

No. 8132

UNITED NATIONS

Amendments to Articles 23, 27 and 61 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolutions 1991 A and B (XVIII) of 17 December 1963 :

Protocol of entry into force of the above-mentioned amendments (with annex). Done at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, on 31 August 1965

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Amendements aux Articles 23, 27 et 61 de la Charte des Nations Unies adoptés par l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies dans les résolutions 1991 A et B (XVIII) du 17 décembre 1963 :

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No. 8132. AMENDMENTS¹ TO ARTICLES 23, 27 AND 61 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN RESOLUTIONS 1991 A AND B (XVIII) OF 17 DECEMBER 1963 :²

PROTOCOL OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AMENDMENTS. DONE AT THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, ON 31 AUGUST 1965

WHEREAS Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations provides as follows :

“ *Article 108*

“ Amendments to the present Charter shall come into force for all Members of the United Nations when they have been adopted by a vote of two thirds of the members of the General Assembly and ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by two thirds of the Members of the United Nations, including all the permanent members of the Security Council. ”,

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted on 17 December 1963, in accordance with the said Article 108, the amendments to Articles 23, 27 and 61 of the Charter of the United Nations as set forth in resolutions 1991 A and B (XVIII),²

WHEREAS the requirements of the said Article 108 with respect to the ratification of the above-mentioned amendments were fulfilled by 31 August 1965, as shown in the Annex to this Protocol, and the said amendments entered into force on that day for all Members of the United Nations,

¹ In accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Amendments came into force on 31 August 1965, the date on which two thirds of the Member States of the United Nations, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, had deposited their instruments of ratification. For the list of Member States having deposited instruments of ratification as of 31 August 1965, see p. 150 of this volume. Subsequently, instruments of ratification were deposited on behalf of the following States :

Cyprus	1 September 1965	Luxembourg	22 October 1965
Venezuela	1 September 1965	Dominican Republic	4 November 1965
Dahomey	17 September 1965	Bolivia	19 January 1966
Lebanon	27 September 1965	Cambodia	20 January 1966
Somalia	6 October 1965		

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/5515)*, p. 21.

AND WHEREAS the text of Articles 23, 27 and 61 of the Charter of the United Nations as amended reads as follows :

“ Article 23

“ 1. The Security Council shall consist of fifteen Members of the United Nations. The Republic of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America shall be permanent members of the Security Council. The General Assembly shall elect ten other Members of the United Nations to be non-permanent members of the Security Council, due regard being specially paid, in the first instance to the contribution of Members of the United Nations to the maintenance of international peace and security and to the other purposes of the Organization, and also to equitable geographical distribution.

“ 2. The non-permanent members of the Security Council shall be elected for a term of two years. In the first election of the non-permanent members after the increase of the membership of the Security Council from eleven to fifteen, two of the four additional members shall be chosen for a term of one year. A retiring member shall not be eligible for immediate re-election.

“ 3. Each member of the Security Council shall have one representative. ”,

“ Article 27

“ 1. Each member of the Security Council shall have one vote.

“ 2. Decisions of the Security Council on procedural matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members.

“ 3. Decisions of the Security Council on all other matters shall be made by an affirmative vote of nine members including the concurring votes of the permanent members; provided that, in decisions under Chapter VI, and under paragraph 3 of Article 52, a party to a dispute shall abstain from voting. ”,

“ Article 61

“ 1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of twenty-seven Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.

“ 2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, nine members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

“ 3. At the first election after the increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council from eighteen to twenty-seven members, in addition to the members elected in place of the six members whose term of office expires at the end of that year, nine additional members shall be elected. Of these nine additional members, the term of office of three members so elected shall expire at the end of one year, and of three other members at the end of two years, in accordance with arrangements made by the General Assembly.

“ 4. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one representative. ”,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, sign this Protocol in two original copies in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, of which one shall be deposited in the archives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and the other transmitted to the Government of the United States of America as the depositary of the Charter of the United Nations. Copies of this Protocol shall be communicated to all Members of the United Nations.

DONE at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, this thirty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.

