

No. 1734. AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTATION OF EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATERIALS, OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, ON 22 NOVEMBER 1950¹

ACCEPTANCE

Instrument deposited on :

24 November 1970

ROMANIA

With the following declarations:

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

The State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the maintenance of the state of dependence of certain territories to which the provisions of articles XIII and XIV of the Agreement refer is inconsistent with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, which was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1960, by resolution 1514 (XV),² which proclaims the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.

The State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the provisions of paragraph 1 of article IX are inconsistent with the principle that all multilateral treaties whose aim and purpose concern the international community as a whole should be open to universal participation.

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers null and void the signature of the Agreement on the importation of educational, scientific and cultural materials, done at Lake Success, New York, on 22 November 1950, by

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 131, p. 25; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 2 to 8, as well as annex A in volumes 618, 634, 640, 643, 682, 683, 735 and 751.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/4684)*, p. 66.

the self-styled authorities of Chiang Kai-shek, inasmuch as the only Government competent to assume obligations on behalf of China and to represent China at the international level is the Government of the People's Republic of China.¹

¹ In a communication received by the Secretary-General on 7 January 1971, the Government of the Republic of China declared the following:

“The Republic of China, a sovereign state and member of the United Nations, attended the Fifth Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization, contributed to the formulation of the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials and duly signed the said Agreement on 22 November 1950 at the Interim Headquarters of the United Nations at Lake Success. Any statement relating to the said Agreement that is incompatible with or derogatory to the legitimate position of the Government of the Republic of China shall in no way affect the rights and obligations of the Republic of China as a signatory of the said Agreement.”