

No. 25986. CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA. CONCLUDED AT HELSINKI ON 22 MARCH 1974¹

ACCESSIONS

Instruments deposited with the Government of Finland on:

22 January 1992

ESTONIA

(With effect from 22 January 1992.)

8 April 1992

LITHUANIA

(With effect from 8 April 1992.)

AMENDMENTS to articles 15, 26 and 27

The amendments were proposed by Denmark and Germany and communicated by the Government of Finland to the Contracting Parties on 1 May 1991. They came into force on 3 February 1993, i.e., 90 days after the date of receipt by the Government of Finland of notifications of acceptance by all the Contracting Parties, in accordance with article 23 (1) of the Convention:

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of the notification of acceptance</i>
Poland.....	23 September 1991
Finland.....	1 November 1991
Denmark.....	6 November 1991
Sweden.....	7 January 1992
Estonia.....	9 March 1992
Russian Federation.....	6 April 1992
Germany.....	13 October 1992
Lithuania.....	5 November 1992

The amendments read as follows:

Article 15

The following sentence shall be added to paragraph 3 as the second sentence:

“In addition to the contributions made by its Member States the European Economic Community will contribute at most 2,5% of the administrative costs of the budget.”

Article 26

The following paragraph shall be added:

“1 *bis*. The present Convention shall be open for accession by the European Economic Community. Within the area of its competence, the European Economic Community is entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of its Member States which are Contracting Parties to the present Convention. The European Economic Community

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1507, p. 167, and annex A of volume 1721.

shall not exercise its rights to vote in cases where its Member States exercise theirs and conversely.”

Article 27

The following paragraph shall be added:

“2. For the European Economic Community acceding to the Convention according to Article 26 the Convention shall enter into force two months after the deposit of the instrument of accession.”

Authentic text of the amendments: English.

Certified statements were registered by Finland on 2 June 1993.
