

Summaries of the multilateral treaties deposited with other depositaries

Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, Montreal, 1 March 1991 (*)

The Convention requires each State Party to prohibit and prevent the manufacture in its territory of unmarked plastic explosives. Plastic explosives will be marked by introducing during the manufacturing process any one of the detection agents defined in the Technical Annex to the Convention. The Convention also requires each State Party to prohibit and prevent the movement into or out of its territory of unmarked explosives and to exercise strict and effective control over the possession of any existing stocks of unmarked explosives. Stocks of plastic explosives not held by authorities performing military and police functions are to be destroyed or consumed for purposes not inconsistent with the objectives of the Convention, marked or rendered permanently ineffective, within a period of three years from the entry into force of the Convention in respect of the State concerned.

The Convention also establishes an International Explosives Technical Commission, experts in the field of manufacture or detection of, or research in, explosives. The Commission will evaluate technical developments relating to the manufacture, marking and detection of explosives, report its findings, through the Council of ICAO, to all States Parties and international organizations concerned, and propose amendments to the Technical Annex to the Convention, as required.

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