Today fifteen (15) treaty actions were effected with the Secretary-General by nine (9) States; one (1) State participated at the level of Head of State, one (1) State participated at the level of Head of Government and five (5) States participated at the ministerial level.

There were a total of three (3) acceptances, two (2) accessions, nine (9) ratifications and one (1) signature. A breakdown of the treaty actions is provided below:

**Human Rights**

- Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (New York, 15 December 1989)
  (Ratification by Madagascar)

- Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
  (New York, 12 December 1995)
  (Acceptance by Benin)

  (Ratification by the Central African Republic)

- Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 18 December 2002)
  (Ratification by Madagascar)

**Refugees and Stateless Persons**

- Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (New York, 30 August 1961)
  (Accession by Luxembourg)

**Health**

- Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Seoul, 12 November 2012)
  (Ratification by Madagascar)
Disarmament

- Amendment to Article I 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 (Geneva, 21 December 2001) (Acceptance by Benin)

- Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (New York, 7 July 2017) (Signature by Lao People’s Democratic Republic)

Environment

- Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam, 10 September 1998) (Ratification by Turkey)

- Doha amendment to the Kyoto Protocol (Doha, 8 December 2012) (Acceptance by Luxembourg)

- Minamata Convention on Mercury (Kumamoto, 10 October 2013) (Accession by Lao People’s Democratic Republic; Ratification by Luxembourg)

- Paris Agreement (Paris, 12 December 2015) (Ratification by Cabo Verde and the Dominican Republic)

- Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Kigali, 15 October 2016) (Ratification by Tuvalu)

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