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This publication contains information received up to 30 September 1997.

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AGRICULTURE		
Agreement on the Reconstitution of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux as C A B International with Agreed Minute ..	London 8 July, 1986	59/1987 Cm 387
Accession in London— South Africa	13 May, 1997	
ANIMALS AND CONSERVATION		
Convention on Biological Diversity ..	Rio de Janeiro 5 June, —14 June, 1992	51/1995 Cm 2915
Ratification— Namibia	16 May, 1997	
ARBITRATION		
Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes	The Hague 18 Oct., 1907	6/1971 Cmnd. 4575
Accession— Eritrea ..	5 Aug., 1997	
AVIATION		
Convention supplementary to the Warsaw Convention, for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air Performed by a Person other than the Contracting Carrier	Guadalajara Mexico 18 Sept., 1961	23/1964 Cmnd. 2354
Accession— Ghana ..	21 July, 1997	
Protocol relating to the Amendment of Article 50(a) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944	New York 12 Mar., 1971	62/1973 Cmnd. 5310
Ratification— Guatemala ..	20 Feb., 1997	
Protocol relating to an Amendment to Article 50(a) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944	Montreal 16 Oct., 1974	57/1980 Cmnd. 7960
Ratification— Nepal ..	9 June, 1997	
Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal 23 September 1971	Montreal 24 Feb., 1988	20/1991 Cmnd. 1470
Ratifications Brazil .. Moldova, Republic of	9 May, 1997 20 June, 1997	

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CONSERVATION		
Convention on International Trade in endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ..	Washington 3 Mar., 1973	101/1976 Cmnd. 6647
Ratification— Cambodia ..	4 July, 1997	
Accessions		
Antigua and Barbuda ..	8 July, 1997	
Jamaica ..	23 Apr., 1997	
Myanmar, Union of ..	13 June, 1997	
Uzbekistan ..	10 July, 1997	
Yemen, Republic of ..	5 May, 1997	
Note		
By a Note dated 5 June 1997, deposited on 6 June 1997 with the Swiss Government, as depositary, the Government of the <i>Kingdom of Sweden</i> made reservations with respect to the following species, listed in Appendix III of the Convention:		
<i>Vulpes vulpes gr thi</i>		
<i>Vulpes vulpes montana</i>		
<i>Vulpes vulpes pusilla</i>		
<i>Mustella erminea ferghanae</i>		
Note		
In a letter dated 9 June 1997, the Embassy of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> in Berne, made the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, as depositary:		
[<i>Translation</i>]		
"In accordance with Article 9 of the Convention, the Agriculture and Fishery Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has been designated as the Management Authority; the Advisory Committee for the Protection of Rare Animals and Plant Species of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the scientific authority."		
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals ..	Bonn 23 June, 1979	87/1990 Cm 1332
Ratification— Chad ..	23 June, 1997	
Accession— Peru ..	20 Mar., 1997	
CROATIA		
By an Exchange of Notes dated 20 May 1997 it was agreed that the bilateral agreements and arrangements which were valid on 29 May 1991 between the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which are listed below will be regarded as remaining in force between the Republic of Croatia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland without prejudice to the possibility, that any provision in any other bilateral agreement might remain in force between the two countries in accordance with international law:— ..		
Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Majesty the King of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (with Exchange of Notes) ..	London 12 May, 1927	6/1928 Cmd. 3065
Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of Yugoslavia regarding Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial Matters - -	London 27 Feb., 1936	28/1937 Cmd. 5542

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CROATIA (continued)		
Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia regarding Trade and Payments ..	London 27 Nov., 1936	27/1937 Cmd. 5540
Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Yugoslavia regarding Compensation for British Property, Rights and Interests affected by Yugoslav Measures of Nationalisation, Expropriation, Dispossession and Liquidation (with Exchange of Notes)	London 23 Dec., 1948	2/1949 Cmd. 7600
Convention on Social Security between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia	London 24 May, 1958	45/1948 Cmnd. 561
Agreement for Administering the Convention on Social Security between the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, signed in London on 24 May, 1958 ..	Belgrade 20 Nov., 1959	
Consular Convention between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (with Protocols of Signature)	Belgrade 21 Apr., 1965	74/1966 Cmnd. 3147
Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the International Carriage of Goods by Road	London 3 Feb., 1969	18/1970 Cmnd. 4284
Exchange of Notes between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia concerning the Abolition of Visas ..	Belgrade 29 Apr., 1969	95/1969 Cmnd. 4142
Exchange of Notes between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia amending the Agreement of 29 April 1969 concerning the Abolition of Visas ..	Belgrade 19 Feb., and 4 Mar., 1970	39/1970 Cmnd. 4390
Convention between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income with Yugoslav Full Powers and Exchange of Notes concerning entry into force ..	London 6 Nov., 1981	5/1984 Cmnd. 9131
Exchange of Notes between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federal Executive Council of the Assembly of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, further amending the Agreement of 29 April 1969 concerning the Abolition of	Belgrade 3 Feb., and 16 June, 1988	19/1989 Cm 706
CUSTOMS		
International Convention Relating to the Simplification of Customs Formalities - -	Geneva 3 Nov., 1923	16/1925 Cmd. 2419
Note		
On 6 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declarations in respect of Hong Kong:		
[<i>Courtesy Translation</i>]		
"The reservation to Paragraph 3 of Article 22 of the above Convention made by the Government of the People's Republic of China will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region."		

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CUSTOMS (continued)		
Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials ..	Lake Success 22 Nov., 1950	42/1954 Cmd. 9185
Accession Slovak Republic ..	9 June, 1997	
Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials	New York 1 Mar., 1977	33/1984 Cmnd. 9217
Accession Slovak Republic ..	9 June, 1997	
Convention establishing a Customs Co-operation Council (with Annex)	Brussels 15 Dec., 1950	50/1954 Cmd. 9232
Accessions Tajikistan ..	1 July, 1997 1 July, 1997	
DIPLOMATIC & CONSULAR RELATIONS		
Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents	New York 14 Dec., 1973 -31 Dec., 1974	3/1980 Cmnd. 7765
Accession— Lebanon	3 June, 1997	
Note On 6 and 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong [Courtesy Translation] "The reservation to Paragraph 1, Article 13 of the above Convention made by the Government of the People's Republic of China will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region."		
DISARMAMENT		
Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and their Destruction	London, Moscow and Washington 10 Apr., 1972	11/1976 Cmnd. 6397
Accession in London— Gambia, The	7 May., 1997	
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) ..	Geneva 10 Oct., 1980	105/1996 Cm 3497
Accession— Peru	3 July, 1997	
Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction	Paris 13 Jan., 1993	45/1997 Cm 3727
Ratifications Brunei Darussalam .. Korea, Republic of Netherlands (for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba) . .	28 July, 1997 28 Apr., 1997 28 Apr., 1997	

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DRUGS		
Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs ..	New York 30 Mar., -1 Aug., 1961	34/1965 Cmnd. 2631
Accession Kazakhstan	29 Apr., 1997	
Convention on Psychotropic Substances with revised Schedules	Vienna 21 Feb., 1971 -1 Jan., 1972	51/1993 Cm 2307
Accessions		
Austria (with declaration*)	23 June, 1997	
Oman.. .. .	3 July, 1997	
Kazakhstan	29 Apr., 1997	
<i>*Declaration</i>		
* The Republic of Austria interprets Article 22 as follows: In cases of a minor nature, the obligations contained in this provision may also be implemented by the creation of administrative penal regulations providing adequate sanction for the offences enumerated therein."		
Note		
On 6 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> informed the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following in respect of Hong Kong:		
<i>[Courtesy Translation]</i>		
"The reservation to Paragraph 2, Article 32, of the above Convention made by the Government of the People's Republic of China will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region."		
In accordance with Article 28 of the Convention, the People's Republic of China declares that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is a separate region for the purpose of the Convention."		
United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances	Vienna/ New York 20 Dec., 1988 -30 Dec., 1989	26/1992 Cm 1927
Accession— Benin ..	23 May, 1997	
Note		
On 3 June 1997, the Government of <i>Botswana</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of its designation of the following authority:		
The Department of Water Affairs and The Attorney General's Office		
Note		
On 6 June 1997, the Government of the <i>Peoples Republic of China</i> notified the United Nations, as depositary, of the following in respect of Hong Kong:		
<i>[Courtesy Translation]</i>		
"1. The reservation made by the Government of the People's Republic of China to paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 32 of the Convention will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.		
2. In accordance with paragraph 8 of article 7 of the Convention, it designates the Secretary of Justice of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative		

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<p>DRUGS (continued)</p> <p>Region as the authority having the responsibility and power to execute requests for mutual legal assistance or to transmit them to the competent authorities for execution.</p> <p>3. In accordance with paragraph 7 of article 17 of the Convention, it designates the Commissioner of Customs and Excise of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the competent authority for accepting and answering the requests mentioned in the said paragraph.</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 15 May 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, received from the Government of the <i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i> the following designation of authorities in respect of Hong Kong for the purposes of Articles 7(8) and 17(7) and of languages for the purpose of Article 7(9):</p> <p>"The authority designated by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under Article 7, Paragraph 8, in relation to Hong Kong, is the Attorney General for Hong Kong, 4th Floor, High Block, Queensway Government Offices, No. 66, Queensway, Hong Kong.</p> <p>The languages which are acceptable to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in relation to Hong Kong, for the purpose of Article 7, Paragraph 9, are English and Chinese.</p> <p>The authority designated by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under Article 17(7), in relation to Hong Kong, is the Commissioner of Customs and Excise of Hong Kong."</p>		
<p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the European Region</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 14 March 1997, the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), acting in his capacity as depositary, received from the Government of <i>Kazakhstan</i> the following notification:</p> <p>"The Republic of Kazakhstan considers itself as a State-successor of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics with respect to the Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region."</p>	<p>Paris 21 Dec., 1979</p>	<p>21/1986 Cmnd. 9762</p>
<p>ENERGY</p> <p>Agreement on an International Energy Program</p> <p>Accession— Hungary ..</p>	<p>Paris 18 Nov., 1974</p> <p>23 May 1997</p>	<p>111/1976 Cmnd. 6697</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries experiencing serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa.. .. .</p> <p>Ratifications</p> <p>Angola.. .. .</p> <p>Antigua and Barbuda ..</p>	<p>Paris 14 Oct., 1994 and New York 13 Oct., 1995</p> <p>30 June, 1997 6 June, 1997</p>	<p>21/1997 Cm 3584</p>

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ENVIRONMENT (continued)		
Armenia	2 July, 1997	
Brazil ..	25 June, 1997	
Cameroon	29 May, 1997	
Djibouti	12 June, 1997	
Ethiopia	27 June, 1997	
France ..	12 June, 1997	
Guinea ..	23 June, 1997	
Guinea, Equatorial ..	27 June, 1997	
Honduras ..	25 June, 1997	
Ireland, Republic of ..	31 July, 1997	
Italy	23 June, 1997	
Kazakhstan ..	9 July, 1997	
Kenya ..	24 June, 1997	
Kuwait (with declaration*)	27 June, 1997	
Madagascar ..	25 June, 1997	
Malaysia	25 June, 1997	
Namibia	16 May, 1997	
Nigeria ..	8 July, 1997	
Seychelles	26 June, 1997	
Syria - -	10 June, 1997	
Tanzania	19 June, 1997	
Uganda ..	25 June, 1997	
<i>*Declaration</i>		
"With respect to the State of Kuwait, any additional regional implementation annex or any amendment to any regional implementation annex shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession with respect thereto."		
Accessions		
Austria (with declaration)	2 June, 1997	
Bahrain ..	14 July, 1997	
Barbados	14 May, 1997	
Belgium..	30 June, 1997	
Dominican Republic ..	26 June, 1997	
El Salvador ..	27 June, 1997	
Grenada	28 May, 1997	
Guyana ..	26 June, 1997	
Iceland ..	3 June, 1997	
Saint Lucia ..	2 July, 1997	
Saudi Arabia ..	25 June, 1997	
St Christopher and Nevis	30 June, 1997	
Tajikistan	16 July, 1997	
tDeclaration		
"The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with Article 28 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in Paragraph 2 as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."		
EUROPEAN UNION		
Treaty on European Union together with Protocols, Final Act, Declarations and Decision ..	Maastricht 7 Feb., 1992	29/1996 Cm 3151
Note		
By a Note dated 7 May 1996, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy, as depositary, informed Member States to the above Treaty, that by a Note Verbale dated 16 April 1996, the Embassy of the <i>Kingdom of Denmark, in Rome</i> , had informed them that the above Treaty contained a technical error concerning the status of Greenland, and requesting the Treaty to be corrected. The text of the Note Verbale and proposed corrections read as follows:		

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<p>EUROPEAN UNION (continued)</p> <p>"1. According to Title III, Article H, part 20) and Title IV, Article I, part 26) of the Treaty on European Union Article 79, part a) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community and Article 198, part a) of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community read as follows: "<i>This Treaty shall not apply to the Faroe Islands.</i>"</p> <p>Before the entry into force of the Treaty on European Union the said Articles in the Treaties establishing the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community included a second subparagraph according to which the said Treaties also did not apply to Greenland. These subparagraphs were included in the said Treaties according to Article 5 of the Greenland Treaty (OJ 1985 L 29), and read as follows: "<i>This Treaty shall not apply to Greenland.</i>"</p> <p>According to the mentioned Articles of the Treaty on European Union the subparagraphs concerning Greenland are deleted and the Treaties establishing the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community thus, it seems, apply to Greenland.</p> <p>2. This has never been the intention of the Signatory States. The subparagraphs concerning Greenland have been deleted due to a technical error.</p> <p>The proposed corrections (in italics) read as follows:</p> <p>TITLE III</p> <p>Provisions amending the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community</p> <p>Article H</p> <p>20) Article 79, part a), <i>subparagraph 1</i>, shall be replaced by the following:</p> <p>"a) This Treaty shall not apply to the Faroe Islands."</p> <p>Title IV</p> <p>Provisions amending the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community</p> <p>Article I</p> <p>26) Article 198, part a), <i>subparagraph 1</i>, shall be replaced by the following:</p> <p>"a) This Treaty shall not apply to the Faroe Islands."</p> <p>5. The second subparagraph concerning Greenland will thus be reintroduced in either Treaty.</p> <p>The corrected text replaces the defective text <i>ab initio</i>."</p> <p>Provided that no objections are made within three months of the notification, the proposed amendments will be deemed accepted.</p>		
<p>HONG KONG</p> <p>Note</p> <p>By a notification dated 27 June 1997, reference NV/97/35, the Secretary-General of the United Nations advised States Members of the United Nations of the receipt of communications dated 20 June 1997 from the Permanent Representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the People's Republic of China regarding Hong Kong. The texts of the communications, and their Annexes, read as follows:—</p>		

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<p>HONG KONG (continued)</p> <p>In accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong signed on 19 December 1984, the Government of the United Kingdom will restore Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China with effect from 1 July 1997. The Government of the United Kingdom will continue to have international responsibility for Hong Kong until that date.</p> <p>From 1 July 1997 the Government of the United Kingdom will cease to be responsible for the international rights and obligations arising from the application to Hong Kong of the treaties, listed in the Annex to this Note, which apply to Hong Kong at present. The respective depositaries of those treaties have been notified formally of this position.</p> <p>The Government of the United Kingdom hereby refer to the Note of today's date to Your Excellency from the Government of the People's Republic of China regarding the application of treaties to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997, and express welcome and support for that Note and the Annexes to it.</p> <p>The Government of the United Kingdom have the honour to request Your Excellency kindly to place the contents of this Note formally on record and bring it to the attention of the other Members of the United Nations and the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations.</p>		
<p>ANNEX</p>		
<p>A. Civil Aviation</p>		
<p>1. Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air, done at Warsaw on 12 October 1929 as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955.</p>		<p>11/1933 Cmnd. 4284</p>
<p>2. Convention Supplementary to the Warsaw Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air Performed by a Person other than the Contracting Carrier, done at Guadalajara on 18 September 1961.</p>		<p>23/1964 Cmnd. 2354</p>
<p>3. The Convention on International Civil Aviation done at Chicago on 7 December 1944 as amended by the 1947 Protocol, 1954 Protocols, 1961 Protocols, 1962 Protocol, 1971 Protocols, 1974 Protocol, 1968 Buenos Aires Protocol and 1977 Montreal Protocol.</p>		<p>8/1953 Cmnd. 8742</p>
<p>4. International Air Services Transit Agreement done at Chicago on 7 December 1944.</p>		<p>8/1953 Cmnd. 8742</p>
<p>B. Conservation</p>		
<p>5. International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling done at Washington on 2 December 1946 and the Protocol to the 1946 Convention done at Washington on 19 November 1956.</p>		<p>5/1949 Cmnd. 7604</p>
<p>6. Plant Protection Agreement for the South-East Asia and Pacific Region done at Rome on 27 February 1956 and the Amendment to the Plant Protection Agreement done on 2 November 1967.</p>		<p>40/1957 Cmnd. 170</p>
<p>7. Regulation of Antarctic Pelagic Whaling signed at London on 6 June 1962.</p>		<p>89/1963 Cmnd. 2210</p>
<p>8. Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat done at Ramsar on 2 February 1971.</p>		<p>34/1976 Cmnd. 6465</p>
<p>9. Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage done at Paris on 16 November 1972.</p>		<p>2/1985 Cmnd. 9424</p>

