....			1 Nov 2005 a
Malta.....			24 Apr 2013 a
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>1</sup> .....	28 Aug 1998		25 Mar 1999
Norway.....	1 Jul 1997	1 Jul 1997	1 Aug 1997
Oman.....	28 Sep 1998		
Panama.....			1 Mar 2005 a
Poland.....			2 Oct 2007 a
Portugal.....	30 Jun 1999		8 Oct 2009
Qatar.....			27 Jul 2005 a
Republic of Korea.....			26 Oct 2004 a
Russian Federation.....			26 Jul 2007 a
Saudi Arabia.....			30 Nov 2001 a
Senegal.....	1 Jul 1997		
Slovakia.....	22 Jun 1999		20 Apr 2000
Slovenia.....			15 Jun 2006 a
Spain.....			9 Jan 2001 a
Sri Lanka.....	30 Jun 1999		
Tunisia.....	9 Apr 1999		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	3 Dec 1997		17 May 2006
United Republic of Tanzania.....	17 Dec 1998		
Uruguay.....			6 Jul 2006 a

***Declarations and reservations***

***(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon notification of undertaking of provisional application, ratification or accession.)***

**ARGENTINA**

The Republic of Argentina will accord such privileges and immunities as are specified in the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, adopted in New York on 23 May 1997, to members of the Secretariat of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea who are nationals or permanent residents in its territory to the extent necessary for the adequate fulfillment of their duties. With regard to fiscal and customs matters those members will be subject to the national norms application in its territory.

**FRANCE**

France intends to limit the exemption from taxation provided for under article 11, paragraph 1, of the

Agreement to the salaries and emoluments paid by the Tribunal to members and officials thereof, excluding any allowances paid to them by the Tribunal. Moreover, in the case of members and officials of the Tribunal residing in France, France intends to retain the option to take the exempted income into account in determining the tax rate applicable to the total income of such persons.

**ITALY**

"With regard to the above-mentioned Agreement, Italy interprets Article 11, par. 2, and Article 16, paragraph 4 as referred exclusively to income paid by the Court, this excluding any exemption for income from other sources."

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

On 7 January 2009, upon its ratification to the Agreement, the Government of the Netherlands notified the Secretary-General that the Agreement will apply to the Netherlands Antilles.

23 July 2014

Territorial Application in respect of Aruba.

