

**4. b) Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context**

*Kiev, 21 May 2003*

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*Note:* The above Protocol was adopted on 21 May 2003 by the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Convention of 25 February 1991 on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context held in Kiev, from 21 to 23 May 2003. The Protocol was opened for signature from 21 to 23 May 2003 in Kiev, and will remain open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 31 December 2003 by States members of the Economic Commission for Europe as well as States having consultative status with the Economic Commission for Europe, pursuant to paragraphs 8 and 11 of Economic and Social Council resolution [36 \(IV\)](#) of 28 March 1947, and by regional economic integration organizations constituted by sovereign States members of the Economic Commission for Europe to which their member States have transferred competence over matters governed by the Protocol, including the competence to enter into treaties in respect of these matters.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature, Succession to signature(d)</i>	<i>Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature, Succession to signature(d)</i>	<i>Approval(AA), Acceptance(A), Accession(a), Succession(d), Ratification</i>
Albania.....	21 May 2003	2 Dec 2005	Latvia.....	21 May 2003	23 Mar 2016
Armenia .....	21 May 2003	24 Jan 2011	Lithuania.....	21 May 2003	22 Mar 2011
Austria .....	21 May 2003	23 Mar 2010	Luxembourg.....	21 May 2003	2 Jul 2008
Belgium .....	21 May 2003		Malta.....		20 May 2016 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina .....	21 May 2003	20 Jul 2017	Montenegro <sup>2</sup> .....	23 Oct 2006 d	2 Nov 2009
Bulgaria .....	21 May 2003	25 Jan 2007	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>3</sup> .....	21 May 2003	8 Dec 2009 A
Croatia .....	23 May 2003	6 Oct 2009	North Macedonia .....	21 May 2003	13 Sep 2013
Cyprus.....	21 May 2003	15 Feb 2017	Norway .....	21 May 2003	11 Oct 2007 AA
Czech Republic.....	21 May 2003	19 Jul 2005	Poland .....	21 May 2003	21 Jun 2011
Denmark .....	21 May 2003	4 Jun 2012 AA	Portugal.....	21 May 2003	4 Sep 2012 AA
Estonia .....	21 May 2003	12 Apr 2010	Republic of Moldova.....	21 May 2003	12 Feb 2019
European Union.....	21 May 2003	12 Nov 2008 AA	Romania.....	21 May 2003	8 Mar 2010
Finland .....	21 May 2003	18 Apr 2005 A	Serbia .....	21 May 2003	8 Jul 2010
France .....	21 May 2003		Slovakia .....	19 Dec 2003	29 May 2008
Georgia .....	21 May 2003		Slovenia .....	22 May 2003	23 Apr 2010
Germany .....	21 May 2003	22 Feb 2007	Spain .....	21 May 2003	24 Sep 2009
Greece.....	21 May 2003		Sweden.....	21 May 2003	30 Mar 2006
Hungary .....	21 May 2003	26 Nov 2010 AA	Ukraine .....	21 May 2003	2 Dec 2015
Ireland.....	21 May 2003		United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.....	21 May 2003	
Italy.....	21 May 2003	18 Jul 2016			

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

**BELGIUM**

This signature engages also the Walloon region, the Flemish region, and the Brussels-Capital region.

**DENMARK**

“Both the Faroe Islands and Greenland are self-governing under Home Rule Acts, which implies *inter alia* that environmental affairs in general and the areas covered by the Protocol are governed by the right of self-determination.

Signing by Denmark of the Protocol, therefore does not necessarily mean that Danish ratification will in due course include the Faroe Islands and Greenland.”

**Territorial Exclusion:**

Until further notice the Protocol shall not apply to the Faroe Islands.

**EUROPEAN UNION**

"In accordance with Article 23(5), of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the 1991 UN/ECE Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context,

The European Community declares that, in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 175(1) thereof, it is competent to enter into international agreements, and to implement the obligations resulting therefrom, which contribute to the pursuit of the following objectives:

- preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment,
- protecting human health,
- prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources,
- promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems.

Moreover the European Community declares that it has already adopted legal instruments, including Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and the Council concerning the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, binding on its Member States, covering matters governed by this Protocol, and will submit and update, as appropriate, a list of those

legal instruments to the Depositary in accordance with Article 23(5) of the Protocol.

The European Community is responsible for the performance of those obligations resulting from the Protocol which are covered by Community law.

The exercise of Community competence is, by its nature, subject to continuous development."

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**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

