



Treaty Series No. 4 (2003)

# Amendment

to the

Convention relating to International Exhibitions,  
signed at Paris on 22 November 1928,  
amended and supplemented by the Protocols of  
10 May 1948, 16 November 1966 and  
30 November 1972 and by the Amendment of  
24 June 1982

Paris, 31 May 1988

[The Amendment entered into force for the  
United Kingdom on 19 July 1996]

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
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[TRANSLATION]

**Amendment to the Convention of 22 November 1928<sup>1</sup>  
Amended and Supplemented by the Protocols of 10 May 1948<sup>2</sup>,  
16 November 1966<sup>3</sup>, and 30 November 1972<sup>4</sup>  
and by the Amendment of 24 June 1982<sup>5</sup>  
adopted by the General Assembly on 31 May 1988.**

The BIE General Assembly meeting on 31 May 1988,

Considering that the rules and procedures established by the Convention relating to International Exhibitions signed at Paris on 22 November 1928, amended and supplemented by the Protocols of 10 May 1948, 16 November 1966 and 30 November 1972 and by the amendment of 24 June 1982, have proved useful and necessary to the organisers of exhibitions as well as to participating States,

Desirous of adapting the said rules and procedures to modern conditions,

Has decided, in accordance with the provisions of Article 33 of the Convention of 22 November 1928 as amended, to amend certain rules and procedures relating to international exhibitions as follows:

ARTICLE I

A second paragraph, worded as follows, shall be added to Article 2 of the Convention of 22 November 1928 as amended:

“Whatever title may be given to an exhibition by its organisers, this Convention recognises a distinction between registered exhibitions and recognised exhibitions.”

ARTICLE II

Article 3 of Part I and Articles 4 and 5 constituting Part II of the Convention of 22 November 1928 as amended shall be abrogated and replaced by the following provisions which shall constitute the new Part II, the title of which shall become “General Conditions governing the Organisation of International Exhibitions”.

Article 3: International exhibitions presenting the following features shall be eligible for registration by the International Exhibitions Bureau referred to in Article 25 below:

- (A) their duration may not be less than six weeks nor more than six months;
- (B) the rules governing the exhibition buildings used by the participating States shall be laid down in the general regulations of the exhibition. If a tax is chargeable on property under the legislation of the inviting State, the organisers shall be responsible for paying it. Only services actually rendered in accordance with the regulations approved by the Bureau shall qualify for reimbursement;
- (C) from 1 January 1995 the interval between two registered exhibitions shall be at least five years; the first exhibition may be held in 1995. The International Exhibitions Bureau may nevertheless accept a date not more than one year earlier than the date resulting from the above provision, to allow celebration of a special event of international importance, without however altering the five-year interval laid down in the original calendar.

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<sup>1</sup> Treaty Series 9 (1931) Cmd 3776.

<sup>2</sup> Treaty Series 57 (1951) Cmd 8311.

<sup>3</sup> Treaty Series 14 (1968) Cmnd 3557.

<sup>4</sup> Treaty Series 21 (1983) Cmnd 8863.

<sup>5</sup> Treaty Series 82 (1983) Cmnd 9107.

Article 4:

(A) International exhibitions presenting the following features shall be eligible for recognition by the International Exhibitions Bureau:

1. their duration may not be less than three weeks nor more than three months;
2. they must illustrate a definite theme;
3. their total surface area must not exceed 25 ha;
4. they must allocate to the participating States premises constructed by the organiser, free of all rents, charges, taxes and expenses other than those representing services rendered; the largest space allocated to a State must not exceed 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The International Exhibitions Bureau may however authorise a derogation from the requirement that premises be allocated free of charge if the economic and financial situation of the organising State justifies it;
5. only one recognised exhibition, as described in this paragraph A, may be held between two registered exhibitions;
6. only one registered or recognised exhibition, as described in this paragraph A, may be held in the same year.

(B) The International Exhibitions Bureau may also grant recognition to:

1. the Milan Triennale Exhibition of Decorative Arts and Modern Architecture, on grounds of historical precedence, provided that it retains its original features;
  2. All horticultural exhibitions approved by the International Association of Horticultural Producers, provided that there is an interval of at least two years between events in different countries and at least ten years between events held in the same country;
- due to be held in the interval between two registered exhibitions.

Article 5: the opening and closing dates of an exhibition and its general features shall be laid down at the time of registration or recognition and may be changed only with the agreement of the BIE.

### ARTICLE III

Articles 14 and 15 of the Convention of 22 November 1928 as amended shall be abrogated.

### ARTICLE IV

In the first sentence of Article 8 of the Convention of 22 November 1928 as amended, “Article 5” shall be substituted for “Article 4”.

### ARTICLE V

1. In Article 12 of the Convention of 22 November 1928 as amended, the words “in the case of a registered exhibition or a Commissioner of the Exhibition in the case of a recognised exhibition” shall be inserted between the words “a Commissioner-General of the Exhibition” and the words “who shall be authorised to represent the Government”.
2. In the first sentence of Article 13, the words “in the case of a registered exhibition or a Section Commissioner in the case of a recognised exhibition” shall be inserted between the words “a Section Commissioner-General” and the words “to represent it”.

In the second sentence of Article 13, the words “or the Section Commissioner” shall be inserted between the words “the Section Commissioner-General” and the words “shall have sole responsibility”.

In the third sentence of Article 13, the words “or the Commissioner of the Exhibition” shall be inserted between the words “the Commissioner-General of the Exhibition” and the words “of the content”.

3. In Article 17, the words “or Commissioners” shall be inserted between the words “Commissioners-General” and the word “appointed”.

4. In paragraph 1 of Article 18, the words “or the Section Commissioners” shall be inserted between the words “Section Commissioner-General” and the words “of the Government”.

In paragraph 2 of Article 18, the words “or the Commissioner” shall be inserted between the words “the Commissioner-General” and the words “of the Exhibition”.

5. In paragraph 2 of Article 19, the words “or Commissioners” shall be inserted between the words “the Commissioners-General” and the words “of the other States”.

In the third paragraph of Article 19, the words “or Commissioners” shall be inserted between the words “Commissioners-General” and the words “who shall decide”.

6. In paragraph 1(c) of Article 20, the words “or Commissioners” shall be inserted between the words “Commissioners-General” and the words “in their respective sections”.

In paragraph 2 of Article 20, the words “or Commissioner” shall be inserted between the words “The Commissioner-General” and the words “of the Exhibition”.

7. In Article 21, the words “or Commissioner” shall be inserted between the words “The Commissioner-General” and the words “of the Exhibition”.

#### ARTICLE VI<sup>1</sup>

1. The words “or recognition” shall be added after the word “registration”:

- in Article 6, paragraph 1, second sentence,
- in Article 6, paragraph 4,
- in Article 7, paragraph 1,
- in Article 8, first sentence.

2. The words “or recognition” shall be added after the word “registration”:

- in Article 11, paragraph 3,
- in Article 20, paragraph 1.

3. The words “or recognition” shall be added after the word “registration”:

- in Article 6, paragraph 2,
- in Article 6, paragraph 3,
- in Article 30, paragraph 2b.

4. In Article 8, first sentence, the words “or recognition” shall be added after the word “registration”.

5. In Article 8, first sentence, the words “or recognition” shall be added after the word “registration”.

6. In Article 27a the words “or recognition” shall be added after the word “registration”.

7. The words “or recognised” shall be added after the word “registered”:

- in Article 9, paragraph 1,
- in Article 9, paragraph 2,
- in Article 28, paragraph 3e.

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<sup>1</sup> The translation provided by the depositary has been modified in this Article.

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