
ANNEX A

No. 1610. CONVENTION ON THE DECLARATION OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSONS. ESTABLISHED AND OPENED FOR ACCESSION ON 6 APRIL 1950 BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DECLARATION OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSONS, AND EXTENDED BY THE PROTOCOL, OPENED FOR ACCESSION AT NEW YORK, ON 16 JANUARY 1957¹

PROTOCOL² FOR THE FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONVENTION. OPENED FOR ACCESSION AT NEW YORK, ON 15 JANUARY 1967

Official texts: English, French, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

Registered ex officio on 24 January 1967.

Considering that the United Nations Conference on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons established and opened for accession by States on 6 April 1950 the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons,¹

Considering that the period of validity of the Convention was to expire on 24 January 1957, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of article 17 of the Convention,

Considering that a Protocol for extending the period of validity of the Convention for a further period of ten years was opened for accession on 16 January 1957³ and, pursuant to the provisions of its section III (a), entered into force on 22 January 1957,

Considering that the period of validity of the Convention, as extended by the said Protocol, expires on 24 January 1967,

Deeming it necessary to extend the period of validity of the Convention, in order to achieve full realization of the aims and purposes of the Convention, as set forth in the preamble thereof,

The States acceding to this Protocol agree as follows:

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 119, p. 99; Vol. 128, p. 309; Vol. 171, p. 420; Vol. 222, p. 416; Vol. 227, p. 320; Vol. 258, p. 392; Vol. 274, p. 344; Vol. 276, p. 362; Vol. 291, p. 308; Vol. 314, p. 339, and Vol. 402, p. 312.

² In accordance with article 3, the Protocol entered into force on 24 January 1967, the date of deposit of the second instrument of accession, in respect of the following States on behalf of which the instruments of accession were deposited on the dates indicated:

China	23 January 1967
Guatemala	24 January 1967
Italy	24 January 1967
Pakistan	24 January 1967

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 258, p. 392; Vol. 274, p. 344; Vol. 276, p. 362; Vol. 291, p. 308; Vol. 314, p. 339, and Vol. 402, p. 312.

Article 1

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of article 17 of the Convention on the Declaration of Death of Missing Persons and section I of the Protocol for extending the period of its validity, opened for accession on 16 January 1957, the Convention shall remain in force for a further period of five years, subject to the provisions of this Protocol, as between States Parties to this Protocol.

Article 2

1. This Protocol shall be open for accession as from 15 January 1967 to the States Parties to the Convention as extended by the Protocol opened for accession on 16 January 1957 and to the other States referred to in article 13 of the Convention.

2. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. Accession by any State to this Protocol after 24 January 1967 shall be deemed also to be accession to the Convention as extended by this Protocol.

Article 3

1. This Protocol shall enter into force on the day of deposit of the second instrument of accession in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of article 2 of this Protocol.

2. For each State acceding to this Protocol after the deposit of the second instrument of accession, the Protocol shall enter into force on the date of deposit by such State of its instrument of accession.

Article 4

1. This Protocol may be denounced by any State Party to it at any time by means of a notification to the Secretary-General.

2. Denunciation shall take effect six months after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary-General.

3. Proceedings initiated prior to, but not concluded before, the date on which such denunciation becomes effective, may be continued on the initial basis until a final decision is reached, and the effects with regard to such decisions will be the same as if they had been rendered before the denunciation of the Convention as extended by this Protocol.

Article 5

The Secretary-General shall inform the States referred to in article 13 of the Convention of the date of entry into force, accessions to and denunciations of this Protocol.

Article 6

This Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States referred to in article 13 of the Convention.
