

**9. PROTOCOL ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
SEABED AUTHORITY**

*Kingston, 27 March 1998*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 31 May 2003, in accordance with article 18 see article 18 which reads as follows : "1. The Protocol shall enter into force 30 days after the date of deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession. 2. For each member of the Authority which ratifies, approves or accepts this Protocol or accedes thereto after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession. This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the deposit of its instrument of ratification approval, acceptance or accession."

**REGISTRATION:** 31 May 2003, No. 39357.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 28. Parties: 48.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series* , vol. 2214. p. 133.

*Note:* The Protocol was adopted by the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, on 27 March 1998, during its first part of the fourth session. In accordance with its article 15, the Protocol will be opened for signature by all Members of the Authority at the Headquarters of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, from 17 until 28 August 1998. The formal signing ceremony is scheduled for 26-27 August 1998. Subsequently, it will be opened for signature until 16 August 2000 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a)</i>
Albania.....		22 Oct 2015 a	Guyana.....		25 Oct 2011 a
Antigua and Barbuda.....		3 May 2016 a	India.....		14 Nov 2005 a
Argentina.....		20 Oct 2006 a	Indonesia.....	26 Aug 1998	
Austria.....		25 Sep 2003 a	Iraq.....		16 Feb 2016 a
Bahamas.....	26 Aug 1998		Ireland.....		9 Feb 2011 a
Brazil.....	27 Aug 1998	16 Nov 2007	Italy.....	18 May 2000	19 Jul 2006
Bulgaria.....		10 Feb 2009 a	Jamaica.....	26 Aug 1998	25 Sep 2002
Burkina Faso.....		6 Oct 2017 a	Jordan.....		21 Dec 2017 a
Cameroon.....		28 Aug 2002 a	Kenya.....	26 Aug 1998	
Chile.....	14 Apr 1999	8 Feb 2005	Lithuania.....		26 Sep 2012 a
Côte d'Ivoire.....	25 Sep 1998		Malta.....	26 Jul 2000	
Croatia.....		8 Sep 2000 a	Mauritius.....		22 Dec 2004 a
Cuba.....		11 Jul 2008 a	Mozambique.....		12 Jan 2009 a
Czech Republic.....	1 Aug 2000	26 Oct 2001	Namibia.....	24 Sep 1999	
Denmark.....		16 Nov 2004 a	Netherlands (Kingdom of the).....	26 Aug 1998	21 Nov 2002 A
Egypt.....	26 Apr 2000	20 Jun 2001	Nigeria.....		1 May 2003 a
Estonia.....		1 Feb 2008 a	North Macedonia.....	17 Sep 1998	
Finland.....	31 Mar 1999	31 Oct 2007 A	Norway.....		10 May 2006 a
France.....		23 Jan 2012 a	Oman.....	19 Aug 1999	12 Mar 2004
Georgia.....		4 Apr 2018 a	Pakistan.....	9 Sep 1999	
Germany.....		8 Jun 2007 a	Panama.....		31 May 2017 a
Ghana.....	12 Jan 1999	23 Sep 2016	Poland.....		2 Oct 2007 a
Greece.....	14 Oct 1998	12 Dec 2022	Portugal.....	6 Apr 2000	2 Feb 2007
Guinea.....		6 Apr 2016 a			

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Romania.....		14 Jun 2018 a	Sudan .....	6 Aug 1999	
Saudi Arabia .....	11 Oct 1999		Togo.....		11 Jun 2012 a
Senegal.....	11 Jun 1999	11 Jul 2016	Trinidad and Tobago .....	26 Aug 1998	10 Aug 2005
Slovakia .....	22 Jun 1999	20 Apr 2000	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	19 Aug 1999	2 Nov 2000
Slovenia .....		1 Apr 2008 a	Uruguay .....	21 Oct 1998	6 Jul 2006 a
Spain .....	14 Sep 1999	9 Jan 2001			

***Declarations and reservations  
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were  
made upon ratification, approval, acceptance or accession.)***

**ARGENTINA**

The Republic of Argentina will accord such privileges and immunities as are specified in the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority, adopted in Kingston on 27 March 1998, to members of the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority 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 applied in its territory.

**CHILE**

The Government of Chile expresses a reservation with respect to article 8, paragraph 2 (d) of the Protocol, as that provision will not exempt its nationals from national service obligations.

**CUBA**

Article 14, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Protocol shall not apply to the Republic of Cuba,  
which shall settle on a bilateral basis, by negotiation, any dispute arising with the International Seabed Authority concerning the interpretation or application of the aforementioned Protocol.

**FRANCE**

France intends to limit the exemption from taxation provided for in articles 8 (c) and 9 (e) of the Protocol:

- To the officials of the Authority referred to in article 8, excluding the experts on mission for the Authority referred to in article 9;
- To the salaries and emoluments received from the Authority by these officials, excluding any other form of payment which may be made to them by the Authority.

**JORDAN**

... with reservations to articles 8 (2) (c), 8 (2) (g), 14 (1) (b) and 14 (2)...

*Territorial Application*

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the notification</i>	<i>Territories</i>
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	7 Jan 2009	Netherlands Antilles