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10. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora done at Washington on 3 March 1973 and the Amendment to Article XI of the Convention done at Bonn on 22 June 1979.		101/1976 Cmnd. 6647
11. Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals done at Bonn on 23 June 1979.		87/1990 Cm 1332
12. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer done at Vienna on 22 March 1985; Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer done at Montreal on 16 September 1987; the 1990 London Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; and the 1992 Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.		1/1990 Cm 910
13. Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal done at Basel on 22 March 1989.		100/1995 Cm 3108
14. Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities done at Wellington on 2 June 1988.		Misc. 6/1989 Cm 634
C. Customs		
15. International Convention relating to the Simplification of Customs Formalities and Protocol of Signature done at Geneva on 3 November 1923.		16/1925 Cmd. 2347
16. Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials done at Lake Success on 22 November 1950.		42/1954 Cmd. 9185
17. International Convention to Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material done at Geneva on 7 November 1952.		81/1955 Cmd. 9644
18. Convention Concerning Customs Facilities for Touring and Additional Protocol to the 1954 Convention Concerning Customs Facilities for Touring relating to the Importation of Tourist Publicity Documents and Material done at New York on 4 June 1954.		70/1957 Cmnd. 308
19. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles done at New York on 4 June 1954.		1/1959 Cmnd. 602
20. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation for Private Use of Aircraft and Pleasure Boats done at Geneva on 18 May 1956.		16/1959 Cmnd. 650
21. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles done at Geneva on 18 May 1956.		1/1960 Cmnd. 919
22. Customs Convention on containers done at Geneva on 18 May 1956.		80/1959 Cmnd. 905
23. European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets used in International Transport done at Geneva on 9 December 1960.		10/1963 Cmnd. 1938
24. Customs Convention Concerning Facilities for the Importation of Goods for Display or use at Exhibitions, Fairs, Meetings or Similar Events done at Brussels on 8 June 1961.		61/1963 Cmnd. 2115
25. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Professional Equipment done at Brussels on 8 June 1961.		62/1963 Cmnd. 2125

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HONG KONG (continued)		
26. Customs Convention on the 'ATA Carnet' for the Temporary Admission of Goods done at Brussels on 6 December 1961.		10/1964 Cmnd. 2226
27. Convention on Temporary Admission done at Istanbul on 26 June 1990.		Misc. 18/1991 Cm 1669
D. Drugs		
28. Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs done at New York on 30 March 1961; 1965 and 1966 Amendments to Schedule I; 1967 Amendment to Schedule III; and the 1972 Protocol amending the Convention done at Geneva on 25 March 1972.		34/1965 Cmnd. 2631
29. United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances done at Vienna on 21 February 1971.		51/1993 Cm 2307
30. The 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances done at Vienna on 20 December 1988.		26/1992 Cm 1927
E. Economic and Financial		
31. Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States done at Washington on 13 March 1965.		25/1967 Cmnd. 3255
F. Health		
32. Agreement respecting Facilities to be given to Merchant Seamen for the Treatment of Venereal Diseases done at Brussels on 1 December 1924.		20/1926 Cmd. 2727
33. The International Health Regulations done at Boston on 25 July 1969, and the Additional Regulations amending the International Health Regulations done at Geneva on 24 May 1973 and 20 May 1981.		18/1971 Cmnd. 4650
G. Human Rights		
34. United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment done at New York on 10 December 1984.		107/1991 Cm 1775
35. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child done at New York on 20 November 1989.		44/1992 Cm 1976
36. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights done at New York on 16 December 1996.		6/1997 Cmnd. 6702
37. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights done at New York on 16 December 1996.		6/1977 Cmnd. 6702
38. International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic signed at Paris on 18 May 1904.		24/1905 Cd. 2689
39. International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic signed at Paris on 4 May 1910 and the Protocol amending the International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, 1904 and the International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, 1910 done at Lake Success on 4 May 1949.		20/1912 Cd. 6326
40. International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children opened for signature at Geneva on 30 September 1921.		26/1923 Cmd. 1986
41. International Convention with the Object of Securing the Abolition of Slavery and the Slave Trade signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926 and the Protocol amending the Slavery Convention done at New York on 7 December 1953.		16/1927 Cmd. 2910
42. Convention on the Political Rights of Women done at New York on 31 March 1953.		101/1967 Cmnd. 3449
43. Convention on certain questions relating to conflict of nationality laws done at the Hague on 12 April 1930.		33/1937 Cmd. 5553

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44. International Protocol Relating to Military Obligations in Cases of Double Nationality, done at the Hague on 12 April 1930.		22/1937 Cmd. 5460
45. International Protocol in Certain Cases of Statelessness done at the Hague on 12 April 1930.		31/1937 Cmd. 5552
46. Special Protocol Concerning Statelessness done at the Hague on 12 April 1930.		112/1973 Cmnd. 5447
47. Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons done at New York on 28 September 1954.		41/1960 Cmnd. 1098
48. Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness done at the Hague on 30 August 1961.		158/1975 Cmnd. 6364
49. Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery done at Geneva on 7 September 1956.		59/1957 Cmnd. 257
50. Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages opened for signature at New York on 7 November 1962.		102/1970 Cmnd. 4538
51. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination opened for signature at New York on 21 December 1965.		77/1969 Cmnd. 4108
52. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women concluded at New York on 18 December 1979.		2/1989 Cm 643
H. Intellectual Property		
53. Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property done at Paris on 20 March 1883 as amended at Stockholm on 14 July 1967.		61/1970 Cmnd. 4431
54. Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works done at Berne on 9 September 1886 as amended on 2 October 1979 at Paris; together with the Additional Act done at Paris 1896; the Revising Convention done at Berlin on 13 November 1908 and its Protocol done at Berne on 20 March 1914; and the Revising Conventions done at Rome on 2 June 1928 and at Brussels on 26 June 1948.		
55. Universal Copyright Convention done at Geneva on 6 September 1952 and its Protocols, Geneva 1952, as amended on 24 July 1971 at Paris.		66/1957 Cmnd. 289
56. Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms done at Geneva on 29 October 1971.		41/1973 Cmnd. 5275
57. Patent Co-operation Treaty done at Washington on 19 June 1970 as amended on 28 September 1979 and modified on 3 February 1984.		78/1978 Cmnd. 7340
I. International Crime		
58. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide done at Paris on 9 December 1948.		58/1970 Cmnd. 4421
59. International Agreement for the Suppression of Obscene Publications done at Paris on 4 May 1910 and its Protocol done at Lake Success on 4 May 1949.		11/1911 Cd. 5657
60. International Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications done at Geneva on 12 September 1923 and Protocol done at Lake Success on 12 November 1947.		1/1926 Cmd. 2575
61. Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts committed on Board Aircraft done at Tokyo on 14 September 1963.		126/1969 Cmnd. 4230
62. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft done at the Hague on 16 December 1970.		39/1972 Cmnd. 4956

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63. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation done at Montreal on 23 September 1971.		10/1974 Cmnd. 5524
64. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents done at New York on 14 December 1973.		3/1980 Cmnd. 7765
65. International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages done at New York on 17 December 1979.		81/1983 Cmnd. 9100
66. Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons signed at Strasbourg on 21 March 1983.		51/1985 Cmnd. 9617
67. Montreal Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports serving International Civil Aviation done at Montreal on 24 February 1988.		20/1991 Cm 1470
68. Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection done at Montreal on 1 March 1991.		Misc. 9/1991 Cm 1558
J. International Labour Conventions		
69. Unemployment Convention (ILC No. 2), Washington, 28.11.1919.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 627
70. Maternity Protection Convention (ILC No. 3), Washington, 28.11.1919.		
71. Minimum Age (Industry) Convention (ILC No. 5), Washington, 28.11.1919.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 627
72. Minimum Age (Sea) Convention (ILC No. 7), Genoa, 9.7.1920.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1174
73. Unemployment Indemnity (Shipwreck) Convention (ILC No. 8), Genoa, 9.7.1920.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1174
74. Minimum Age (Trimmers and Stokers) Convention (ILC No. 15), Geneva, 11.11.1921.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
75. Medical Examination of Young Persons (Sea) Convention (ILC No. 16), Geneva, 11.11.1921.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
76. Right of Association (Agriculture) Convention (ILC No. 11), Geneva, 12.11.1921.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
77. Minimum Age (Agriculture) Convention (ILC No. 10), Geneva, 16.11.1921.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
78. Weekly Rest (Industry) Convention (ILC No. 14), Geneva, 17.11.1921.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
79. Workmen's Compensation (Agriculture) Convention (ILC No. 12), Geneva, 12.11.1921.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
80. Equality of Treatment (Accident Compensation) Convention (ILC No. 19), Geneva, 5.6.1925.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 2536
81. Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) Convention (ILC No. 17), Geneva, 10.6.1925.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 2536
82. Repatriation of Seamen Convention (ILC No. 23), Geneva, 23.6.1926.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 2745
83. Seamen's Articles of Agreement Convention (ILC No. 22), Geneva, 24.6.1926.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 2536
84. Forced Labour Convention (ILC No. 29), Geneva, 28.6.1930.		Ministry of Labour 134 BSFP 449
85. Protection against Accidents (Dockers) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 32), Geneva, 27.4.1932.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 4115
86. Workmen's Compensation (Occupational Diseases) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 42), Geneva, 21.6.1934.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5078
87. Underground Work (Women) Convention (ILC No. 45), Geneva, 21.6.1935.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5033
88. Recruiting of Indigenous Workers Convention (ILC No. 50), Geneva, 20.6.1936.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5305

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89. Minimum Age (Sea) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 58), Geneva, 24.10.1936.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5393
90. Minimum Age (Industry) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 59), Geneva, 22.6.1937.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5584
91. Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Convention (ILC No. 64), Geneva, 27.6.1939.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 6407
92. Penal Sanctions (Indigenous Workers) Convention (ILC No. 65), Geneva, 27.6.1939.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 6407
93. Certification of Able Seamen Convention (ILC No. 74), Seattle, 29.6.1946.		Ministry of Labour Cmnd. 7109
94. Labour Inspection Convention (ILC No. 81), Geneva, 11.7.1947.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7437
95. Social Policy (Non-Metropolitan Territories) Convention (ILC No. 82), Geneva, 11.7.1947.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7437
96. Right of Association (Non-Metropolitan Territories) Convention (ILC No. 84), Geneva, 11.7.1947.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7437
97. Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Convention (ILC No. 86), Geneva, 11.7.1947.		British State Paper vol. 148 pg 664
98. Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention (ILC No. 87), San Francisco, 9.7.1948.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7638
99. Night Work of Young Persons (Industry) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 90), San Francisco, 10.7.1948.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7638
100. Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 92), Geneva, 18.6.1949.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7852
101. Migration of Employment Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 97), Geneva, 1.7.1949.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7852
102. Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention (ILC No. 98), Geneva, 1.7.1949.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7852
103. Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention (ILC No. 101), Geneva, 26.6.1952.		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 9082
104. Abolition of Forced Labour Convention (ILC No. 105), Geneva, 25.6.1957.		Ministry of Labour Cmnd. 313
105. Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (ILC No. 108), Geneva, 13.5.1958.		25/1965 Cmnd. 2575
106. Radiation Protection Convention (ILC No. 115), Geneva, 22.6.1960.		41/1963 Cmnd. 2058
107. Employment Policy Convention (ILC No. 122), Geneva, 9.7.1964.		65/1967 Cmnd. 3360
108. Medical Examination of Young Persons (Underground Work) Convention (ILC No. 124), Geneva, 23.6.1965.		105/1967 Cmnd. 3478
109. Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) Convention (ILC No. 133), Geneva, 30.10.1970.		25/1997 Cm 3596
110. Rural Workers' Organisations Convention (ILC No. 141), Geneva, 23.6.1975.		16/1978 Cmnd. 7083
111. Human Resources Development Convention (ILC No. 142), Geneva, 23.6.1975.		17/1978 Cmnd. 7086
112. Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention (ILC No. 144), Geneva, 21.6.1976.		33/1978 Cmnd. 7164
113. Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention (ILC No. 147), Geneva, 29.10.1976.		22/1984 Cmnd. 9186
114. Working Environment (Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration) Convention (ILC No. 148), Geneva, 20.6.1977.		40/1980 Cmnd. 7901
115. Labour Administration Convention (ILC No. 150), Geneva, 26.6.1978.		
116. Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention (ILC No. 151), Geneva, 27.6.1978.		33/1981 Cmnd. 8252
117. Labour Statistics Convention (ILC No. 160), Geneva, 25.6.1985.		24/1997 Cm 3594

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K. Marine Pollution		
118. International Convention Relating to Intervention on the Seas in cases of Oil Pollution Casualties done at Brussels on 29 November 1969 and the Protocol done at London on 2 November 1973.		77/1975 Cmnd. 6056
119. International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage done at Brussels on 29 November 1969 and its Protocol done at London on 19 November 1976.		106/1975 Cmnd. 6183
120. International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage done at Brussels on 18 December 1971 and the Protocol done at London on 19 November 1976.		95/1978 Cmnd. 7383
121. Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter done at London on 29 December 1972; 1978 Amendments to Annexes I and II Concerning Incineration at Sea; 1978 Amendments Concerning Settlement of Disputes; 1980 Amendments to Annexes I and II Concerning Lists of Substances; and 1989 Amendments to Annex III.		43/1976 Cmnd. 6486
122. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships done at London on 2 November 1973; Protocol done at London on 17 February 1978; and Annexes III and V to the Convention as modified by the Protocol of 1978.		Misc. 26/1974 Cmnd. 5748
L. Merchant Shipping		
123. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Assistance and Salvage at Sea done at Brussels on 23 September 1910.		4/1913 Cd. 6677
124. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law respecting Collisions between Vessels done at Brussels on 23 September 1910.		4/1913 Cd. 6677
125. Convention and Statute on Freedom of Transit done at Barcelona on 20 April 1921.		27/1923 Cmd. 1992
126. Convention and Statute on the Regime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern done at Barcelona on 20 April 1921.		28/1923 Cmd. 1993
127. Declaration Recognising the Right to a Flag of States Having No Sea-coast done at Barcelona on 20 April 1921.		29/1923 Cmd. 1994
128. Convention and Statute on the International Regime of Maritime Ports done at Geneva on 9 December 1923.		24/1925 Cmd. 2419
129. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading done at Brussels on 25 August 1924 and its 1968 and 1979 Protocols.		17/1931 Cmd. 3806
130. International Convention on Certain Rules concerning Civil Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision done at Brussels on 10 May 1952.		47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
131. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Penal Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision or other Incidents of Navigation done at Brussels on 10 May 1952.		47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
132. International Convention relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships done at Brussels on 10 May 1952.		47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
133. Convention on Limitation of Liability of Owners of Sea-going Ships done at Brussels on 10 October 1957.		52/1968 Cmnd. 3678
134. Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic done at London on 9 April 1965, as amended by the 1969, 1973, 1977 and 1986 Amendments.		46/1967 Cmnd. 3299
135. International Convention on Load Lines done at London on 5 April 1966, as amended by the 1971, 1975 and 1979 Amendments.		58/1968 Cmnd. 3708

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136. International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships done at London on 23 June 1969.		50/1982 Cmnd. 8716
137. Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement done at London on 6 October 1971 and its 1973 Protocol on Space Requirements for Special Trade Passenger Ships.		7/1980 Cmnd. 7761
138. Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea done at London on 20 October 1972 and the Amendment done on 19 November 1981.		77/1977 Cmnd. 6962
139. International Convention for Safe Containers done at Geneva on 2 December 1972.		40/1979 Cmnd. 7535
140. Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences done at Geneva on 6 April 1974.		45/1987 Cm 213
141. Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea done at Athens on 13 December 1974 and its 1976 Protocol.		40/1987 Cm 202
142. International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea done at London on 1 November 1974 and its 1981, 1983 and 1988 Amendments to its Protocol done on 1 June 1978 and the 1981 Amendments to the 1978 Protocol.		46/1980 Cmnd. 7874
143. Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims done at London on 19 November 1976.		13/1990 Cm 955
144. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers done at London on 7 July 1978 and the 1995 Amendments.		50/1984 Cmnd. 9266
145. International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue done at Hamburg on 27 April 1979.		59/1986 Cm 12
146. International Convention on Salvage done at London on 28 April 1989.		93/1996 Cm 3458
M. Political and Diplomatic		
147. International Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes done at the Hague on 29 July 1899.		9/1901 Cd. 798
148. Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes signed at the Hague on 18 October 1907.		6/1971 Cmnd. 4575
149. Convention for the Unification of certain rules concerning the immunity of state-owned vessels 1926 done at Brussels on 10 April 1926 and its Protocol done on 14 May 1934.		15/1980 Cmnd. 7800
150. Regime of the Straits (of the Dardanelles) done at Montreux on 20 July 1936.		30/1937 Cmd. 5551
151. Charter of the United Nations done at San Francisco on 26 June 1945.		67/1946 Cmd. 7015
152. Statute of the International Court of Justice done at San Francisco on 26 June 1945.		67/1946 Cmd. 7015
153. (General) Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations done at London on 13 February 1946.		10/1950 Cmd. 7891
154. Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations done at New York on 21 November 1947.		69/1959 Cmnd. 855
155. Convention on the High Seas done at Geneva on 29 April 1958.		5/1963 Cmnd. 1929
156. Convention on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone done at Geneva on 29 April 1958.		3/1965 Cmnd. 2511
157. Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas done at Geneva on 29 April 1958.		39/1966 Cmnd. 3028
158. Convention on Continental Shelf done at Geneva on 29 April 1958.		39/1964 Cmnd. 2422
159. Law of the Sea-Protocol on Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, Geneva 29 April 1958.		60/1963 Cmnd. 2112

