

No. 9884. CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT. DONE AT BRUSSELS ON 11 JUNE 1968¹

ACCESSIONS

Instruments deposited with the Director-General of the Customs Co-operation Council on:

12 November 1970

BELGIUM

(To take effect on 12 February 1971.)

7 December 1970

ROMANIA

(To take effect on 7 March 1971.)

With the following declarations:

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

“The Council of State of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the continued state of dependence of certain Territories referred to in article 23 of the Convention is not in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 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 Council of State of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that the provisions of article 19 of the Convention are not in accordance with the principle that multilateral treaties whose aims and objectives are of interest to 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 signing of the Customs Convention on the temporary importation of scientific equipment, concluded at Brussels on 11 June 1968, by the so-called authorities of Chiang Kai-shek, because the only Government that has the right to assume obliga-

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 690, p. 97, and annex A in volumes 695, 713, 718, 724, 729, 735, 751, 754 and 759.

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

tions on behalf of China and to represent it at the international level is the Government of the People's Republic of China."¹

EXTENSION to the New Hebrides

Notification received by the Director-General of the Customs Co-operation Council on:

4 January 1971

FRANCE and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
(To take effect on 4 April 1971.)

Certified statements were registered by the Customs Co-operation Council on 30 January 1971.

¹ In a note dated on 29 January 1971, and addressed to the Customs Co-operation Council, the Government of the Republic of China declared as follows:

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

The Government of the Republic of China is the only legal Government of China, on behalf of which, under the terms of article 19 of the Customs Convention on the temporary importation of scientific equipment, concluded at Brussels, it has the right to sign the Convention and become a Contracting Party thereto. The statement accompanying the deposits of the instrument of accession of Romania and any other statement made subsequently which are incompatible with the position of the Government of the Republic of China are illegal, and should therefore be considered null and void.