Treaty Event – Focus 2006: Crossing Borders

Daily Report and Cumulative Report

DAILY REPORT
Wednesday, 20 September 2006

13 States undertook 20 treaty actions today. Of that number, nine States participated at the level of Minister for Foreign Affairs. There were a total of 8 signatures, 6 ratifications and 6 accessions. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

Refugees and Stateless Persons


Migrant Workers and Human Rights

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 (Accession by Bahrain).
- Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, 1989 (Signature by the Philippines/Accession by the Republic of Moldova).
- Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002 (Signatures by Germany and South Africa/Ratification by Benin).

Human Security and Trafficking in Persons and Firearms

• United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003 (Ratification by Bulgaria).

Recently Adopted Agreements


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CUMULATIVE REPORT
(13, 14, 15, 19 and 20 September 2006)

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42 States undertook 67 treaty actions. Of that number, 3 States participated at the level of Head of State or Government, and 15 States participated at the level of Minister for Foreign Affairs. There were a total of 25 signatures, 18 ratifications, 1 acceptance, 20 accessions, 1 partial withdrawal of a reservation, 1 withdrawal of a declaration, and 1 communication. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

Refugees and Stateless Persons

• Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, 1954 (Accession by Belize).
• Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, 1961 (Accession by New Zealand).

Migrant Workers and Human Rights

• International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 (Accessions by Bahrain and Maldives).
• Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 (Accession by Maldives).
• Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, 1989 (Signature by the Philippines/Accession by the Republic of Moldova).
• Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979 (Ratification by Bulgaria/Partial Withdrawal of a Reservation by Austria).
• Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002 (Signatures by Germany and South Africa/Ratification by Benin and Ukraine/Accessions by Armenia and Peru).

**Human Security and Trafficking in Persons and Firearms**

• United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003 (Ratifications by Bulgaria, Chile, Indonesia and Poland).

**Sustainable Development, Food Security and Ecological Migration**


**Disarmament and State Security**
• Amendment of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, 2001 (Ratification by Poland).

Recently Adopted Agreements

• Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, 2005 (Signatures by Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine and Uruguay).

Other Agreements

Privileges and Immunities:
• United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property, 2004 (Signatures by Denmark and Switzerland/Ratifications by Austria and Portugal).

Health:
• WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, 2003 (Ratification by Poland).

International Trade and Development:
• Agreement establishing the African Development Bank done in Khartoum on 4 August 1963, as amended by resolution 05-79 adopted by the Board of Governors on 17 May 1979, 1982 (Withdrawal of a Declaration by Norway).
• United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, 2005 (Signature by Madagascar).

Transport:

Navigation:
• Amendments to the Convention of the International Maritime Organization of 1948 relating to the Institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee, 1991 (Acceptance by Colombia).

Penal Matters:
• International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, 1997 (Communication by Canada).
• International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, 2005 (Ratification by Austria).
Commodities:
- *Food Aid Convention, 1999* (Accession by Poland).

Maintenance Obligations:

Environment:
- *Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1999* (Accession by Colombia).