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160. Convention on Diplomatic Relations done at Vienna on 18 April 1961, and the Optional Protocol on compulsory settlement of Disputes, Vienna 18 April 1961.		19/1965 Cmnd. 2565
161. Convention on Consular Relations done at Vienna on 24 April 1963, and the Optional Protocol on Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, Vienna 24 April 1963.		14/1973 Cmnd. 5219
162. European Convention on State Immunity signed at Basle on 16 May 1972.		74/1979 Cmnd. 7742
N. Postal		
163. Postal Parcels Agreement with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations with Final Protocol, Seoul 1994 and the Postal Operations Council Session in Berne, February 1995.		DTI Cm 2937
164. General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union with Final Protocol and Annex, Hamburg 1984.		DTI Cm 9624
165. Universal Postal Convention with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations, Hamburg 1984.		DTI Cm 9629
166. Giro Agreement and Detailed Regulations done at Hamburg on 27 July 1984.		DTI Cmnd. 9630
167. General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union with Final Protocol and Annex, Washington 1989.		DTI Cm 1374
168. Universal Postal Union Convention with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations, Washington 1989.		DTI Cm 1369
169. Universal Postal Convention with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations with Final Protocol, Seoul 1994 and the Postal Operations Council Session in Berne, February 1995.		DTI Cm 2937
170. General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union and Annex, Seoul 1994.		DTI Cm 2937
O. Private International Law		
171. Protocol on Arbitration Clauses signed at Geneva on 24 September 1923.		4/1925 Cmnd. 2312
172. Execution of Foreign Arbitral Awards signed at Geneva on 26 September 1927.		28/1930 Cmnd. 3655
173. Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards done at New York on 10 June 1958.		20/1976 Cmnd. 6419
174. Convention Abolishing the Requirement for Legislation for Foreign Public Documents done at the Hague on 5 October 1961.		32/1965 Cmnd. 2617
175. Convention on the Conflicts of Laws relating to the form of Testamentary Dispositions done at the Hague on 5 October 1961.		5/1964 Cmnd. 2250
176. Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters done at the Hague on 15 November 1965.		50/1969 Cmnd. 3986
177. Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters done at the Hague on 18 March 1970.		20/1977 Cmnd. 6727
178. Convention on the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations done at the Hague on 1 June 1970.		123/1975 Cmnd. 6248
179. Convention on the Law Applicable to Trusts and on their Recognition done at the Hague on 1 July 1985.		14/1992 Cm 1823
180. Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction done at the Hague on 25 October 1985.		66/1986 Cm 33

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P. Science and Technology		
181. Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy done at Paris on 29 July 1960 with its Additional Protocol done at Paris on 28 January 1964, as amended by the 1982 Protocol.		69/1968 Cmnd. 3755
182. Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies done at London/Moscow/Washington on 27 January 1967.		10/1968 Cmnd. 3519
183. Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space done at London, Moscow and Washington on 22 April 1968.		56/1969 Cmnd. 3997
184. Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects done at London, Moscow and Washington on 29 March 1972.		16/1974 Cmnd. 5551
185. Convention on the Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space done at New York on 12 November 1974.		70/1978 Cmnd. 7271
Q. Telecommunications		
186. Convention for the Protection of Submarine Cables done at Paris on 14 March 1884 as amended by the Declaration on the Protection of Submarine Cables done at Paris on 1 December 1886 and the Protocol on the Protection of Submarine Cables done at Paris on 7 July 1887.		75BSP/356
187. US-Commonwealth Telecommunications Agreement and Supplementary Agreement done at London on 12 August 1949.		37/1950 Cmd. 7994
188. The Supplementary Agreement revising Article 2 of the US-Commonwealth Telecommunications Agreement and Supplementary Agreement done at London on 1 October 1952.		58/1952 Cmd. 8683
189. International Agreement on the use of INMARSAT ship earth stations within the Territorial Sea and Ports done at London on 16th October 1985.		Misc. 5/1987 Cm 149
R. Trade		
190. International Convention Relating to International Exhibitions done at Paris on 22 November 1928 and its Protocols done at Paris on 10 May 1948, 16 November 1966, 30 November 1972, and amendments done on 24 June 1982.		9/1931 Cmd. 3776
191. Agreement on import licensing procedures done at Geneva on 12 April 1979.		Misc. 23/1979 Cmnd. 7660
192. Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade done at Geneva on 12 April 1979.		Misc. 20/1979 Cmnd. 7657
193. Agreement on Government Procurement done at Geneva on 12 April 1979.		Misc. 25/1979 Cmnd. 7662
194. Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI, XXIII of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1947 done at Geneva on 12 April 1979.		Misc. 21/1979 Cmnd. 7658
195. Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1947 done at Geneva on 12 April 1979.		Misc. 27/1979 Cmnd. 7664
196. Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1947 done at Geneva on 12 April 1979, and its Protocol done at Geneva on 1 November 1979.		Misc. 26/1979 Cmnd. 7663

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S. Transport		
197. Convention and annexes-conditions for the development and safety of international road traffic by the establishment of certain uniform rules done at Geneva on 19 September 1949.		49/1958 Cmnd. 578
T. Warfare and Disarmament		
198. Convention and Annexes for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field done at Geneva on 12 August 1949.		39/1958 Cmnd. 550
199. Convention and Annexes for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea done at Geneva on 12 August 1949.		39/1958 Cmnd. 550
200. Convention and Annexes on the Treatment of Prisoners of War done at Geneva on 12 August 1949.		39/1958 Cmnd. 550
201. Convention and Annexes on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War done at Geneva on 12 August 1949.		39/1958 Cmnd. 550
202. Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons done at London/Moscow/Washington on 1 July 1968.		88/1970 Cmnd. 4474
203. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction done at London/Moscow/Washington on 10 April 1972.		11/1976 Cmnd. 6397
204. Prohibition of Military or any other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques signed at Geneva and New York on 10 December 1976.		24/1979 Cmnd. 7469
205. Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating Poisonous or Other Gases etc done at Geneva on 17 June 1925.		24/1930 Cmd. 3604
206. Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Seabed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof, done at London/Moscow/Washington on 11 February 1972.		13/1973 Cmnd. 5266
U. List of Other International Instruments Establishing International Organizations		
207. Asian Development Bank (ADB). Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank done at Manila on 4 December 1965.		53/1968 Cmnd. 3762
208. Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT). Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity done at Bangkok on 27 March 1976.		
209. Asian Productivity Organisation (APO). Asian Productivity Convention done at Manila on 14 April 1961.		
210. Customs Co-operation Council (CCC). International Convention Establishing a Customs Co-operation Council done at Brussels on 15 December 1950.		50/1954 Cmd. 9232
211. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organisation done at Quebec on 16 October 1945.		47/1946 Cmd. 6955
212. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)/World Trade Organisation (WTO). General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade done at Geneva on 30 October 1947. Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation done at Marrakesh on 15 December 1993.		Board of Trade Cmd. 9413 57/1996 Cm 3277
213. Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council (IPFC). Agreement for the establishment of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council done at Baguio on 26 February 1948.		73/1949 Cmd. 7845

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214. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency done at New York on 26 October 1956.		19/1958 Cmnd. 450
215. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development done at Washington on 27 December 1945.		21/1946 Cmd. 6885
216. International Development Association (IDA). Articles of Agreement of the International Development Association done at Washington on 26 January 1960.		1/1961 Cmnd. 1244
217. International Finance Corporation (IFC). Articles of Agreement of the International Finance Corporation done at Washington on 25 May 1955.		37/1961 Cmnd. 1377
218. International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO). Convention on the International Hydrographic Organisation done at Monaco on 3 May 1967.		30/1971 Cmnd. 4682
219. International Labour Organisation (ILO). Constitution of the International Labour Organisation done at Versailles on 28 June 1919.		
220. International Maritime Organisation (IMO). Convention on the International Maritime Organisation done at Geneva on 6 March 1948.		54/1958 Cmnd. 589
221. International Mobile Satellite Organisation (Inmarsat). Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organisation done at London on 3 September 1976.		94/1979 Cmnd. 7722
222. International Monetary Fund (IMF). Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund done at Washington on 27 December 1945, together with the First Amendment done at Washington 1968 and the Second Amendment done at Washington 1976.		Treasury Cmd. 6546
223. International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (INTELSAT). Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (INTELSAT) done at Washington on 20 August 1971.		80/1973 Cmnd. 5416
224. International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union done at Geneva on 22 December 1992, and at Kyoto in 1994.		24/1996 Cm 3145
225. International Textiles and Clothing Bureau (ITCB). Agreement Establishing the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau done at Geneva on 21st May 1984.		
226. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA). Convention Establishing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency done at Seoul on 11 October 1985.		47/1989 Cm 812
227. Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific (NACA). Agreement on the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific done at Bangkok on 8 January 1988.		
228. Universal Postal Union (UPU). Constitution of the Universal Postal Union, Vienna 1964 as amended by the 1969 Tokyo, 1974 Lausanne, 1984 Hamburg, 1989 Washington and 1994 Seoul Additional Protocols.		70/1966 Cmnd. 3141
229. World Health Organisation (WHO). Constitution of the World Health Organisation done at New York on 22 July 1949.		43/1948 Cmd. 7458
230. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organisation done at Stockholm on 14 July 1967 as amended in 1979.		52/1970 Cmnd. 4408

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<p>231. World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). Constitution of the World Meteorological Organisation done at Washington on 11 October 1947.</p>		<p>36/1950 Cmd. 7989</p>
<p>In accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong signed on 19 December 1984 (hereinafter referred to as the Joint Declaration), the People's Republic of China will resume the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997. Hong Kong will, with effect from that date, become a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.</p> <p>It is provided in Section I of Annex I to the Joint Declaration, "Elaboration by the Government of the People's Republic of China of its Basic Policies Regarding Hong Kong", and in Articles 12, 13 and 14 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, which was adopted on 4 April 1990 by the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Basic Law), that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will enjoy a high degree of autonomy, except in foreign and defence affairs which are the responsibility of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China. Furthermore, it is provided both in Section XI of Annex I to the Joint Declaration and Article 153 of the Basic Law that international agreements to which the People's Republic of China is not a party but which are implemented in Hong Kong may continue to be implemented in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.</p> <p>In this connection, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China, I would like to inform Your Excellency as follows:</p> <p>I. The treaties listed in Annex I to this Note, to which the People's Republic of China is a party, will be applied to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997 as they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) are applied to Hong Kong before 1 July 1997; or (ii) fall within the category of foreign affairs or defence or, owing to their nature and provisions, must apply to the entire territory of a State; or (iii) are not applied to Hong Kong before 1 July 1997 but with respect to which it has been decided to apply them to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from that date (denoted by an asterisk in Annex I). <p>II. The treaties listed in Annex II to this Note, to which the People's Republic of China is not yet a party and which apply to Hong Kong before 1 July 1997, will continue to apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997.</p> <p>The provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as applied to Hong Kong shall remain in force beginning from 1 July 1997.</p> <p>III. The Government of the People's Republic of China has already carried out separately the formalities required for the application of the treaties listed in the aforesaid Annexes, including all the related amendments, protocols, reservations and declarations, to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997.</p> <p>IV. With respect to any other treaty not listed in the Annexes to this Note, to which the People's Republic of China is or will become a party, in the event that it is decided to apply</p>		

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<p>such treaty to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Government of the People's Republic of China will carry out separately the formalities for such application. For the avoidance of doubt, no separate formalities will need to be carried out by the Government of the People's Republic of China with respect to treaties which fall within the category of foreign affairs or defence or which, owing to their nature and provisions, must apply to the entire territory of a State.</p> <p>The Government of the People's Republic of China have the honour to request Your Excellency kindly to place this Note and the Annexes to it formally on record and bring it to the attention of the other Members of the United Nations and the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations.</p> <p>Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.</p>		
Annex I		
Political, Diplomatic and Defence		
1. Charter of the United Nations, 26 June 1945.		67/1946 Cmd. 7015
2. Statute of the International Court of Justice, 26 June 1945.		67/1946 Cmd. 7015
3. Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, 13 February 1946.		10/1950 Cmd. 7891
4. Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations, 21 November 1947.		69/1959 Cmd. 855
5. Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 18 April 1961.		19/1965 Cmd. 2565
6. Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 24 April 1963.		14/1973 Cmd. 5219
7. Protocol of Entry into Force of the Amendment to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations, 20 December 1971.		130/1973 Cmd. 5511
8. Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, 29 July 1899.		9/1901 Cd. 798
9. Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, 18 October 1907.		6/1971 Cmd. 4575
10. Protocol on INTELSAT Privileges, Exemptions and Immunities, 19 May 1978.		2/1981 Cmd. 8103
11. Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, 17 June 1925.		24/1930 Cmd. 3604
12. Additional Protocol II to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, 14 February 1967.		54/1970 Cmd. 4409
13. 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, 10 April 1981, and its Protocol.		105/1996 Cm 3497
14. Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977.		Misc. 19/1977 Cmd. 6927
15. Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977.		Misc. 19/1977 Cmd. 6927
16. Additional Protocols II and III to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, 8 August 1986.		Misc. 25/1996 Cm 3481

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17. Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof, 11 February 1972.		13/1973 Cmnd. 5266
18. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 10 December 1982.		Misc. 11/1983 Cmnd. 8941
19. Antarctic Treaty, 1 December 1959.		97/1961 Cmnd. 1535
20. Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded and Sick in Armies in the Field, 12 August 1949.		39/1958 Cmnd. 550
21. Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded and Sick and Ship-wrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, 12 August 1949.		39/1958 Cmnd. 550
22. Geneva Convention on the Treatment of Prisoners of War, 12 August 1949.		39/1958 Cmnd. 550
23. Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, 12 August 1949.		39/1958 Cmnd. 550
24. Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 1 July 1968.		88/1970 Cmnd. 4474
25. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, 10 April 1972.		11/1976 Cmnd. 6397
26. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, 13 January 1993.		45/1997 Cm 3727
Drugs		
27. Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 30 March 1961, as amended by the Protocol Amending the Convention done on 25 March 1972.		34/1965 Cmnd. 2631
28. Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 21 February 1971.		51/1993 Cm 2307
29. United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 20 December 1988.		26/1992 Cm 1927
International Crime		
30. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 9 December 1948.		58/1970 Cmnd. 4421
31. Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, 14 September 1963.		126/1969 Cmnd. 4230
32. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, 16 December 1970.		39/1972 Cmnd. 4956
33. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation, 23 September 1971.		10/1974 Cmnd. 5524
34. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agencies, 14 December 1973.		3/1980 Cmnd. 7765
35. International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages, 17 December 1979.		81/1983 Cmnd. 9100
Private International Law		
36. Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters, 15 November 1965.		50/1969 Cmnd. 3986
37. Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, 10 June 1958.		20/1976 Cmnd. 6419

