

No. 4834. CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON CONTAINERS, WITH ANNEXES AND PROTOCOL OF SIGNATURE. DONE AT GENEVA, ON 18 MAY 1956¹

ACCESSION

Instrument deposited on :

1 November 1967

ROMANIA

(To take effect on 30 January 1968.)

The instrument of accession by Romania to the above-mentioned Convention stipulates that the accession is made subject to the following declaration with regard to article 18, paragraph 1, of the Convention :

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

The Socialist Republic of Romania does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 17, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Convention.

The position of the Socialist Republic of Romania is that a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention can be submitted to arbitration only with the consent of all the parties in dispute.

In the two letters accompanying the instrument of accession, the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations, upon instructions of his Government, has made the following statements :

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

The Council of State of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the maintenance of the state of dependence of certain territories to which the provisions of article 16 of the Convention apply is not in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 14 December 1960 in resolution 1514 (XV), which proclaims the need to put an end to colonialism in all its forms and manifestations immediately and unconditionally.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania does not recognize the competence of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to extend to West Berlin the application of the Convention on Containers, done at Geneva on 18 May 1956, since West Berlin does not form part of the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 338, p. 103 ; for subsequent actions relating to this Convention, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 4 to 7, as well as Annex A in volumes 560, 587 and 600.