

## 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: 76.  
**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1023, p. 15.

*Note:* The Convention was adopted by resolution [3235 \(XXIX\)](#)<sup>1</sup> of the General Assembly dated 12 November 1974, pursuant to resolution [3182 \(XXVIII\)](#)<sup>2</sup> 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	Greece .....		27 May 2003 a
Antigua and Barbuda.....		13 Dec 1988 d	Hungary .....	13 Oct 1975	26 Oct 1977
Argentina .....	26 Mar 1975	5 May 1993	India .....		18 Jan 1982 a
Armenia .....		19 Jan 2018 a	Indonesia.....		16 Jul 1997 a
Australia.....		11 Mar 1986 a	Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	27 May 1975	
Austria .....	14 Oct 1975	6 Mar 1980	Italy .....		8 Dec 2005 a
Bahrain.....		6 Jul 2021 a	Japan .....		20 Jun 1983 a
Belarus .....	30 Jun 1975	26 Jan 1978	Kazakhstan.....		11 Jan 2001 a
Belgium .....	19 Mar 1975	24 Feb 1977	Kuwait .....		28 Apr 2014 a
Brazil .....		17 Mar 2006 a	Lebanon .....		12 Apr 2006 a
Bulgaria .....	4 Feb 1976	11 May 1976	Libya.....		8 Jan 2010 a
Burundi .....	13 Nov 1975		Liechtenstein.....		26 Feb 1999 a
Canada .....	14 Feb 1975	4 Aug 1976	Lithuania.....		8 Mar 2013 a
Chile.....		17 Sep 1981 a	Luxembourg.....		27 Jan 2021 a
China <sup>3</sup> .....		12 Dec 1988 a	Mexico .....	19 Dec 1975	1 Mar 1977
Colombia .....		10 Jan 2014 a	Mongolia.....	30 Oct 1975	10 Apr 1985
Costa Rica.....		14 Oct 2010 a	Montenegro <sup>7</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d
Cuba.....		10 Apr 1978 a	Morocco.....		19 Sep 2012 a
Cyprus.....		6 Jul 1978 a	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>8</sup> .....		26 Jan 1981 a
Czech Republic <sup>4</sup> .....		22 Feb 1993 d	New Zealand <sup>9</sup> .....		23 Jan 2018 a
Democratic People's Republic of Korea....		10 Mar 2009 a	Nicaragua.....	13 May 1975	11 Jul 2017
Denmark .....	12 Dec 1975	1 Apr 1977	Niger .....	5 Aug 1976	22 Dec 1976
Djibouti.....		14 Jul 2022 a	Nigeria .....		6 Jul 2009 a
Finland.....		15 Jan 2018 a	Norway .....		28 Jun 1995 a
France .....	14 Jan 1975	17 Dec 1975	Oman .....		10 Feb 2022 a
Germany <sup>5,6</sup> .....	2 Mar 1976	16 Oct 1979			

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Pakistan.....	1 Dec 1975	27 Feb 1986	South Africa.....		27 Jan 2012 a
Paraguay .....		19 Jan 2023 a	Spain .....		20 Dec 1978 a
Peru.....		21 Mar 1979 a	St. Vincent and the Grenadines .....		27 Apr 1999 d
Philippines .....		14 May 2024 a	Sweden.....	9 Jun 1976	9 Jun 1976
Poland.....	4 Dec 1975	22 Nov 1978	Switzerland .....	14 Apr 1975	15 Feb 1978
Portugal.....		2 Nov 2018 a	Türkiye.....		21 Jun 2006 a
Qatar .....		14 Mar 2012 a	Ukraine .....	11 Jul 1975	14 Sep 1977
Republic of Korea.....		14 Oct 1981 a	United Arab Emirates ....		7 Nov 2000 a
Romania.....		9 Feb 2023 a	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	6 May 1975	30 Mar 1978
Russian Federation .....	17 Jun 1975	13 Jan 1978	United States of America.....	24 Jan 1975	15 Sep 1976
Saudi Arabia .....		18 Jul 2012 a	Uruguay .....		18 Aug 1977 a
Serbia <sup>10</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) .....		3 Nov 2016 a
Seychelles .....		28 Dec 1977 a			
Singapore.....	31 Aug 1976				
Slovakia <sup>4</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d			
Slovenia .....		20 Feb 2019 d			

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

**TÜRKIYE**

*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	30 Mar 1978	Antigua, Brunei, Dominica, Solomon Islands, St. Kitts-Nevis-

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of receipt of the notification</i>	<i>Territories</i>
Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>3</sup>		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:***

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>8</sup> 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.

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

<sup>10</sup> 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.