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Customs		
38. International Convention for Safe Containers, 2 December 1972.		40/1979 Cmnd. 7535
*39. Customs Convention on Containers, 2 December 1972.		United Kingdom not a Party
40. Customs Convention on the "ATA Carnet" for the Temporary Admission of Goods, 6 December 1961.		10/1964 Cmnd. 2226
41. Convention on Temporary Admission, 26 June 1990.		Misc. 18/1991 Cmnd. 1669
42. Customs Convention Concerning Facilities for the Importation of Goods for Display or Use at Exhibitions, Fairs, Meetings or Similar Events, 8 June 1961.		61/1963 Cmnd. 2115
Marine Pollution		
43. International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 29 November 1969 and its Protocol, 19 November 1976.		106/1975 Cmnd. 6183
44. International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in case of Oil Pollution Casualties, 29 November 1969 and its Protocol, 2 November 1973.		77/1975 Cmnd. 6056
45. Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matters, 29 Decemebr 1972, and 1978 Amendments to Annexes I and II Concerning Incineration at Sea, 1980 Amendments to Annexes I and II Concerning Lists of Substances, and 1989 Amendment to Annex III.		43/1976 Cmnd. 6486
46. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 2 November 1972, as modified by the Protocol done on 17 February 1978, and Annexes III and V to the Convention.		Misc. 26/1974 Cmnd. 5748
Science and Technology		
47. Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies, 27 January 1967.		10/1968 Cmnd. 3519
48. Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, 22 April 1968.		56/1969 Cmnd. 3997
49. Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects, 29 March 1972.		16/1974 Cmnd. 5551
50. Convention on the Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, 12 November 1974.		70/1978 Cmnd. 7271
Civil Aviation		
51. The Convention on International Civil Aviation, 7 December 1944, as amended by Protocols done on 27 May 1947, 14 June 1954, 21 June 1961, 15 September 1962, 24 September 1968, 12 March 1971, 7 July 1971, 16 October 1974 and 30 September 1977.		8/1953 Cmd. 8742
52. Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air, done on 12 October 1929, as amended by the Hague Protocol done on 28 September 1955.		11/1933 Cmd. 4284
Merchant Shipping		
53. International Load Line Convention, 5 April 1966, as amended by the 1971, 1975 and 1979 Amendments.		58/1968 Cmnd. 3708
54. International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 23 June 1969.		50/1982 Cmnd. 8716
55. Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 20 October 1972, and Amendment done on 19 November 1981.		77/1977 Cmnd. 6962

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56. International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1 November 1974, and 1981, 1983 and 1988 Amendments, its Protocol done on 1 June 1978 and the 1981 Amendments to the Protocol.		46/1980 Cmnd. 7874
57. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 7 July 1978 and 1995 Amendments.		50/1984 Cmnd. 9266
58. International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 27 April 1979.		59/1986 Cm 12
59. Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences, 6 April 1974.		45/1987 Cm 213
60. International Convention on Salvage, 28 April 1989.		93/1996 Cm 3458
61. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law respecting Collisions between Vessels, 23 September 1910.		4/1913 Cd. 6677
62. Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, done at Athens on 13 December 1974, and its Protocol done on 19 November 1976.		40/1987 Cm 202
63. Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 9 April 1965 as amended by the 1973, 1977 and 1986 Amendments.		46/1967 Cmnd. 3299
Investment		
64. Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States, 18 March 1965.		25/1967 Cmnd. 3255
65. Convention Establishing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, 11 October 1985.		47/1989 Cm 812
Health		
66. The International Health Regulations, 25 July 1969.		18/1971 Cmnd. 4650
Intellectual Property		
67. Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, done at Paris on 20 March 1883, as revised in 1967.		61/1970 Cmnd. 4431
68. *Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, done at Berne on 9 September 1886 as revised in 1979.		United Kingdom not a Party
69. Universal Copyright Convention, 6 September 1952, as amended in 1971.		66/1957 Cmnd. 289
70. Convention for the Protection of Products of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms, 29 October 1971.		41/1973 Cmnd. 5275
71. Patent Co-operation Treaty, 19 June 1970, as amended on 2 October 1979 and modified on 3 February 1984.		78/1978 Cmnd. 7340
Conservation		
72. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, 3 March 1973.		101/1976 Cmnd. 6647
73. Convention for the Protection of the World Culture and Natural Heritage, 23 November 1972.		2/1985 Cmnd. 9424
74. International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 2 December 1946, and its 1956 Protocol.		5/1949 Cm 7604
75. Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, 22 March 1989.		100/1995 Cm 3108
76. Plant Protection Agreement for the South-East Asia and Pacific Region, 27 February 1956, and the Amendment to the Agreement done on 2 November 1957.		40/1957 Cmnd. 170

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77. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 22 March 1985, Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 16 September 1987, Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 29 June 1990.		1/1990 Cm 910
78. Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat, 2 February 1971.		34/1976 Cmnd. 6465
Postal		
79. Universal Postal Convention with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations of UPU, 14 September 1994.		DTI Cm 2937
80. General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union, 14 September 1994.		DTI Cm 2937
81. Postal Parcels Agreement with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations, 14 September 1994.		DTI Cm 2937
82. Giro Agreement, 14 September 1994.		
83. Cash-on-Delivery Agreement, 14 September 1994.		DTI Cm 2937
International Labour Conventions		
84. Minimum Age (Sea) Convention, 1920 (No. 7).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1174
85. Right of Association (Agriculture) Convention, 1921 (No. 11).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
86. Weekly Rest (Industry) Convention, 1921 (No. 14).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
87. Minimum Age (Trimmers and Stokers) Convention, 1921 (No. 15).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
88. Medical Examination of Young Persons (Sea) Convention, 1921 (No. 16).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 1612
89. Equality of Treatment (Accident Compensation) Convention, 1925 (No. 19).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 2536
90. Seamen's Articles of Agreement Convention, 1926 (No. 22).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 2745
91. Repatriation of Seamen Convention, 1926 (No. 23).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 2745
92. Protection against Accidents (Dockers) Convention (Revised), 1932 (No. 32).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 4115
93. Underground Work (Women) Convention, 1935 (No. 45).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5033
94. Minimum Age (Industry) Convention (Revised), 1937 (No. 59).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5584
95. Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 144).		33/1978 Cmnd. 7164
Human Rights		
96. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 21 December 1965.		77/1969 Cmnd. 4108
97. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, 18 December 1979.		2/1989 Cm 643
98. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 10 December 1984.		107/1991 Cm 1775
99. Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20 November 1989.		44/1992 Cm 1976
Conventions Establishing International Organizations		
100. Constitution of the Universal Postal Union, Vienna 1964 as amended by the 1969 Tokyo, 1974 Lausanne, 1984 Hamburg, 1989 Washington and 1994 Seoul Additional Protocols.		70/1966 Cmnd. 3141
101. Convention Establishing a Customs Co-operation Council, 15 December 1950.		50/1984 Cmd. 9232

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102. Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency, 26 October 1956.		19/1958 Cmnd. 450
103. Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, 22 July 1944.		Treasury Cmnd. 6546
104. Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 27 December 1945.		21/1946 Cmnd. 6885
105. Articles of Agreement of the International Development Association, 26 January 1960.		1/1961 Cmnd. 1244
106. Articles of Agreement of the International Finance Corporation, 25 May 1955.		37/1961 Cmnd. 1377
107. Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization, 3 May 1967.		30/1971 Cmnd. 4682
108. Constitution of the International Labour Organization, 11 April 1919.		
109. Convention on the International Maritime Organization, 6 March 1948.		54/1958 Cmnd. 589
110. Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization, 3 September 1976.		94/1979 Cmnd. 7722
111. Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, 20 August 1971.		80/1973 Cmnd. 5416
112. Constitution of the World Meteorological Organization, 11 October 1947.		36/1950 Cmnd. 7989
113. Constitution for the World Health Organization, 22 July 1946.		43/1948 Cmnd. 7458
114. Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, 14 July 1967, as amended in 1979.		52/1970 Cmnd. 4408
115. The Constitution and General Regulations of the International Criminal Police Organization, 13 June 1956.		
116. Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 16 October 1945.		47/1946 Cmnd. 6955
117. Agreement on the Network of Aquaculture Center in Asia and the Pacific, 8 January 1988.		United Kingdom not a Party
118. Agreement on the Establishment of the Asia Pacific Fishery Commission, 24 November 1994.		
119. Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank, 4 December 1965.		53/1968 Cmnd. 3762
120. Constitution of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union and Final Protocol of the Union, 1 July 1987.		
121. Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, 27 March 1976.		
122. Charter of the Asian and Pacific Development Centers, 1 April 1982.		United Kingdom not a Party
123. Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Typhoon Committee, 2 March 1968.		
124. Statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, 14 April 1995.		
125. Arrangement Establishing the International Textiles and Clothing Bureau, 21 May 1984.		
126. Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunications Union, 22 December 1992.		24/1996 Cm 3145
Trade		
127. International Convention relating to International Exhibitions, 22 November 1928, and its Protocol done on 30 November 1972, and Amendments done 24 June 1982.		9/1931 Cmnd. 3776

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Annex II		
International Crime		
1. Agreement for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications, 4 May 1910, and its Protocol done on 4 May 1949.		11/1911 Cd. 5657
2. International Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, 12 September 1923, and the Protocol amending the Convention, done on 12 November 1947.		1/1926 Cmd. 2575
3. Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports serving International Civil Aviation, done at Montreal, 24 February 1988.		20/1991 Cm 1470
Private International Law		
4. Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, 5 October 1961.		32/1965 Cmnd. 2617
5. Convention on the Conflicts of Laws relating to the Form of Testamentary Dispositions, 5 October 1961.		5/1964 Cmnd. 2250
6. Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters, 18 March 1970.		20/1977 Cmnd. 6727
7. Convention on the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations, 1 July 1970.		123/1975 Cmnd. 6248
8. Convention on the Law Applicable to Trusts and on their Recognition, 1 July 1985.		14/1992 Cm 1823
9. Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 25 October 1980.		66/1986 Cm 33
Customs		
10. International Convention relating to the Simplification of Customs Formalities and Protocol of Signature, 3 November 1923.		16/1925 Cmd. 2347
11. Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, 22 November 1950.		42/1954 Cmd. 9185
12. International Convention to Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material, 7 November 1952.		81/1955 Cmd. 9644
13. Convention Concerning Customs Facilities for Touring and Additional Protocol relating to the Importation of Touring Publicity Documents and Material, 4 June 1954.		70/1957 Cmnd. 308
14. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles, 4 June 1954.		1/1959 Cmnd. 602
15. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation for Private Use of Aircraft and Pleasure Boats, 18 May 1956.		16/1959 Cmnd. 650
16. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles, 18 May 1956.		1/1960 Cmnd. 919
17. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Professional Equipment, 8 June 1961.		62/1963 Cmnd. 2125
18. European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets Used in International Transport, 9 December 1960.		10/1963 Cmnd. 1938
Marine Pollution		
19. International Convention for the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 18 December 1971, and its 1976 Protocol.		95/1978 Cmnd. 7383
Science and Technology		
20. Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy, 29 July 1960, with its Additional Protocol done on 28 January 1964, as amended by the 1982 Protocol.		69/1968 Cmnd. 2514

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Civil Aviation		
21. Convention supplementary to the Warsaw Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air Performed by a Person other than the Contracting Carrier, 18 September 1961.		23/1964 Cmnd. 2354
22. International Air Service Transit Agreement, 7 December 1944.		8/1953 Cmnd. 8742
Merchant Shipping		
23. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Assistance and Salvage at Sea, 23 September 1910.		4/1913 Cd. 6677
24. Convention and Statute on Freedom of Transit, 20 April 1921.		27/1923 Cmd. 1992
25. Convention and Statute on the Regime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern, 20 April 1921.		28/1923 Cmd. 1993
26. Declaration Recognizing the Right to a Flag of States Having No Sea-coast, 20 April 1921.		29/1923 Cmd. 1994
27. Convention and Statute on the International Regime of Maritime Ports, 9 December 1923.		24/1925 Cmd. 2419
28. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading, 25 August 1924 and its 1968 and 1979 Protocols.		17/1931 Cmd. 3806
29. International Convention on Certain Rules concerning Civil Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision, 10 May 1952.		47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
30. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Penal Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision or other Incidents of Navigation, 10 May 1952.		47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
31. International Convention relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships, 10 May 1952.		47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
32. Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement, 6 October 1971 and its 1973 Protocol on Space Requirements for Special Trade Passenger Ships.		7/1980 Cmnd. 7761
33. Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 19 November 1976.		13/1990 Cm 995
Trade		
34. The Protocols done on 10 May 1948, 16 November 1966 of the International Convention relating to International Exhibitions, 22 November 1928.		57/1951 Cmd. 8311
Health		
35. Agreement respecting Facilities to be given to Merchant Seamen for the Treatment of Venereal Diseases, 1 December 1924.		20/1926 Cmd. 2727
International Property		
36. The Protocols of the Universal Copyright Convention, 6 September 1952 as amended in 1971.		66/1957 Cmnd. 289
Conservation		
37. Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, 23 June 1979.		87/1990 Cm 1332
38. The Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 25 November 1992.		48/1995 Cm 2877
Transport		
39. Convention on Road Traffic, 19 September 1949.		49/1958 Cmnd. 578

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Telecommunications		
40. International Agreement on the Use of IMMARSAT Ship Earth Stations within the Territorial Sea and Ports, 16 October 1985.		Misc. 5/1987 Cm 149
41. Convention for the Protection of Submarine Cables, 14 March 1884, amended by the Declaration on the Protection of Submarine Cables done on 1 December 1886, and the Protocol on the Protection of Submarine Cables done on 7 July 1887.		
Human Rights		
42. International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, 18 May 1904.		24/1905 Cd. 2689
43. International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, 4 May 1910 and the Protocol amending the Convention, 1949.		20/1912 Cd. 6326
44. Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery, 7 September 1956.		59/1957 Cmnd. 257
45. Convention on the Political Rights of Women, 31 March 1953.		101/1967 Cmnd. 3449
46. Slavery Convention, 25 September 1926, and its Protocol amending the Slavery Convention, 7 December 1953.		16/1927 Cmd. 2910
47. International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, 30 September 1921.		26/1923 Cmd. 1986
48. Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages, Open for Signature on 10 December 1962.		102/1970 Cmnd. 4538
49. Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, 28 September 1954.		41/1960 Cmnd. 1098
International Labour Conventions		
50. Unemployment Convention, 1919 (No. 2).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 627
51. Maternity protection Convention, 1919 (No. 3).		
52. Minimum Age (Industry) Convention, 1919 (No. 5).		Ministry of Labour No. 627
53. Unemployment Indemnity (Shipwreck) Convention, 1920 (No. 8).		Ministry of Labour No. 1174
54. Minimum Age (Agriculture) Convention, 1921 (No. 10).		Ministry of Labour No. 1612
55. Workmen's Compensation (Agriculture) Convention, 1921 (No. 12).		Ministry of Labour No. 1612
56. Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) Convention, 1925 (No. 17).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 2536
57. Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29).		134 BSFP 449
58. Workmen's Compensation (Occupational Diseases) Convention (Revised), 1934 (No. 42).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5078
59. Recruiting of Indigenous Workers Convention, 1936 (No. 50).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5305
60. Minimum Age (Sea) Convention (Revised), 1936 (No. 58).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 5393
61. Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Convention, 1939 (No. 64).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 6407
62. Penal Sanctions (Indigenous Workers) Convention, 1939 (No. 65).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 6407
63. Certificate of Able Seamen Convention, 1946 (No. 74).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7109
64. Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7437

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65. Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7638
66. Night Work of Young Persons (Industry) Convention (Revised), 1948 (No. 90).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7638
67. Accommodation of Crews Convention, 1949 (No. 92).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7852
68. Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 (No. 97).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7852
69. Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No. 98).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 7852
70. Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention, 1952 (No. 101).		Ministry of Labour Cmd. 9082
71. Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105).		Ministry of Labour Cmnd. 313
72. Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958 (No. 108).		25/1965 Cmnd. 2575
73. Radiation Protection Convention, 1960 (No. 115).		41/1963 Cmnd. 2058
74. Employment Policy Convention, 1964 (No. 122).		
75. Medical Examination of Young Persons (Underground Work) Convention, 1965 (No. 124).		105/1967 Cmd. 3478
76. Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1970 (No. 133).		25/1997 Cm 3596
77. Rural Workers Organisations Convention, 1975 (No. 141).		16/1978 Cmnd. 7083
78. Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 (No. 142).		17/1978 Cmnd. 7086
79. Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1976 (No. 147).		22/1984 Cmnd. 9186
80. Working Environment (Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration) Convention, 1977 (No. 148).		40/1980 Cmnd. 7901
81. Labour Administration Convention, 1978 (No. 150).		32/1981 Cmnd. 8251
82. Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention, 1978 (No. 151).		33/1981 Cmnd. 8252
83. Labour Statistics Convention, 1985 (No. 160).		24/1997 Cm 3594
Conventions Establishing International Organizations		
84. Final Acts of the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union, done at Geneva, 22 December 1992.		24/1996 Cm 3145
85. Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunications Union, done at Kyoto, 14 October 1994.		Not yet published
86. Agreement for the Establishment of a Regional Animal Production and Health Commission for Asia, the Far East and the South-west Pacific, entered into force on 29 December 1975.		
87. Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, 15 April 1994.		55/1996 Cm 3283
For Reservations made to the above Hong Kong Conventions, etc. <i>See main</i> Subject Headings in the Supplementary List.		