U THANT
Secretary-General

ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 23, 27 AND 61 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 1991 A AND B (XVIII) OF 17 DECEMBER 1963

LIST OF MEMBERS HAVING DEPOSITED INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AMENDMENTS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AS OF 31 AUGUST 1965

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date of deposit</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Date of deposit</i>
JAMAICA	12 March 1964	NEPAL	3 December 1964
THAILAND	23 March 1964	NIGERIA	5 December 1964
ALGERIA	26 March 1964	ALBANIA	7 December 1964
GHANA	4 May 1964	YUGOSLAVIA	9 December 1964
TUNISIA	29 May 1964	MADAGASCAR	14 December 1964
CAMEROON	25 June 1964	NETHERLANDS	14 December 1964
ETHIOPIA	22 July 1964	UNITED ARAB REPUB-	
CENTRAL AFRICAN		LIC	16 December 1964
REPUBLIC	6 August 1964	NORWAY	17 December 1964
JORDAN	7 August 1964	SWEDEN	18 December 1964
GABON	11 August 1964	CUBA	22 December 1964
UPPER VOLTA	11 August 1964	BRAZIL	23 December 1964
TRINIDAD and To-		KUWAIT	28 December 1964
BAGO	18 August 1964	POLAND	8 January 1965
GUINEA	19 August 1964	DENMARK	12 January 1965
TOGO	19 August 1964	IRAN	12 January 1965
NEW ZEALAND	26 August 1964	BULGARIA	13 January 1965
LIBYA	27 August 1964	FINLAND	18 January 1965
NIGER	8 September 1964	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	19 January 1965
CANADA	9 September 1964	MAURITANIA	29 January 1965
INDIA	10 September 1964	ROMANIA	5 February 1965
LIBERIA	21 September 1964	UNION OF SOVIET SO-	
MALI	23 September 1964	CIALIST REPUBLICS	10 February 1965
IVORY COAST	2 October 1964	UGANDA	10 February 1965
AUSTRIA	7 October 1964	HUNGARY	23 February 1965
COSTA RICA	7 October 1964	SYRIAN ARAB REPUB-	
UNITED REPUBLIC OF		LIC	24 February 1965
TANZANIA	7 October 1964	AFGHANISTAN	25 February 1965
IRELAND	27 October 1964	MONGOLIA	10 March 1965
KENYA	28 October 1964	PAKISTAN	25 March 1965
CHAD	2 November 1964	SIERRA LEONE	25 March 1965
ICELAND	6 November 1964	LAOS	20 April 1965
MOROCCO	9 November 1964	SENEGAL	23 April 1965
PHILIPPINES	9 November 1964	ZAMBIA	28 April 1965
CEYLON	13 November 1964	BELGIUM	29 April 1965
RWANDA	17 November 1964	MEXICO	5 May 1965
IRAQ	25 November 1964	SUDAN	7 May 1965
EL SALVADOR	1 December 1964		

<i>Member</i>	<i>Date of deposit</i>		<i>Member</i>	<i>Date of deposit</i>	
ISRAEL	13 May	1965	MALTA	23 June	1965
UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUB- LIC	17 May	1965	TURKEY	1 July	1965
MALAYSIA	26 May	1965	CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)	7 July	1965
MALAWI	2 June	1965	YEMEN	7 July	1965
BURMA	3 June	1965	PANAMA	27 July	1965
JAPAN	4 June	1965	GREECE	2 August	1965
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	4 June	1965	CHINA	2 August	1965
AUSTRALIA	9 June	1965	SPAIN	5 August	1965
SAUDI ARABIA	17 June	1965	PARAGUAY	17 August	1965
BYELORUSSIAN SO- VIET SOCIALIST RE- PUBLIC	22 June	1965	GUATEMALA	18 August	1965
			BURUNDI	23 August	1965
			FRANCE	24 August	1965
			ITALY	25 August	1965
			CHILE	31 August	1965
			ECUADOR	31 August	1965
			UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	31 August	1965
Total number of instruments deposited					95
Membership in the United Nations as at 31 August 1965					114
Number of ratifications required under Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations to bring the amendments into force (two thirds of the Members of the United Nations, including all the permanent members of the Security Council)					
The last of the instruments of ratification of the permanent members of the Security Council was deposited on					
Date of entry into force of the amendments for all the Members of the United Nations					