12. CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE NON-NAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES

New York, 21 May 1997

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 17 August 2014, in accordance with article 36(1).

REGISTRATION: 17 August 2014, No. 52106.


Note: By resolution A/RES/51/229 of 21 May 1997, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted at its 51 session, the said Convention. In accordance with its article 34, the Convention shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York, on 21 May 1997 and will remain open to all States and regional economic integration organizations for signature until 21 May 2000.

### Declaratory Provisions

**participant** | **signature** | **approval(AA), acceptance(A), accession(a), ratification**
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Burkina Faso | 22 Mar 2011 a | Netherlands 9 Mar 2000 9 Jan 2001 A
Chad | 26 Sep 2012 a | Niger 20 Feb 2013 a
Côte d'Ivoire | 25 Feb 2014 | Nigeria 27 Sep 2010
Denmark | 30 Apr 2012 a | Norway 30 Sep 1998 30 Sep 1998
France | 24 Feb 2011 a | Portugal 22 Jun 1997 22 Jun 2005
Germany | 15 Jan 2007 | Qatar 28 Feb 2002 a
Greece | 2 Dec 2010 a | Spain 24 Sep 2009 a
Guinea-Bissau | 19 May 2010 a | State of Palestine 2 Jan 2015 a
Hungary | 26 Jan 2000 AA | Sweden 15 Jun 2000 a
Ireland | 20 Dec 2013 a | Tunisia 19 May 2000 22 Apr 2009
Italy | 30 Nov 2012 a | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 13 Dec 2013 a
Jordan | 22 Jun 1999 | Uzbekistan 4 Sep 2007 a
Lebanon | 25 May 1999 a | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) 22 Sep 1997
Libya | 14 Jun 2005 a | Viet Nam 19 May 2014 a
Luxembourg | 8 Jun 2012 | Yemen 17 May 2000
Montenegro | 24 Sep 2013 a |
Morocco | 13 Apr 2011 a |

**Declarations and Reservations**
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.)
DENMARK
Until further notice, the Convention shall not apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

HUNGARY
"The Government of the Republic of Hungary declares itself bound by either of the two means for the settlement of disputes (International Court of Justice, arbitration), reserving its right to agree on the competent body of jurisdiction, as the case may be."

MONTENEGRO
"Montenegro declares that in respect of any dispute not resolved in accordance with Article 33 paragraph 2 of the said Convention, Montenegro recognizes as compulsory ipso facto, and without special agreement in relationship to any party accepting the same obligation:
1. Submission of the dispute to the International Court of Justice; and/or
2. Arbitration by an arbitral tribunal established and operating, unless the parties to the dispute otherwise agreed, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the annex to the present Convention."

NETHERLANDS
"The Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in accordance with paragraph 10 of Article 33 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, that it accepts both means of dispute settlement referred to in that paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting one or both means of dispute settlement."

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
The acceptance by the Syrian Arab Republic of this Convention and its ratification by the Government shall not under any circumstances be taken to imply recognition of Israel and shall not lead to its entering into relations therewith that are governed by its provisions.

VIET NAM
"The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam reserves the right to choose the appropriate means of dispute settlement notwithstanding the decision of the other party to the concerned dispute."

Objections
(Unless otherwise indicated, the objections were made upon ratification, acceptance approval or accession.)

ISRAEL
In regard to the reservation made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon ratification:
"In view of the Government of the State of Israel such reservation, which is explicitly of a political nature, is incompatible with the purposes and objectives of this Convention and cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon the Syrian Arab Republic under general international treaty law or under particular conventions. The Government of the State of Israel will, in so far as concerns the substance of the matter, adopt towards the Syrian Arab Republic an attitude of complete reciprocity."

Notes:
1 For the purpose of entry into force of the [Convention/Protocol], any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited by a regional economic integration organization shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by member States of that Organization.