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HUMAN RIGHTS		
International Convention with the object of Securing the Abolition of Slavery and the Slave Trade	Geneva 25 Sept., 1926	16/1927 Cmd. 2910
Accession— Turkmenistan ..	1 May, 1997	
Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	Rome 4 Nov., 1950	71/1953 Cmd. 8969
Ratification Latvia (with Declarations*)	27 June, 1997	
<i>*Declarations</i>		
Article 25		
In accordance with Article 25 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 1950, the Republic of Latvia recognises for a period of three years after the instruments of ratification are deposited, the competence of the European Commission of Human Rights to receive petitions addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe from any person, non-governmental organisation or group of individuals claiming to be the victim of a violation by the Republic of Latvia of the rights set forth in this Convention, as well as in Articles 1 to 4 of Protocol No. 4 and Articles 1 to 5 of Protocol No. 7.		
Article 46		
In accordance with Article 46 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 1950, the Republic of Latvia recognises for a period of three years after the instruments of ratification are deposited, and on the condition of reciprocity by the High Contracting Parties, as compulsory <i>ipso facto</i> and without special agreement the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights in all matters concerning the interpretation and application of the present Convention as well as Articles 1 to 4 of Protocol No. 4 and Articles 1 to 5 of Protocol No. 7.		
Renewal of Declarations under Article 25		
Belgium.. .. .	30 June, 1997 (for five years)	
Norway.. ..	29 June, 1997 (for five years)	
Renewal of Declarations under Article 46		
Belgium.. .. .	29 June, 1997 (for five years)	
Norway ..	29 June, 1997 (for five years)	
Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	Paris 20 Mar., 1952	46/1954 Cmd. 9221
Ratification Latvia (with reservation*).. . .	27 June, 1997	
<i>*Reservation</i>		
In accordance with Article 64 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 1950, the Republic of Latvia declares that the provisions of Article 1 of the First Protocol shall not apply to the laws on property reform which regulate the restoration or compensation to the former owners or their legal heirs of property nationalised, confiscated, collectivised or otherwise unlawfully expropriated during the period of Soviet annexation; and privatisation of collectivised agricultural enterprises, collective fisheries and of State and local self-government owned property.		

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<p>HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)</p> <p>The reservation concerns the Law on Land Reform in the Republic of Latvia Rural Regions (published in <i>Zinotajs [The Bulletin]</i> 1990, No. 49; 1991, No. 41; 1992, No. 6/7; 1992, No. 11/12; 1993, No. 18/19; <i>Latvijas Vestnesis [The Latvian Herald]</i> 1994, No. 137), Law On Privatisation of Agricultural Enterprises and Collective Fisheries (<i>Zinotajs</i> 1991, No. 31; 1992, No. 40/41; 1993, No. 5/6; <i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1995, No. 90; 1996, No. 177), Law on Land Reform in the Republic of Latvia Cities (<i>Zinotajs</i> 1991, No. 49/50; <i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1994, No. 47; 1994, No. 145; 1995, No. 169; 1997, No. 126/127), Law On Land Privatisation in Rural Regions (<i>Zinotajs</i> 1992, No. 32; 1993, No. 18/19; <i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1993, No. 130; 1994, No. 148; 1995, No. 162; 1996, No. 111; 1996, No. 225), Law On Privatisation of Property in Agroservice Enterprises (<i>Zinotajs</i> 1993 No. 14), Law On Privatisation Certificates (<i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1995, No. 52), Law On the Privatisation of Objects of State and Municipal Property (<i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1994, No. 27; 1994, No. 77; 1996, No. 192; 1997, No. 16/17/18/19/20/21), Law On Privatisation of Co-operative Apartments (<i>Zinotajs</i> 1991, No. 51; <i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1995, No. 135), Law On the Privatisation of State and Local Self-Government Apartment Houses (<i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1995, No. 103; 1996, No. 149; 1996, No. 233), Law On Denationalisation of Real Estate in the Republic of Latvia (1991, No. 46; <i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1994, No. 42; 1994, No. 90; 1995, No. 137; 1996, No. 219/220), Law On the Return of Real Estate to the Legitimate Owners (<i>Zinotajs</i> 1991, No. 46; <i>Latvijas Vestnesis</i> 1994, No. 42; 1996, No. 97) and their wording being in force at the moment the Law on Ratification entered into force.</p> <p>The Law On Privatisation of Co-operative Apartments establishes the legal basis for the privatisation of the co-operative dwelling fund of house-building co-operatives in the territory of the Republic of Latvia. Apartments in large dwelling houses owned by house-building co-operatives shall be considered as the object of privatisation.</p> <p>The Law On the Privatisation of State and Local Self-Governments Apartment Houses establishes the procedure for privatising State and local self-government apartment houses, and the goal is to develop the real estate market and stimulate the upkeep of apartment houses, while protecting the interests of residents.</p> <p>The Law On Denationalisation of Real Estate defines the real estate which can be denationalised, fixes the terms and procedure of denationalisation, the form of compensation and social guarantees of present tenants.</p> <p>The Law On the Return of Real Estate to the Legitimate Owners guarantees that the real estate which has been expropriated by the State in the 1940s-80s without compensation will be returned to the former owners or their legal heirs.</p> <p><i>Annex to the Reservation</i></p> <p>In addition to the reservation to Article 1 of the First Protocol, made in accordance with Article 64 of the Convention, the Republic of Latvia hereby gives a brief summary of the laws concerned.</p> <p>The goal of the Law On Land Reform in the Republic of Latvia Rural Regions is to allocate the land for paying use to natural persons and legal persons and to renew to the Republic of Latvia citizens, who desire so, the land ownership rights in the procedure stipulated by law or to deliver the land into ownership without compensation or for pay.</p> <p>The Law On Privatisation of Agricultural Enterprises and Collective Fisheries regulates privatisation of agricultural enterprises and collective fisheries. The objective of the Law is to decrease sequels of unlawful methods of collectivisation changing the forms of property in agricultural enterprises and</p>		

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<p>HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)</p> <p>collective fisheries as well as to promote the process of privatisation in agriculture and development of private entrepreneurial activity.</p> <p>The aim of the Law On Land Reform in the Republic of Latvia Cities, during the gradual process of State property denationalisation, conversion, privatisation and the return of unlawfully expropriated land, is to restructure the legal, social and economic relations between city land owners and users in order to promote the respective city's construction, land protection and its rational utilisation in accordance with the interests of society.</p> <p>The main objectives of the Law On Land Privatisation in Rural Regions are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to create a basis and guarantees for agricultural development; 2. to renew land ownership rights to the former landowners who owned the land on July 21, 1940 or their heirs; and 3. to give the land into ownership of the Republic of Latvia citizens for compensation. <p>The Law On Privatisation of Property in Agroservice Enterprises regulates the change of ownership rights on property under the use and disposal of agroservice enterprises. The main objective of the Law is to promote the development of entrepreneurial activity in this branch by property privatisation, and to create conditions for organisation of the system for protection of the interests of agricultural producers on the basis of co-operation and competition.</p> <p>The Law establishes the rights of the State and local self-governments, agricultural producers and employees of an enterprise, as well as of other natural persons and legal persons, and the procedure by which the ownership rights on the property under use and disposal of agroservice enterprise shall be obtained or specified.</p> <p>The goal of the Law On Privatisation Certificates is to establish a legal basis for most of Latvia's residents to participate in the process of privatisation of State and local self-government owned property, using privatisation certificates as form of payment.</p> <p>Certificates are issued to Latvia's residents according to the years of residence in Latvia. Additional certificates can be issued to former owners or their heirs, as compensation for illegally nationalised real estate which cannot be returned; politically repressed persons who are recognised as such, according to the Republic of Latvia Law of May 13, 1992 "On the Determination of the Status of a Politically Repressed Person", corresponding to time of imprisonment, deportation or time of settling.</p> <p>The Law On the Privatisation of Objects of State and Municipal Property determines the procedure for privatisation of objects of State and local self-government property, as far as it is not regulated by other laws, as well as the establishment and operational principles of the Latvian Privatisation Agency.</p>		
<p>Slavery Convention Signed at Geneva on 25 of September, 1926, as amended by the Protocol agreed at New York on the 7 of December, 1953 ..</p>	<p>New York 7 Dec., 1953</p>	<p>24/1956 Cmd. 9797</p>
<p>Accession— Turkmenistan ..</p>	<p>1 May, 1997</p>	
<p>Note</p> <p>On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong:</p>		

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HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)		
<i>[Courtesy Translation]</i>		
"The Government of the People's Republic of China declares that the signature and ratification by the Taiwan authorities in the name of China on 7 December 1953 and 14 December 1955 respectively of the [above Protocol] are all illegal and therefore null and void."		
Convention on the Political Rights of Women	New York 31 Mar., 1953	101/1967 Cmnd. 3449
Note		
On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following in respect of Hong Kong:		
<i>[Courtesy Translation]</i>		
"The Government of the People's Republic of China declares in respect of Hong Kong that the signature and ratification by Taiwan authorities in the name of China respectively on 9 June 1953 and 21 December 1953 of the Convention on the political Rights of Women are all illegal and therefore null and void."		
Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery.. . .	Geneva 7 Sept., 1956	59/1957 Cmnd. 257
Accession— Turkmenistan . . .	1 May, 1997	
Note		
On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following in respect of Hong Kong:		
<i>[Courtesy Translation]</i>		
"The Government of the People's Republic of China declares in respect of Hong Kong signature and ratification by the Taiwan authorities in the name of China respectively on 23 May 1957 and 28 May 1959 of the above [Supplementary Convention] are all illegal and therefore null and void."		
European Social Charter	Turin 18 Oct., 1961	38/1965 Cmnd. 2643
Ratification Poland (with Declaration*) . . .	25 June, 1997	
<i>*Declaration</i>		
According to Article 20 of the Charter, the Republic of Poland considers itself bound by provisions of the Charter as the following:		
Article 1. The right to work (paragraphs 1-4, all)		
Article 2. The right to just conditions of work (paragraphs 1, 3-5)		
Article 3. The right to safe and healthy working conditions (paragraphs 1-3, all)		
Article 4. The right to a fair remuneration (paragraphs 2-5)		
Article 5. The right to organise		
Article 6. The right to bargain collectively (paragraphs 1-3)		
Article 7. The right of children and young persons to protection (paragraphs 2, 4, 6-10)		
Article 8. The right of employed women to protection (paragraphs 1-4, all)		
Article 9. The right to vocational guidance		
Article 10. The right to vocational training (paragraphs 1-2)		

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Article 11. The right to protection of health (paragraphs 1-3, all)		
Article 12. The right to social security (paragraphs 1-4, all)		
Article 13. The right to social and medical assistance (paragraphs 2 and 3)		
Article 14. The right to benefit from social welfare services (paragraph 1)		
Article 15. The right of physically or mentally disabled persons to vocational training, rehabilitation and social resettlement (paragraphs 1-2, all)		
Article 16. The right of the family to social, legal and economic protection.		
Article 17. The right of mothers and children to social and economic protection		
Article 18. The right to engage in a gainful occupation in the territory of other Contracting Parties (paragraph 4)		
Article 19. The right of migrant workers and their families to protection and assistance (paragraphs 1-10, all)		
Convention on consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages ..	New York 10 Dec., 1962 –31 Dec., 1963	102/1970 Cmnd. 4538
Note		
On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following in respect of Hong Kong:		
1. It is the understanding of the Government of the People's Republic of China that article 1(2) of the [Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages] does not require legislative provision to be made, where no such legislation already exists in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, for marriage to be contracted in the absence of one of the parties.		
2. The signature by the Taiwan authorities of China on 4 April 1963 of the [Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages] is illegal and null and void.		
Protocol No. 2 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, conferring upon the European Court of Human Rights competence to give Advisory Opinions ..	Strasbourg 6 May, 1963	104/1970 Cmnd. 4551
Ratification— Latvia ..	27 June, 1997	
Protocol No. 3 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending Articles 29, 30 and 34 of the Convention ..	Strasbourg 6 May, 1963	106/1970 Cmnd. 4552
Ratification— Latvia ..	27 June, 1997	
Protocol No. 5 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending Articles 22 and 40 of the Convention	Strasbourg 20 Jan., 1966	48/1972 Cmnd. 4963
Ratification— Latvia ..	27 June, 1997	
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination ..	New York 7 Mar., 1966	77/1969 Cmnd. 4108
Note		
On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following in respect of Hong Kong:		

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HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)		
<i>[Courtesy Translation]</i>		
1. The reservation made by the Government of the People's Republic of China to article 22 will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.		
2. The Government of the People's Republic of China on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region interprets the requirement in article 6 concerning "reparation and satisfaction" as being fulfilled if one or other of these forms of redress is made available and interprets "satisfaction" as including any form of redress effective to bring the discriminatory conduct to an end.		
International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights	Adopted New York 19 Dec., 1966	6/1977 Cmnd. 6702
Accession— Turkmenistan ..	1 May, 1997	
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	Adopted New York 18 Dec., 1966	6/1977 Cmnd. 6702
Accessions Greece.. .. . Turkmenistan	5 May 1997 1 May, 1997	
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	Adopted New York 18 Dec., 1979	2/1989 Cm 643
Accession— Turkmenistan	1 May, 1997	
Note		
<p>On 5 June 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of <i>Austria</i> the following objection concerning the declaration made by the Government of Pakistan upon Accession to the above Convention (<i>see</i> Treaty Series 96 (1996), Cm 3528, p. 26 and 27)</p> <p>"Austria has examined the contents of the general declaration made by Pakistan at the time of accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women which reads as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">'The accession by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women is subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.'</p> <p>Austria is of the view that a reservation by which a State limits its responsibilities under the Convention in a general and unspecified manner by invoking internal law creates doubts as to the commitment of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan with its obligations under the Convention, essential for the fulfilment of its object and purpose.</p> <p>It is in the common interests of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become Parties are respected, as to their object and purpose, by all Parties and that States are prepared to undertake any legislative changes necessary to comply with their obligations under the treaties.</p> <p>Austria is further of the view that a general reservation of the kind made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which does not clearly specify the provisions of the Convention to which it applies and the extent of the derogation therefrom, contributes to undermining the basis of international treaty law.</p>		

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<p>HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)</p> <p>Given the general character of this reservation a final assessment as to its admissibility under international law cannot be made without further clarification.</p> <p>According to international law a reservation is inadmissible to the extent as its application negatively affects the compliance by a State with its obligations under the Convention essential for the fulfilment of its object and purpose.</p> <p>Therefore, Austria cannot consider the reservation made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as admissible unless the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, by providing additional information or through subsequent practice, ensures that the reservation is compatible with the provisions essential for the implementation of the object and purpose of the Convention.</p> <p>This view by Austria would not preclude the entry into force in its entirety of the Convention between Pakistan and Austria."</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong:</p> <p><i>[Courtesy Translation]</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The reservation made by the Government of the People's Republic of China to paragraph 1 of article 29 of the Convention will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. 2. The Government of the People's Republic of China understands, on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the main purpose of the Convention, in the light of the definition contained in article 1, to be the reduction, in accordance with its terms, of discrimination against women, and does not therefore regard the Convention as imposing any requirement upon the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to repeal or modify any of its existing laws, regulations, customs or practices which provide for women to be treated more favourably than men, whether temporarily or in the longer term. Undertakings by the Government of the People's Republic of China on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region under article 4, paragraph 1, and other provisions of the Convention are to be construed accordingly. 3. The Government of the People's Republic of China reserves, for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the right to continue to apply relevant immigration legislation governing the entry into, stay in and departure from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as may be deemed necessary from time to time. Accordingly, acceptance of article 15, paragraph 4, and of the other provisions of the Convention is subject to the provisions of any such legislation as regards persons not at the time having the right under the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to enter and remain in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. 4. The Government of the People's Republic of China understands, in the light of the definition contained in article 1, that none of its obligations under the Convention shall be treated as extending to the affairs of religious denominations or orders in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. 5. Laws applicable in the New Territories of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region which enable male indigenous villagers to exercise certain rights in respect of property and which provide for rent concessions in respect of land or property held by indigenous persons or their lawful successors through the male line will continue to [be] applied. 		

