

**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 18see 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: 47.

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

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Portugal.....	6 Apr 2000	2 Feb 2007	Sudan	6 Aug 1999	
Romania.....		14 Jun 2018 a	Togo.....		11 Jun 2012 a
Saudi Arabia	11 Oct 1999		Trinidad and Tobago	26 Aug 1998	10 Aug 2005
Senegal.....	11 Jun 1999	11 Jul 2016	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	19 Aug 1999	2 Nov 2000
Slovakia	22 Jun 1999	20 Apr 2000	Uruguay	21 Oct 1998	6 Jul 2006 a
Slovenia		1 Apr 2008 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	7 Jan 2009	Netherlands Antilles