

CHAPTER XXIV

OUTER SPACE

1. CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

New York, 12 November 1974

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 15 September 1976, in accordance with article VIII(3).

REGISTRATION: 15 September 1976, No. 15020.

STATUS: Signatories: 25. Parties: 69.

TEXT: United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1023, p. 15.

Note: The Convention was adopted by resolution [3235 \(XXIX\)](#)¹ of the General Assembly dated 12 November 1974, pursuant to resolution [3182 \(XXVIII\)](#)² dated 18 December 1973 and taking into account the report of the Committee on the Pacific Uses of Outer Space. The Convention was opened for signature on 14 January 1975.

| <i>Participant</i> | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i> | <i>Participant</i> | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i> |
|--|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Algeria | | 9 Mar 2007 a | India | | 18 Jan 1982 a |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | 13 Dec 1988 d | Indonesia | | 16 Jul 1997 a |
| Argentina | 26 Mar 1975 | 5 May 1993 | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 27 May 1975 | |
| Armenia | | 19 Jan 2018 a | Italy | | 8 Dec 2005 a |
| Australia | | 11 Mar 1986 a | Japan | | 20 Jun 1983 a |
| Austria | 14 Oct 1975 | 6 Mar 1980 | Kazakhstan | | 11 Jan 2001 a |
| Belarus | 30 Jun 1975 | 26 Jan 1978 | Kuwait | | 28 Apr 2014 a |
| Belgium | 19 Mar 1975 | 24 Feb 1977 | Lebanon | | 12 Apr 2006 a |
| Brazil | | 17 Mar 2006 a | Libya | | 8 Jan 2010 a |
| Bulgaria | 4 Feb 1976 | 11 May 1976 | Liechtenstein | | 26 Feb 1999 a |
| Burundi | 13 Nov 1975 | | Lithuania | | 8 Mar 2013 a |
| Canada | 14 Feb 1975 | 4 Aug 1976 | Mexico | 19 Dec 1975 | 1 Mar 1977 |
| Chile | | 17 Sep 1981 a | Mongolia | 30 Oct 1975 | 10 Apr 1985 |
| China ³ | | 12 Dec 1988 a | Montenegro ⁷ | | 23 Oct 2006 d |
| Colombia | | 10 Jan 2014 a | Morocco | | 19 Sep 2012 a |
| Costa Rica | | 14 Oct 2010 a | Netherlands ⁸ | | 26 Jan 1981 a |
| Cuba | | 10 Apr 1978 a | New Zealand ⁹ | | 23 Jan 2018 a |
| Cyprus | | 6 Jul 1978 a | Nicaragua | 13 May 1975 | 11 Jul 2017 |
| Czech Republic ⁴ | | 22 Feb 1993 d | Niger | 5 Aug 1976 | 22 Dec 1976 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | | 10 Mar 2009 a | Nigeria | | 6 Jul 2009 a |
| Denmark | 12 Dec 1975 | 1 Apr 1977 | Norway | | 28 Jun 1995 a |
| Finland | | 15 Jan 2018 a | Pakistan | 1 Dec 1975 | 27 Feb 1986 |
| France | 14 Jan 1975 | 17 Dec 1975 | Peru | | 21 Mar 1979 a |
| Germany ^{5,6} | 2 Mar 1976 | 16 Oct 1979 | Poland | 4 Dec 1975 | 22 Nov 1978 |
| Greece | | 27 May 2003 a | Portugal | | 2 Nov 2018 a |
| Hungary | 13 Oct 1975 | 26 Oct 1977 | Qatar | | 14 Mar 2012 a |

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|---|------------------|--|---|------------------|--|
| Republic of Korea..... | | 14 Oct 1981 a | Sweden..... | 9 Jun 1976 | 9 Jun 1976 |
| Russian Federation | 17 Jun 1975 | 13 Jan 1978 | Switzerland | 14 Apr 1975 | 15 Feb 1978 |
| Saudi Arabia | | 18 Jul 2012 a | Turkey..... | | 21 Jun 2006 a |
| Serbia ¹⁰ | | 12 Mar 2001 d | Ukraine | 11 Jul 1975 | 14 Sep 1977 |
| Seychelles | | 28 Dec 1977 a | United Arab Emirates | | 7 Nov 2000 a |
| Singapore..... | 31 Aug 1976 | | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland..... | 6 May 1975 | 30 Mar 1978 |
| Slovakia ⁴ | | 28 May 1993 d | United States of America..... | 24 Jan 1975 | 15 Sep 1976 |
| Slovenia | | 20 Feb 2019 d | Uruguay | | 18 Aug 1977 a |
| South Africa..... | | 27 Jan 2012 a | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | | 3 Nov 2016 a |
| Spain | | 20 Dec 1978 a | | | |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | | 27 Apr 1999 d | | | |

Declarations and Reservations
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)

TURKEY

Statement: "The Republic of Turkey declares that it will implement the provisions of this Convention only to the State Parties with which it has diplomatic relations."

Objections
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)

CYPRUS

"The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has examined the declaration made by the Government of the Republic of Turkey to the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (New York, 12 November 1974) on 21 June 2006 that 'it will implement the provisions of the Convention only to the States Parties with which it has diplomatic relations.'

In the view of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, this declaration amounts to a reservation. This reservation creates uncertainty as to the States Parties in respect of which Turkey is undertaking the obligations in the Convention, raises doubt as to the commitment of

Turkey to the object and purpose of the Convention and is contrary to its multilateral character. It also raises serious questions concerning the will of the Republic of Turkey to assume its obligation under international law to bona fide implement the provisions of the said Convention. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus therefore objects to the reservation made by the Government of the Republic of Turkey to the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space.

This reservation or the objection to it shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention of Objects Launched into Outer Space between the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Turkey."

Territorial Application

| <i>Participant</i> | <i>Date of receipt of the notification</i> | <i>Territories</i> |
|---|--|--|
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ³ | 30 Mar 1978 | Antigua, Brunei, Dominica, Solomon Islands, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Vincent and United Kingdom Territories |

Notifications made under article VII

(Organizations having made declarations accepting the rights and obligations of the Convention)

| <i>Participant</i> | <i>Date of receipt of the notification:</i> |
|--|---|
| European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites..... | 10 Jul 1997 |
| European Space Agency | 2 Jan 1979 |
| European Telecommunications Satellite Organization | 10 June 2014 |
| Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications | 10 July 2018 |

Notes:

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/9631), p. 16.*

² *Ibid., Supplement No. 30 (A/9030), p. 19.*

³ On 6 and 10 June 1997, the Secretary-General received communications concerning the status of Hong Kong from the Governments of the United Kingdom and China (see also note 2 under "China" and note 2 under "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" regarding Hong Kong in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume). Upon resuming the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong, China notified the Secretary-General that the Convention will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

⁴ Czechoslovakia had signed and ratified the Convention on 5 April 1976 and 26 July 1977, respectively. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ The German Democratic Republic had signed and ratified the Convention on 27 August 1975 and 12 May 1977, respectively. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁶ See note 1 under "Germany" regarding Berlin (West) in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁷ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁸ For the Kingdom in Europe and the Netherlands Antilles. See also note 1 under "Netherlands" regarding Ariba/Netherlands Antilles in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁹ With a territorial exclusion in respect of Tokelau. See C.N.48.2018.TREATIES-XXIV.1 of 23 January 2018.

¹⁰ The former Yugoslavia had acceded to the Convention on 24 February 1978. 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.