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<p>HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)</p> <p>6. The Government of the People's Republic of China reserves, for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the right to apply all its legislation and the rules of pension schemes affecting retirement pensions, survivors' benefits in relation to death or retirement (including retirement on ground of redundancy), whether or not derived from a social security scheme.</p> <p>This reservation will apply equally to any future legislation which may modify or replace such aforesaid legislation, or the rules of pension schemes, on the understanding that the terms of such legislation will be compatible with the Government of the People's Republic of China's obligations under the Convention in respect of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region.</p> <p>The Government of the People's Republic of China reserves the right for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to apply any non-discriminatory requirement for a qualifying period of employment for the application of the provisions contained in article 11, paragraph 2 of the Convention.</p> <p>7. The Government of the People's Republic of China understands on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the intention of article 15, paragraph 3, of the Convention to be that only those terms or elements of the contract or other private instrument which are discriminatory in the sense described are to be deemed null and void, but not necessarily the contract or instrument as a whole.</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 6 June 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of <i>Finland</i> the following objection concerning the declaration made by the Government of Pakistan upon Accession to the above Convention. (<i>See Treaty Series 96 (1996), Cm 3528, p. 26 and 27</i>):</p> <p>"The Government of Finland has examined the general declaration made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan at the time of its accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Government of Finland notes that according to that general declaration the accession by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the said Convention is subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Government of Finland considers this general declaration as a reservation of a general kind.</p> <p>The Government of Finland is of the view that such a general reservation raises doubts as to the commitment of Pakistan to the object and purpose of the Convention and would recall that, according to paragraph 2 of Article 28 of the Convention, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.</p> <p>It is in the common interests of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become parties are respected, as to their object and purpose, by all parties and that States are prepared to undertake any legislative changes necessary to comply with their obligations under the treaties.</p> <p>The Government of Finland is further of the view that general reservations of the kind made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which do not clearly specify the provisions of the Convention to which they apply and the extent of the derogation therefrom, contribute to undermining the basis of international treaty law.</p> <p>The Government of Finland therefore objects to the aforesaid general reservation made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women which is considered to be inadmissible.</p>		

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<p>HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)</p> <p>This objection does not preclude the entry into force in its entirety of the Convention between Pakistan and Finland."</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 19 June 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of the <i>Federal Republic of Germany</i> the following objection concerning the declaration made by the Government of Algeria upon Accession to the above Convention. (See Treaty Series No. 96 (1996), Cm 3582, p. 25 and 26):</p> <p>[<i>Courtesy Translation</i>]</p> <p>The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has examined the contents of the reservations made by the Government of Algeria on its accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, in which the Government of Algeria stated its readiness to apply article 2, article 9(2), article 15(4) and article 16 of the Convention provided that they do not conflict with Algerian family law.</p> <p>The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany considers that such reservation seeking to limit the validity of the Convention by making it contingent upon congruity with Algerian family law may raise doubts as to Algeria's commitment to the object and purpose of the Convention. The Convention does not allow for reservations arguing the primacy of national law. It is in the common interest of all parties to a treaty that it is respected as to object and purpose by all parties. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany therefore objects to the above-mentioned reservations.</p> <p>This objection does not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between Algeria and the Federal Republic of Germany.</p> <p>On 28 May 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of the <i>Federal Republic of Germany</i> the following objection concerning the declaration made by the Government of Pakistan upon Accession to the above Convention. (See Treaty Series No. 96 (1996), Cm 3528, p. 26 and 27):</p> <p>[<i>Courtesy Translation</i>]</p> <p>The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has examined the contents of the "general declaration" made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on its accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The declaration reads: "The accession by (the) Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women is subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan".</p> <p>The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany considers that such a declaration which seeks to limit the validity of the Convention by making it contingent upon congruity with the Pakistan Constitution may raise doubts as to Pakistan's commitment to the object and purpose of the convention. Such a reservation referring generally to the Constitution is not permitted under the Convention. It is in the common interest of all parties to a treaty that it is respected as to object and purpose by all parties. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany therefore objects to the above-mentioned declaration.</p>		

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<p>HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)</p> <p>This objection does not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Federal Republic of Germany.</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 30 May 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of the <i>Kingdom of the Netherlands</i> the following objection concerning the declaration made by the Government of Pakistan upon Accession to the above Convention. (See Treaty Series No. 96 (1996), Cm 3528, p. 26 and 27):</p> <p>"The Government [of the] Kingdom of the Netherlands has examined the declaration made by the Government of Pakistan at the time of its accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and considers the said declaration as a reservation.</p> <p>The Government [of the] Kingdom of the Netherlands notes that the said declaration amounts to reservations of a general nature in respect of the provisions of the Convention which are considered contrary to the Constitution of Pakistan.</p> <p>The Government of the Netherlands is of the view that these general reservations, which seek to limit the obligations of the reserving State by invoking its Constitution, may raise doubts as to the commitment of Pakistan to the object and purpose of the Convention and recalls that, according to paragraph 2 of Article 28 of the Convention, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.</p> <p>It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become parties are respected, as to their object and purpose, by all parties and that States are prepared to undertake any legislative changes necessary to comply with their obligations under the treaties. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is further of the view that general reservations of the kind made by the Government of Pakistan, which do not clearly specify the provisions of the Convention to which they apply and the extent of the derogation therefrom, contribute to undermining the basis of international treaty law.</p> <p>The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore objects to the aforesaid declaration made by the Government of Pakistan to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Pakistan."</p>		
<p>Note</p> <p>On 6 June 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of the <i>Kingdom of Norway</i> the following objection concerning the declaration made by the Government of Pakistan upon Accession to the above Convention. (See Treaty Series No. 96 (1996), Cm 3528, p. 26 and 27):</p> <p>"The Government of Norway has examined the content of the reservation made by the Government of Pakistan upon the accession to the above Convention, which reads as follows: '(t)he accession (...) is subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan'. The Government of Norway considers that the reservation made by the Government of Pakistan, due to <i>its</i> unlimited scope and undefined character, is contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention. Under well established treaty-law, a State party may not invoke the provisions of its internal law as justification for its failure to perform treaty obligations. For these reasons the Government of Norway objects to the reservation made by the Government of Pakistan.</p>		

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<p>The Government of Norway does not consider this objection to preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Kingdom of Norway and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan."</p> <p>Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment..</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 10 June 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, received from the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> the following declaration with respect to Hong Kong:</p> <p><i>[Courtesy Translation]</i></p> <p>The reservations made by the Government of the People's Republic of China to article 20 and paragraph 1 of article 30 of the Convention will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.</p>	<p>New York 4 Feb., 1985</p>	<p>107/1991 Cm 1775</p>
<p>Protocol No. 8 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ..</p> <p>Ratification— Latvia ..</p>	<p>Vienna 19 Mar., 1985</p> <p>27 June, 1997</p>	<p>51/1990 Cm 1136</p>
<p>European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment ..</p> <p>Ratification Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of ..</p>	<p>Strasbourg 26 Nov., 1987</p> <p>6 June, 1997</p>	<p>54/1991 Cm 1634</p>
<p>Convention on the Rights of the Child ..</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 3 March 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of <i>Austria</i> the following objections concerning the reservation and declaration made by the Government of Kiribati upon accession to the above Convention. (<i>See Treaty Series No. 70 (1996), Cm 3383, p.18.</i>)</p> <p>"Austria has examined the contents of the reservations made by the Government of the Republic of Kiribati at the time of its [accession to] the Convention on the Rights of the Child which read as follows:</p> <p>`Reservation</p> <p>The instrument of ratification by the Government of the Republic of Kiribati contains reservations in respect of, article 24 paragraph (b, c, d, e & I), article 26 and article 28 paragraph (b, c & d), in accordance with Article 51 and paragraph 1 of the Convention.</p> <p>Declaration</p> <p>The Republic of Kiribati considers that a child's rights as defined in the Convention, in particular the rights defined in Articles 12-16 shall be exercised with respect for parental authority, in accordance with the I-Kiribati customs and traditions regarding the place of the child within and outside the family.'</p> <p>Austria is of the view that reservations, by which a state limits its responsibilities under the Convention in a general and unspecified manner, and by invoking general principles of internal law create doubts as to the commitment of the Republic of Kiribati with its obligations under the Convention, essential for the fulfilment of its object and purpose.</p> <p>Given the general character of these reservations a final assessment as to their admissibility under international law cannot be made without further clarification.</p>	<p>Adopted New York., 20 Nov., 1989</p>	<p>44/1992 Cm 1976</p>

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<p>HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)</p> <p>Until the scope of the legal effects of these reservations is sufficiently specified by the Government of [Kiribati], Austria considers the reservation as not affecting any provision the implementation of which is essential to fulfilling the object and purpose of the Convention.</p> <p>In Austria's view, however, the reservations in question are inadmissible to the extent as its application negatively affects the compliance by the Republic of Kiribati with its obligations under the Convention, essential for the fulfilment of its object and purpose.</p> <p>Austria does not consider the reservations made by the Republic of Kiribati as admissible under the regime of art. 51 of the Convention and art. 19 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties unless the Republic of Kiribati, by providing additional information or through subsequent practice ensure that the reservations are compatible with the provisions essential for the implementation of the object and purpose of the Convention.</p> <p>This view by Austria would not preclude the entry into force in its entirety of the Convention between the Republic of Kiribati and Austria."</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect to Hong Kong:</p> <p><i>[Courtesy Translation]</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government of the People's Republic of China, on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, interprets the Convention as applicable only following a live birth. 2. The Government of the People's Republic of China reserves, for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the right to apply such legislation, in so far as it relates to the entry into, stay in and departure from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of those who do not have the right under the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to enter and remain in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and to the acquisition and possession of residency as it may deem necessary from time to time. 3. The Government of the People's Republic of China interprets, on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the references in the Convention to "parents" to mean only those persons who, under the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, are treated as parents. This includes cases where the laws regard a child as having only one parent, for example where a child has been adopted by one person only and in certain cases where a child is conceived other than as a result of sexual intercourse by the woman who gives birth to it and she is treated as the only parent. 4. The Government of the People's Republic of China reserves, for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the right not to apply article 32(2)(b) of the Convention in so far as it might require regulation of the hours of employment of young persons who have attained the age of fifteen years in respect of work in non-industrial establishments. 5. The Government of the People's Republic of China, on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, seeks to apply the Convention to the fullest extent to children seeking asylum in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region except in so far as conditions and resources make full implementation impracticable. In particular, in relation to article 22 of the Convention, the Government of the People's 		

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<p>HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)</p> <p>Republic of China reserves the right to continue to apply legislation in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region governing the detention of children seeking refugee status, the determination of their status and their entry into, stay in and departure from the Hong Special Administrative Region.</p> <p>6. Where at any time there is a lack of suitable detention facilities, or where the mixing of adults and children is deemed to be mutually beneficial, the Government of the People's Republic of China reserves, for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the right not to apply article 37(c) of the Convention in so far as those provisions require children who are detained to be accommodated separately from adults.</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 6 March 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of the <i>Kingdom of the Netherlands</i> the following objection with respect to the reservation made by the Government of Andorra upon ratification of the above Convention. (<i>See Treaty Series No. 70 (1996) Cm 3383 p.17</i>).</p> <p>"The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has examined the reservations made by the Government of Andorra relating to Articles 7 and 8 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is of the view that these reservations which seek to limit the responsibilities of the reserving State by invoking national law, may raise doubts as to the commitment of Andorra to the object and purpose of the Convention and, moreover, contribute to undermining the basis of international treaty law. It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become parties should be respected, as to object and purpose, by all parties. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to recall that, according to paragraph 2 of Article 51 of the Convention, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.</p> <p>The Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore objects to the aforesaid reservations made by the Government of Andorra to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.</p> <p>This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Andorra."</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 3 March 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of the <i>Kingdom of the Netherlands</i> the following objection to the declaration made by the Government of Kiribati upon Accession to the above Convention. (<i>See Treaty Series No. 70 (1996). Cm 3383 p. 18</i>)</p> <p>"The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has examined the declaration made by the Government of Kiribati relating to the Articles 12-16 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and considers this declaration to be a reservation.</p> <p>The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands considers that this declaration, which seeks to limit the responsibilities of the reserving State by invoking general principles of national law, may raise doubts as to the commitment of Kiribati to the object and purpose of the Convention and, moreover, contribute to undermining the basis of international treaty law. It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become parties should be respected, as to object and purpose, by all parties. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to recall that, according to paragraph 2 of Article 51 of the Convention, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.</p>		

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<p>The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore objects to the aforesaid declaration made by the Government of Kiribati to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Kiribati."</p>		
<p>Note</p> <p>On 3 March 1997, the Secretary-General of the United Nations received from the Government of the <i>Kingdom of the Netherlands</i> the following objection concerning the reservation made by the Government of Liechtenstein upon ratification of the above Convention. (<i>See Treaty Series No. 70 (1996). Cm 3383 p. 17</i>)</p> <p>"The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has examined the reservations made by the Government of Liechtenstein relating to the Articles 7 and 10 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.</p> <p>The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is of the view that these reservations, which seek to limit the responsibilities of the reserving State by invoking national law, may raise doubts as to the commitment of Liechtenstein to the object and purpose of the Convention and, moreover, contribute to undermining the basis of international treaty law. It is in the common interest of States that treaties to which they have chosen to become parties should be respected, as to object and purpose, by all parties. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to recall that, according to paragraph 2 of Article 51 of the Convention, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.</p> <p>The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore objects to the aforesaid reservations made by the Government of Liechtenstein to the above Convention. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Liechtenstein."</p>		
HUNGARY		
<p>Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Hungary concerning the Extension , and Refurbishment of the P'e'to Institute Building at Villanyi Ut 67</p>	<p>Budapest 25 March 1997</p>	<p>33/1997 Cm 3668</p>
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY		
<p>Universal Copyright Convention (with Protocols 1, 2 and 3) - -</p>	<p>Geneva 6 Sept., 1952</p>	<p>66/1957 Cmnd. 289</p>
<p>Note</p> <p>On 7 April 1997, the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, as depositary, received from the Government of <i>Azerbaijan</i> the following notification:</p> <p>"I have the pleasure to inform you that the Milli Majlis (Azerbaijani Parliament) on 7 February 1996 adopted the Law No. 20-IQ, signed by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, according to which the Republic of Azerbaijan is a State Party of the Universal Copyright Convention (adopted at Geneva, 6 September 1952) as from 27 May 1973 when this Convention had entered into force for the USSR."</p>		
<p>Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization ..</p>	<p>Stockholm 14 July, 1967 -13 Jan., 1968</p>	<p>52/1970 Cmnd. 4408</p>

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (continued)		
Accession Western Samoa	11 July, 1997	
International Convention further revising the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of 20 March 1883	Stockholm 14 July, 1967 -13 Jan., 1968	61/1970 Cmnd. 4431
Accession— Bahrain ..	29 July, 1997	
Note By a depositary notification dated 5 June 1997, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), informed States party to the above Convention of the following: With reference to the deposit of its instrument of ratification to the above Convention by the Republic of Indonesia on 18 September 1979, the said ratification was accompanied by a declaration that the ratification did not apply to Articles 1 to 12 of the Stockholm Act 1967. (<i>See</i> Treaty Series No. 110 (1979), Cmnd. 7843, p. 12). On 5 June 1997, Indonesia ratified Articles 1 to 12 of the above Convention. These Articles will enter into force, with respect to Indonesia, on 5 September 1997.		
Patent Co-operation Treaty (with Regulations)	Washington 19 June, -31 Dec., 1970	78/1978 Cmnd. 7340
Accessions Gambia Guinea Bissau .. Indonesia (with Declaration*) ..	9 Sept., 1997 12 Sept., 1997 5 June, 1997	
<i>*Declaration</i> "The Republic of Indonesia does not consider itself bound by the provision of Article 59 of the Treaty, which provides: 'Subject to Article 64(5), any dispute between two or more Contracting States concerning the interpretation of application of this Treaty or the Regulations, not settled by negotiation, may, by any one of the States concerned, be brought before the International Court of Justice by application in conformity with the Statute of the Court, unless the States concerned agree on some other method of settlement. The Contracting States bringing the dispute before the Court shall inform the International Bureau; the International Bureau shall bring the matter to the attention of the other Contracting States.' The Republic of Indonesia takes the position that for any dispute to be referred to the International Court of Justice for its decision, the agreement of all the Parties to the dispute shall be necessary in each individual case." Note The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization, (WIPO), as depositary, received a joint letter dated 11 June 1997, from the Republic of <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> the Republic of <i>Croatia</i> , the former Yugoslav Republic of <i>Macedonia</i> and the Republic of <i>Slovenia</i> , concerning a letter dated 2 April 1997 from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, relating to the ratification of the above Treaty by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. (<i>See</i> Treaty Series No. 62 (1997), Cm 3765, p. 58-59). The text of the joint letter reads as follows: "We have the honour to refer to the communication of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at Geneva (Serbia and Montenegro), dated April 2, 1997, attached to your Note C-149/C0-32 of April 21, 1997, relating to the ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).		

