# 2023 Treaty Event: Towards Universal Participation in Multilateral Environmental Agreements for a Healthy Planet Daily Report

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Today nineteen (19) **treaty actions** were effected with the Secretary-General by eleven (11) States; eight (8) States participated at the **ministerial level**, two (2) States participated at the **ambassadorial level**, and one (1) State participated at **other level**.

There were a total of one (1) accession, one (1) acceptance, one (1) consent to be bound, eight (8) ratifications, and eight (8) signatures. A breakdown of the treaty actions is provided below:

## **Disarmament**

 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 (with Protocols I, II and III) (Geneva, 10 October 1980)

(Accession by Singapore with consent to be bound by Protocols I and III)

- Additional Protocol to 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 (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons) (Vienna, 13 October 1995) (Consent to be bound by Singapore)
- 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 Singapore)

### **International Trade and Development**

 United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships (New York, 7 December 2022)

(Signature by the United Republic of Tanzania)

# **Penal Matters**

 Amendment to article 124 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (The Hague, 26 November 2015)
 (Ratification by Germany)

- Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Weapons which use microbial or other biological agents, or toxins) (New York, 14 December 2017)
   (Ratification by Chile and Germany)
- Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Weapons the primary effect of which is to injury by fragments undetectable by x-rays in the human body) (New York, 14 December 2017)
   (Ratification by Chile and Germany)
- Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Blinding laser weapons) (New York, 14 December 2017) (Ratification by Chile and Germany)
- Amendment to article 8, paragraph 2 (e), of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Intentionally using starvation of civilians) (The Hague, 6 December 2019) (Ratification by Germany)

# Law of the Sea

 Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (New York, 19 June 2023)
 (Signature by Brazil, Dominica, Ecuador, Greece, Hungary, Morocco, and Poland)

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