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<p>We would like to remind that Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Slovenia and Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) are all equal successor states to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia which dissolved and ceased to exist, as it was stated by the Badinter Arbitration Commission and the relevant Resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council.</p> <p>All successor states, other than Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), have followed the procedure for admission to the membership of the World Intellectual Property Organization and to become parties to the various multilateral treaties administered by it. Bearing in mind that all successor states are equal in their rights and that none of them can automatically continue the membership of the former SFRY, we maintain the view that Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has to notify its intention to become a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization and a party to different multilateral treaties administered by it.</p> <p>Regarding the ratification of the PCT by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), we reiterate that the precondition for this ratification, namely the membership of the International Union for the Protection of Intellectual Property as the state party to the Paris Convention of the protection of Industrial Property, has not been met. We recall that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has never notified succession to the mentioned Convention, as it was stated in our Note, dated January 17, 1997."</p>		
Note		
<p>On 6 June 1997, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), as depositary, received from the Government of the <i>Kingdom of Spain</i> a notification withdrawing the declaration made on accession to the above Convention, to the effect that Spain does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Chapter II of the said Treaty. (<i>See Treaty Series No. 63(1989), Cm 1056, p. 8</i>). The withdrawal will take effect on 6 September 1997. Consequently, from that date, Spain will be bound also by the provisions of Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).</p>		
Strasbourg Agreement concerning the International Patent Classification (as amended) (<i>see also Treaty Series No. 82</i>) (1983) (Cmnd. 9107 p.14)	Strasbourg 24 Mar., —30 Sept., 1971	113/1975 Cmnd. 6238
Accession Moldova, Republic of ..	1 Sept., 1997	
International Convention further revising the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of 9 September 1886, as amended on 2 October 1979	Paris 24 July, 1971	63/1990 Cm 1212
Accession Indonesia (with declaration*)	5 June, 1997	
*Declaration		
<p>"The Republic of Indonesia does not consider itself bound by the provision of Article 33(1) of the Convention, which provides: 'Any dispute between two or more countries of the Union concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention, not settled by negotiation, may, by any one of the countries concerned, be brought before the International Court of Justice by application in conformity with the Statute of the Court, unless the countries concerned agree on some other method of settlement. The country bringing the dispute before the Court shall inform the International Bureau; the International Bureau shall bring the matter to the attention of the other countries of the Union.' The Republic of Indonesia takes the position that for</p>		

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any dispute to be referred to the International Court of Justice for its decision, the agreement of all the Parties to the dispute shall be necessary in each individual case."		
Note		
On 8 August, 1997, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), as depositary, received from the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of <i>Macedonia</i> , a notification withdrawing the declaration concerning the retention of benefits formulated in regard to Article 8 of the above Convention. (<i>See Treaty Series No. 63(1990), Cm 1212, p.55 and (Treaty Series No. 79(1993), Cm 2544, p. 18-19).</i>)		
Nice Agreement concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the purposes of the Registration of Marks of 15 June 1957 as revised at Stockholm on 14 July 1967 (As amended). (<i>See also Treaty Series No. 82 (1983), Cmnd. 9107, p.15</i>)	Geneva 13 May, 1977	72/1979 Cmnd. 7671
Accession		
Moldova ..	1 Sept., 1997	
Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Micro-organisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (with regulations). ..	Budapest 28 Apr., — 31 Dec., 1977	5/1981 Cmnd. 8136
Accession		
Portugal	16 July, 1997	
Note		
On 8 July 1997, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), as depositary, received a written communication dated 2 July 1997, from the Government of the <i>Kingdom of Spain</i> giving the new address of the international depositary authority as follows:		
Coleccion Espanola de Cultivos Tipo (CECT) Universidad de Valencia Edificio de Investigacion Campus de Burjasot 46100 Burjasot (Valencia) Spain Telephone: + 34-6 386-46-12 Facsimile: + 34-6 398-31-87		
Note		
On 7 March 1997, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), as depositary received a written communication dated 5 March 1997, from the Government of the <i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i> , terminating the status of the National Collection of Food Bacteria (NCFB) with effect from 5 June 1997.		
Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, Madrid, 27 June 1989 and the Common Regulations under the Agreement and Protocol, adopted by the Assembly of the Madrid Union with effect from 1 April 1996..	Madrid 28 June, —31 Dec., 1989	3/1997 Cm 3505
Ratifications		
France .. Hungary (with declaration*)	7 Aug., 1997 3 July, 1997	
* <i>Declaration</i>		
In accordance with Article 14(5) of the Madrid Protocol (1989), the protection resulting from any international		

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registration effected under the said Protocol before the date of entry into force of the said Protocol with respect to the Republic of Hungary cannot be extended to it.		
Accessions		
Lithuania (with declaration*)	15 Aug., 1997	
Moldova	1 Sept., 1997	
Slovak Republic (with declaration)	13 June, 1997	
<i>*Declaration</i>		
In accordance with Article 5(2)(d) of the Madrid Protocol (1989), that, under Article 5(2)(b) of the said Protocol, the time limit of one year to exercise the right to notify a refusal of protection referred to in Article 5(2)(a) thereof is replaced by 18 months and that, under Article 5(2)(c) of the said Protocol, where refusal of protection may result from an opposition to the granting of protection, such refusal may be notified after the expiry of the 18-month time limit.		
<i>tDeclaration</i>		
In accordance with Article 5(2)(d) of the Madrid Protocol (1989), that, under Article 5(2)(b) of the said Protocol, the time limit of one year to exercise the right to notify a refusal of protection referred to in Article 5(2)(a) thereof is replaced by 18 months.		
Trademark Law Treaty and Regulations	Geneva 27 Oct., 1994	76/1996 Cm 3348
Ratification— Indonesia	5 June, 1997	
MARITIME LAW		
Protocol amending the International Convention of certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading, done at Brussels on 25 August 1924	Brussels 23 Feb., 1968	83/1977 Cmnd. 6944
Note		
In a Note Verbale received by the Belgian Government on 24 June 1997, the Government of <i>Poland</i> withdrew the reservation regarding Article 8 made upon ratification. (<i>See</i> Treaty Series No. 45(1980), Cm 7949 p.18).		
Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976	London 1 Feb., — 31 Dec., 1977	13/1900 Cm 955
Note		
On 5 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the International Maritime Organization (IMO), as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong:		
<i>[Translation]</i>		
1. with respect to the Hong Kong Special Administration Region, it reserves the right in accordance with Article 18(1), to exclude the application of the Article 2(1)(d);		
2. The manner of calculation employed with respect to Article 8(1) of the Convention concerning the unit of account shall be the method of valuation applied by the International Monetary Fund;		
3. with regard to Article 15(2)(b) of the Convention, the limits of liability which will be applied to ships under 300 tons are 166,667 units of account in respect of claims for loss of life or personal injury and 83,333 units of account in respect to any other claims.		

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MARITIME LAW (continued)		
Protocol amending the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading, 25 August 1924, as amended by the Protocol of 23 February	Brussels 21 Dec., 1979	28/1984 Cmnd. 9197
Note		
In a Note Verbale received by the Belgian Government on 24 June 1997, the Government of <i>Poland</i> withdrew its reservation regarding Article 3 made on ratification, (<i>See</i> Treaty Series No. 81(1984), Cm 9398, p.13).		
PLANTS & PESTS		
International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of 2 December 1961 as revised at Geneva on 10 November 1972, and on 23 October 1978 ..	Geneva 23 Oct., 1978	11/1984 Cmnd. 9152
Ratification— Mexico ..	9 July, 1997	
Accession— Ecuador	8 July, 1997	
POLLUTION		
International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution	Brussels 29 Nov., 1969 - 31 Dec., 1970	106/1975 Cmnd. 6183
Accession Antigua and Barbuda	23 June, 1997	
International Convention relating to Intervention on the High Seas in cases of Oil Pollution Casualties ..	Brussels 29 Nov., 1969 - 31 Dec., 1970	77/1975 Cmnd. 6056
Accession— Iran	25 July, 1997	
International Convention on the establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage ..	Brussels 18 Dec., 1971	95/1978 Cmnd. 7383
Accession Antigua and Barbuda	23 June, 1997	
Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter ..	London Mexico City Moscow Washington 29 Dec., 1972 -31 Dec., 1973	43/1976 Cmnd. 6486
Accession in London— Azerbaijan ..	1 July, 1997	
Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances other than Oil, 1973 ..	London 2 Nov., 1973	27/1983 Cmnd. 8924
Accession— Iran	25 July, 1997	
Protocol to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 ..	London 19 Nov., 1976	26/1981 Cmnd. 8238
Accession Antigua and Barbuda ..	23 June, 1997	
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer ..	Vienna/ New York 22 Mar., 1985 -21 Mar., 1986	1/1990 Cm 910

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POLLUTION (continued)		
Accession— Belize ..	6 June, 1997	
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Montreal 16 Sept., 1987	19/1990 Cm 977
Note On 6 and 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong: <i>[Courtesy Translation]</i> "Provisions of Article 5 of the [above Montreal Protocol] will not be applied to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region."		
Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal	Basel 22 Mar., 1989 Berne 23 Mar.- 30 June, 1989 New York, 1 July, 1989 -22 Mar, 1990	100/1995 Cm 3108
Accessions Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Nicaragua.. .. .	23 May, 1997 16 July, 1997 3 June, 1997	
Note On 6 and 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong: <i>[Courtesy Translation]</i> "In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the [above Basel Convention], the Director of Environmental Protection Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has been designated as the competent authority for the purpose of this article."		
Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, done at Montreal 16 September 1987	Adopted London, 27 June- 29 June, 1990	4/1993 Cm 2132
Accession— Botswana	13 May, 1997	
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	New York 9 May, 1992	28/1995 Cm 2833
Ratifications Singapore	29 May, 1997 13 May, 1997	
Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, done at Montreal 16 September 1987 Adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	Copenhagen 23 Nov.- 25 Nov., 1992	48/1995 Cm 2899
Ratification— Brazil ..	25 June, 1997	
Accessions— Botswana Sri Lanka Uruguay	13 May, 1997 7 July, 1997 3 July, 1997	

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POLLUTION (continued)		
Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 ..	London 27 Nov., 1992	86/1996 Cm 3432
Accessions		
Ireland, Republic of (with declaration*)	12 May, 1997	
Jamaica ..	15 May, 1997	
Philippines	6 June, 1997	
Uruguay	7 July, 1997	
9 July, 1997		
* <i>Declaration</i>		
"This instrument of accession shall not take effect until the end of the six-month period in Article 31 of the 1992 Protocol to amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage of 1971."		
Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 ..	London 27 Nov., 1992	87/1996 Cm 3433
Accession—		
Jamaica ..	24 June, 1997	
PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW		
Statute of the Hague Conference on Private International Law	The Hague 9 Oct.- 31 Oct., 1951	65/1955 Cmd. 9582
Acceptance		
Korea, Republic of ..	20 Aug., 1997	
Convention abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents ..	The Hague 5 Oct., 1961	32/1965 Cmd. 2617
Note		
By a Note dated 19 August 1997, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as depositary, informed Member States of the Hague Conference on Private International Law and the States having acceded to the above mentioned Convention that in accordance with Article 6, first paragraph of the Convention the Government of the Republic of <i>Lithuania</i> has designated "the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs" as competent authority to issue the Apostilles.		
Note		
In a Note dated 11 August 1997, the Embassy of the former Yugoslav Republic of <i>Macedonia</i> at The Hague, informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as depositary, that in addition to the Ministry of Justice, all 27 First Instance Courts in the Republic of Macedonia are competent to issue the certificate referred to in Article 3.		
Note		
By a Note dated 14 August 1997, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as depositary, transmitted to Member States and States having acceded to the above Convention a copy of the Note Verbale dated 4 August 1997 received from the Embassy of the <i>Kingdom of Spain</i> at The Hague which reads as follows:		
[<i>Translation</i>]		
"The Spanish Embassy presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to bring to its attention the fact that the colony of Gibraltar has been issuing apostils for the Hague Convention No. XII of 5 October 1961 on which name of the aforementioned territory appears as a "country".		

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<p>PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)</p> <p>The Kingdom of Spain considers that the standard apostil used by the United Kingdom authorities in Gibraltar implies a clear breach of the above-mentioned Hague Convention, Article 13 of which only allows States Parties to extend the Convention to all territories for whose international relations they are responsible, said territories therefore being able to issue apostils but never in the capacity of "countries", as is the case with those issued by Gibraltar.</p> <p>The United Kingdom extended the territorial application of the Convention to Gibraltar, whose status, according to the British authorities themselves, is that of a dependent territory, not a "country". The self-proclamation on the standard apostil of Gibraltar as a "country" is not only unacceptable to Spain but does not reflect the present status of that territory under international law.</p> <p>Consequently, the Kingdom of Spain declares that it does not accept the validity of those apostils issued by the United Kingdom in Gibraltar on which the colony's name appears as a "country".</p> <p>Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 16 June 1997, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as depositary, received a Note dated 10 June 1997 from the Embassy of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> at The Hague, concerning declarations made in respect of Hong Kong:</p> <p><i>[Translation]</i></p> <p>The Government of the People's Republic of China will assume responsibility for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the Convention to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 8 of the Convention, it declares that the means of service referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article may be used within the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region only when the document is to be served upon a national of the state in which the document originates. 2. In accordance with Article 18 of the Convention, it designates the Administrative Secretary of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the Other Authority in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. 3. It designates the Registrar of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the authority for the purpose of Article 6 and 9 of the Convention. 4. With reference to the provision of Sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of Article 10 of the Convention, documents for service through official channels will be accepted in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region only by the Central Authority or Other Authority designated, and only from judicial, consular or diplomatic officers of other Contracting States. <p>Note</p> <p>By a Note dated 18 August 1997, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as depositary for the above Convention, informed Member States and States having acceded to the above Convention that the new title of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of <i>Cyprus</i>, which has been designated as the National Organ of the Republic is as follows:</p>	<p>The Hague 15 Nov., 1965</p>	<p>50/1969 Cmnd. 3986</p>

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PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)		
Permanent Secretary Ministry of Justice and Public Order CY – 1461 Nicosia CYPRUS Fax: (+ 357 2) 476383 Tel: (+ 357 2) 303558		
Note By a Note dated 26 August 1997, the Embassy of the <i>Kingdom of Spain</i> at the Hague, informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as depositary, of the following declaration: <i>[Translation]</i> "For the application of this Convention Spain does not recognize the Supreme Court of Gibraltar as an authority and consequently any documents submitted by that body will be considered null and non-existent."		
European Convention on Information on Foreign Law	London 7 June, 1968	117/1969 Cmnd. 4229
Accession- Belarus (with declaration*)	2 July, 1997	
<i>*Declaration</i> In accordance with Article 2 of the Convention, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Belarus has been appointed the receiving agency (Ministry of Justice, 10, Kollektomaya-Str., Minsk, 220084, Belarus, Tel: + 375-17-220.88.29, fax: + 375-17-220.97.55)		
Convention on the Taking of Evidence abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters - -	The Hague 18 Mar., 1970	20/1977 Cmnd. 6727
Accession South Africa (with reservations and declarations*)	8 July, 1997	
<i>*Reservations</i> That the Republic of South Africa excludes the following in terms of Article 33 of the Convention, namely (a) the application of the provision of paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Convention, which provides that a Letter of Request shall be accepted in French; and (b) the application of the provisions of Articles 15 and 16 of Chapter II of the Convention.		
2. Designation of Authorities That the Republic of South Africa designates (a) the Director-General of the Department of Justice as Central Authority in terms of Article 2 of the Convention and as the competent authority referred to in Article 8 of the Convention; and (b) the division of the High Court of South Africa that has jurisdiction as the competent authority referred to in Articles 17 and 18 of the Convention.		
<i>*Declarations</i> That the Republic of South Africa makes the following declarations under the Convention: (a) For the purposes of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Convention, a Letter of Request, if not in English, may also be sent to the Central Authority in any of the following languages: Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, Afrikaans, isiNdebele, isiXhosa and isiZulu.		

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(b) Members of the judicial personnel of the requesting authority of another Contracting State may, after authorisation by the competent authority referred to in Article 8 of the Convention, be present at the execution of a Letter of Request as contemplated in that Article.		
(c) Evidence may not be taken in terms of Article 17 of the Convention without the prior permission of the competent authority referred to in that Article.		
(d) A commissioner authorised to take evidence under Article 17 of the Convention may, in terms of Article 18 of the Convention, apply to the competent authority referred to in that Article to obtain the evidence by compulsion, subject to the measures of compulsion which are appropriate and prescribed by South African law for use in internal proceedings.		
(e) Letters of Request issued for the purpose of obtaining pre-trial discovery of documents as known in Common Law countries, will not be executed as provided for in Article 23."		
Note		
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Australia</i> to the above Convention		
Barbados - -	22 Aug., 1997	
In accordance with Article 39, the Convention will enter into force between <i>Australia</i> and		
Barbados - -	21 Oct., 1997	
The following States have declared their acceptance of the accession of <i>Estonia</i> to the above Convention		
Argentina ..	23 July, 1997	
Norway ..	21 Oct., 1996	
In accordance with Article 39, the Convention will enter into force between <i>Estonia</i> and		
Argentina ..	21 Sep., 1997	
Norway ..	20 Dec., 1996	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Latvia</i> to the above Convention		
Argentina ..	23 July, 1997	
In accordance with Article 39, the Convention will enter into force between <i>Latvia</i> and		
Argentina .. " " " " " " " " " " " "	21 Sep., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Poland</i> to the above Convention		
Argentina ..	23 July, 1997	
In accordance with Article 39, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Poland</i> and		
Argentina ..	21 Sept., 1997	
The following States have declared their acceptance of the accession of <i>South Africa</i> to the above Convention		
Israel ..	10 Sept., 1997	
Latvia ..	20 Aug., 1997	
Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe and Aruba)	25 Aug., 1997	
In accordance with Article 39, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>South Africa</i> and		
Israel ..	9 Nov., 1997	
Latvia ..	19 Oct., 1997	
Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe and Aruba)	24 Oct., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Venezuela</i> to the above Convention		
Argentina .. " " " " " "	23 July, 1997	
In accordance with Article 39, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Venezuela</i> and		
Argentina ..	21 Sept., 1997	
Convention on the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations ..	The Hague, 1 June, 1970	123/1975 Cmnd. 6248

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PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)		
Note		
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Poland</i> to the above-mentioned Convention: Sweden.. .. .	11 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 28, fifth paragraph, the Convention will enter into force between <i>Poland</i> and Sweden.. .. .	10 Aug., 1997	
European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock.. .. .	Strasbourg, 15 Oct., 1975	43/1981 Cmnd. 8287
Note		
By a letter dated 2 July 1997 and registered at the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe on 4 July 1997 the Government of the Grand Duchy of <i>Luxembourg</i> renewed the reservations made upon ratification of the above-mentioned Convention. (See Treaty Series No. 58(1982), Cm 8743, p. 14)		
Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law	Strasbourg, 15 Mar., 1978	88/1981 Cmnd. 8431
Accession- Belarus (with declaration*) ..	2 July, 1997	
<i>*Declaration</i>		
"The Republic of Belarus shall apply Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law with the exception of provisions of Chapter II of this Protocol."		
European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children	Luxembourg, 20 May, 1980	35/1987 Cm 191
Note		
In a Note Verbale dated 24 June 1997, registered at the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe, as depositary, on 25 June 1997, the Government of the <i>Principality of Liechtenstein</i> stated:		
<i>[Translation]</i>		
"In accordance with Article 2, the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein is the authority which has power to carry out the functions provided for by the above Convention. The Government reserves the right to delegate such functions to a Ministry or a department under the authority of the latter."		
Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.. .. .	The Hague, 25 Oct., 1980	66/1986 Cm 33
Accessions		
Georgia (with declaration*)	24 July, 1997	
South Africa (with reservationst)	8 July, 1997	
<i>*Declaration</i>		
In accordance with Article 6, first paragraph, Georgia has designated as the Central Authority discharging the duties imposed by the Convention:		

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<p>the Ministry of Justice of Georgia 'Contact Person: Ms. Maia Mtsariashvili The Chief of the Department of International Legal Relations 30, Rustaveli ave. Tbilisi, 380046 Georgia Tel: office (995 32) 995878 (995 32) 931498 home (995 32) 222670 Fax: (995 32) 990225</p> <p>Working hours of the Ministry of Justice: 9 am - 6 pm. (lunch hour 1-2 pm).</p> <p><i>Reservations</i></p> <p>"a) That the use of French in any application, communication or other document sent to the Central Authority of the Republic of South Africa, as provided for in Article 24 of the Convention, is objected to, and that such documents shall not be accepted in French.</p> <p>b) That the Republic of South Africa shall not be bound to assume any costs referred to paragraph 2 of Article 26 of the Convention resulting from the participation of legal Counsel or advisers or from the court proceedings, except those costs which may be covered by the system of legal aid in terms of the Legal Aid Act, 1969 (Act. No. 22 of 1969)."</p> <p>Extension</p> <p>Hong Kong ..</p> <p>The following States have declared their acceptance of the accession of the <i>Bahamas</i> to the above-mentioned Convention:</p> <p>France .. Venezuela ..</p> <p>In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention will enter into force between the <i>Bahamas</i> and</p> <p>Venezuela ..</p> <p>The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Belize</i> to the above-mentioned Convention:</p> <p>Venezuela ..</p> <p>In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Belize</i> and</p> <p>Venezuela ..</p> <p>The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Burkina Faso</i> to the above-mentioned Convention:</p> <p>Venezuela ..</p> <p>In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Burkina Faso</i> and</p> <p>Venezuela ..</p> <p>The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Chile</i> to the above mentioned Convention:</p> <p>Venezuela ..</p> <p>In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Chile</i> and</p> <p>Venezuela ..</p> <p>The following States have declared their acceptance of the accession of <i>Colombia</i> to the above mentioned Convention:</p> <p>Australia .. Venezuela ..</p> <p>In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Colombia</i> and</p> <p>Australia .. Venezuela ..</p>	<p>10 June, 1997</p> <p>11 June, 1997 16 June, 1997</p> <p>1 Sept., 1997 1 Sept., 1997</p> <p>16 June, 1997</p> <p>1 Sept., 1997</p> <p>16 June, 1997</p> <p>1 Sept., 1997</p> <p>16 June, 1997</p> <p>1 Sept., 1997</p> <p>16 June, 1997</p> <p>1 Sept., 1997</p> <p>17 Sept., 1997 16 June, 1997</p> <p>1 Dec., 1997 1 Sept., 1997</p>	

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PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)		
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Cyprus</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Cyprus</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Ecuador</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Ecuador</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following States have declared their acceptance of the accession of <i>Georgia</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe) .. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11 Sept., 1997 25 Aug., 1997 18 Sept., 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention will enter into force between <i>Georgia</i> and Israel ..	1 Dec., 1997	
Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe) ..	1 Nov., 1997	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (with declaration t tDeclaration "... notwithstanding the provisions of the said Article, the United Kingdom accepts the accession of Georgia with effect from 1 October 1997."	1 Dec., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Honduras</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Honduras</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Hungary</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Hungary</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following States have declared their acceptance of the accession of <i>Iceland</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Australia .. Venezuela ..	17 Sept., 1997 16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Iceland</i> and Australia .. Venezuela ..	1 Dec., 1997 1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Mauritius</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Mauritius</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Mexico</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Mexico</i> and Venezuela..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Monaco</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	

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In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Monaco</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>New Zealand</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>New Zealand</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Panama</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Panama</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of accession of <i>Poland</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Poland</i> and Venezuela	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Romania</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Romania</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Saint Christopher and Nevis</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Saint Christopher and Nevis</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Slovenia</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention shall enter into force between <i>Slovenia</i> and Venezuela ..	1 Sept., 1997	
The following States have declared their acceptance of the accession of <i>South Africa</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe) .. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America ..	11 Sept., 1997 25 Aug., 1997 18 Sept., 1997 8 Aug., 1997	
In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention will enter into force between <i>South Africa</i> and Israel ..	1 Dec., 1997	
Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe) ..	1 Nov., 1997	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (with declaration**)	1 Dec., 1997	
United States of America	1 Nov., 1997	
** <i>Declaration</i> . . . notwithstanding the provisions of the said Article, the United Kingdom accepts the accession of the Africa with effect from 1 October 1997."		
The following State has declared its acceptance of the accession of <i>Zimbabwe</i> to the above mentioned Convention: Venezuela ..	16 June, 1997	

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<p>PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)</p> <p>In accordance with Article 38, paragraph 5, the Convention will enter into force between <i>Zimbabwe</i> and <i>Venezuela</i> ..</p> <p>Note</p> <p>On 26 February 1997, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as depositary, received a Note from the Embassy of <i>Finland</i> in The Hague concerning the reservations made by Venezuela upon ratification of the above Convention. (See Treaty Series 109(1996). Cm 3650, p. 31), which reads as follows:</p> <p>"Under Article 24, paragraph 2, a Contracting State may, by making a reservation, object the use of either French or English, but not both, in any application, communication or other document sent to its Central Authority. Having regard to the wording and the purpose of this provision the Finnish Government consider that the reservation made by the Republic of Venezuela, which excludes the use of both French and English languages in cases where it is not feasible to obtain a translation of the document into Spanish, is not allowed under Article 24, paragraph 2 and Article 42, paragraph 1.</p> <p>In addition, the reservation seems to require that all communications, even the original documents transmitted to the Venezuelan Central Authority shall be in the Spanish language whereas under Article 24, paragraph 1 the documents shall be in the original language and, in addition, accompanied by a translation into the official language or official languages of the State addressed (or, where that, i.e. translation, is not feasible, into French or English). Such a requirement, implicit in the reservation, is not only incompatible with Article 24 but also in most cases impossible to comply with in cases where the original documents which under paragraph 1 shall be sent to the State addressed have not been drawn up in Spanish.</p> <p>According to Article 26, paragraph 3, a Contracting State may make a reservation not to be bound to assume any costs referred to in paragraph 2 resulting from the participation of legal counsel or advisers or from court proceedings, except insofar as those costs may be covered by its system of legal aid and advice. However, the reservation by the Republic of Venezuela seems to indicate that in the application of the Convention Venezuela would not assume any costs referred to above, under any circumstances and not even in cases where those costs might be covered by the Venezuelan system of legal aid and advice, if available. The Finnish Government consider that such a reservation is incompatible with Article 26, paragraph 3 and Article 42, paragraph 1 of the Convention.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Finnish Government declare that in relation to Finland these reservations may not be invoked by the authorities of the Republic of Venezuela in so far as this would be incompatible with the aforementioned provisions of the Convention.</p> <p>This declaration is not to be interpreted as preventing the entry into force of the Convention between Finland and the Republic of Venezuela.</p> <p>Note</p> <p>By a depositary notification dated 2 September 1997, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands informed Contracting States to the above Convention that the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany at The Hague had notified the following modification to the Central Authority:</p> <p>"Der Generalbundesanwalt beim Bundesgerichtsof Neuenburger Strasse 15 10969 Berlin"</p>	1 Sept., 1997	

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PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)		
Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime .. - - - -	Strasbourg 8 Nov., 1990	59/1993 Cm 2337
Ratifications		
Australia (with reservations and declaration*) ..	31 July, 1997	
Austria (with reservations and declaration) ..	7 July, 1997	
*Reservations		
In accordance with Article 21, paragraph 2, Australia declares that judicial documents should be served only through its central authority.		
In accordance with Article 25, paragraph 3, Australia declares that it reserves the right to require that requests made to it and documents supporting such requests be accompanied by a translation into English.		
In accordance with Article 32, paragraph 2, Australia declares that information or evidence provided by it under Chapter III of the Convention may not, without the prior consent of the competent Australian authorities, be used or transmitted by the authorities of the requesting Party in investigations or proceedings other than those specified in the request.		
*Declaration		
The Government of Australia declares that, in accordance with Article 23, paragraph 2, the central authority of Australia designated in pursuance of Article 23, paragraph 1, is as follows:		
Mutual Assistance Unit International Branch Criminal Law Division Attorney-General's Department Robert Garran Offices National Circuit BARTON ACT 2600 AUSTRALIA		
tReservations		
Article 6, paragraph 4		
The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 4, that Article 6, paragraph 1, will apply only to predicate offences which are crimes ("Verbrechen") under Austrian penal legislation (§17 of the Austrian Penal Code).		
Article 21, paragraph 2		
The modalities of serving judicial documents under Article 21, paragraph 2, will be permitted in Austria only insofar as provided for in another bilateral or multilateral treaty.		
tDeclaration		
The central authority under Article 23 is:		
Bundesministerium für Justiz Museumsstraße 7 1070 Wien		
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES		
Second Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe signed at Paris on September 2, 1949	Paris 15 Dec., 1956	50/1958 Cmnd. 579
Ratification		
Slovak Republic	15 July, 1997	
Fourth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe Provisions concerning the European Court of Human Rights .. - - - - -	Paris 16 Dec., 1961	58/1971 Cmnd. 4739

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PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (continued)		
Ratification Slovak Republic ..	15 July, 1997	
Fifth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe ..	Strasbourg 18 June, 1990	96/1991 Cm 1764
Ratification Slovak Republic ..	15 July, 1997	
PUBLICATIONS		
International Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications - -	Geneva 12 Sept., 1923	1/1926 Cmd. 2575
Note		
On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration and reservation in respect of Hong Kong:		
[Courtesy Translation]		
1. In accordance with Article 3 of the above Convention, it designates the Registrar of the High Court of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as the judicial authority in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the transmission of rogatory commissions relating to offences under the Convention.		
2. It will not be bound by provisions of Article 15 of the above Convention.		
RAILWAYS		
Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF)	Berne 9 May, 1980	1/1987 Cm 41
Note		
By a depositary notification dated 25 June 1997, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, as depositary, informed Member States to the above Convention that by a Note dated 18 June 1997, the Government of <i>Poland</i> notified its withdrawal of reservations to Article 12(1) and (2), made on ratification. (<i>See Treaty Series No. 1(1987), Cm 41, p. 45</i>). The withdrawal will take effect on 25 July 1997.		
REFUGEEES		
Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons..	New York 28 Sept., 1954	41/1960 Cmd. 1098
Accession Spain (with reservation*)	12 May, 1997	
<i>*Reservation [Translation]</i>		
"The Kingdom of Spain declares that, in accordance with Article 38, paragraph 1, of the Convention, it makes a reservation to Article 29, paragraph 1, and considers itself bound by the provisions of that paragraph only in the case of stateless persons residing in the territory of any of the Contracting States."		
Note		
On 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong:		

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REFUGEES (continued)		
<i>[Courtesy Translation]</i>		
"The Government of the People's Republic of China cannot undertake that effect will be given in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to Article 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Convention, and can only undertake that the provisions of paragraph 3 of the said Article will be applied in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region so far as the law there allows."		
ROAD TRANSPORT		
Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)..	Geneva 19 May, 1956	90/1967 Cmnd. 3455
Succession Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of ..	17 Nov., 1991 (<i>effective date</i>)	
Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions ..	Geneva 20 Mar., 1958	7/1965 Cmnd. 2535
Regulation No. 12 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the protection of the driver against the steering mechanism in the event of impact ..		
Acceptance— Hungary ..	9 July, 1997	
Regulation No. 13 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles of categories M, N and O with regard to braking		
Acceptance— Sweden ..	3 June, 1997	
Regulation No. 25 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of head restraints (headrests), whether or not incorporated in vehicle seats ..		
Acceptance— Sweden ..	3 June, 1997	
Regulation No. 32 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the behaviour of the structure of the impacted vehicle in a rear-end collision - -		
Acceptance— Hungary ..	9 July, 1997	
Regulation No. 33 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the behaviour of the structure of the impacted vehicle in a head-on collision - -		
Acceptance— Hungary ..	9 July, 1997	
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Accession Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of ..	20 June, 1997	
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY		
Agreement establishing the European Molecular Biology Conference	Geneva 13 Feb., 1969	76/1970 Cmnd. 4450
Accession— Slovenia	24 June, 1997	
SHIPPING		
International Convention on Load Lines	London 5 Apr., –4 July, 1966	58/1968 Cmnd. 3708
Note By a Note dated 5 June 1997, the Embassy of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> , in London, informed the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong:		
<i>[Translation]</i> "The reservation made by the Government of the People's Republic of China to Regulations 49 and 50 of the Annex II to the Convention will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region."		
International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 ..	London 23 June, –23 Dec., 1969	50/1982 Cmnd. 8716
Accession— Azerbaijan ..	1 July, 1997	
Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended ..	London 20 Oct., 1972	77/1977 Cmnd. 6962
Accession— Azerbaijan ..	1 July, 1997	
International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) ..	Geneva 2 Dec., 1972	40/1979 Cmnd. 7535
Note On 30 May 1997, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), received a communication dated 29 May 1997 from the Government of the <i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i> stating that the Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) 1972, as amended, shall apply in respect of Hong Kong with immediate effect.		
International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended ..	London 1 Nov., 1974	10/1996 Cmnd. 7874
Accession— Azerbaijan ..	1 July, 1997	
International Convention on standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 ..	London 1 Dec., 1978 –30 Nov., 1979	50/1984 Cmnd. 9266
Accessions— Morocco Thailand	22 July, 1997 19 June, 1997	

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS		
Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) (with Operating Agreement) ..	London 3 Sept., 1976	94/1979 Cmd. 7722
Accession— Hungary	24 July, 1997 (<i>effective date</i>)	
Marshall Islands ..	12 May, 1997 (<i>effective date</i>)	
TERRORISM		
International Convention against the Taking of Hostages ..	Adopted New York 17 Dec., 1979 -31 Dec., 1980	81/1983 Cmd. 9100
Note On 6 and 10 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong: [<i>Courtesy Translation</i>] "The Government of the People's Republic of China declares that the reservation to paragraph 1, Article 16 of the international Convention Against the Taking of Hostages will also apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region."		
THAILAND		
Arbitration Convention between the United Kingdom and Siam	London 25 Nov., 1925	7/1927 Cmd. 2813
Note By an Exchange of Notes dated 21 April and 26 June 1997, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the <i>Kingdom of Thailand</i> notified the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in Bangkok, that the Royal Thai Government wishes to terminate the above Convention. The effective date will be 21 April 1998.		
TRANSPORT		
Convention and Statute on Freedom of Transit ..	Barcelona 20 Apr., 1921	27/1923 Cmd. 1992
Note On 6 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong: [<i>Courtesy Translation</i>] "The Government of the People's Republic of China declares that it has reservation to: Article 13 of the Statute of the 1921 Convention and Statute on Freedom of Transit;"		
Convention and Statute on the Regime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern, together with Additional Protocol to the Convention ..	Barcelona 20 Apr., 1921	28/1923 Cmd. 1993
Note On 6 June 1997, the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as depositary, of the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong:		

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"The Government of the People's Republic of China declares that it has reservation to:		
Article 22 of the Statute of the 1921 Convention and Statute on the Regime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern;"		
UNESCO		
Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation [as later amended]	London 16 Nov., 1945	36/1961 Cmnd. 1376
Acceptance United Kingdom..	1 July, 1997	
UNIDO		
Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization	Vienna 8 Apr., —7 Oct., 1979	67/1991 Cm 1666
Accession— Kazakhstan	3 June, 1997	

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