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TO THE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY
EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

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RATIFICATION STATUS**Note by the secretariat****Introduction**

1. The present document contains the ratification status of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. As of 10 October 2002, twenty-five UNECE member countries and the European Community have ratified, acceded, accepted or approved the Convention.
2. This document also gives information on the designation or establishment of competent authorities and points of contact, according to article 17, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention, respectively. Declarations and reservations made by Parties upon ratification, accession, acceptance or approval are included in the annex to this document.

**STATUS OF RATIFICATION
OF THE UNECE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL
ACCIDENTS AND THE DESIGNATION OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND POINTS OF
CONTACT WITHIN ITS FRAMEWORK**

COUNTRY	CONVENTION		COMPETENT AUTHORITY	POINT OF CONTACT
	Signed	Ratified	Designated	Designated
ALBANIA	18/03/1992	05/01/1994		
ARMENIA		21/02/1997 a/	Yes	Yes
AUSTRIA	18/03/1992	04/08/1999	Yes	Yes
Azerbaijan				Yes
Belarus				Yes
Belgium	18/03/1992			Yes
BULGARIA	18/03/1992	12/05/1995	Yes	Yes
Canada	18/03/1992			Yes
CROATIA		20/01/2000 a/	Yes	Yes
CZECH REPUBLIC		12/06/2000 a/	Yes	Yes
DENMARK 1/	18/03/1992	28/03/2001 c/		Yes
ESTONIA	18/03/1992	17/05/2000	Yes	Yes
FINLAND	18/03/1992	13/09/1999 b/	Yes	Yes
France	18/03/1992			Yes
Georgia				Yes
GERMANY	18/03/1992	09/09/1998	Yes	Yes
GREECE	18/03/1992	24/02/1998		
HUNGARY	18/03/1992	02/06/1994 c/	Yes	Yes
ITALY	18/03/1992	02/07/2002		Yes
KAZAKHSTAN		11/01/2001 a/	Yes	Yes
Kyrgyzstan				Yes
Latvia	18/03/1992			Yes
LITHUANIA	18/03/1992	02/11/2000	Yes	Yes
LUXEMBOURG	20/05/1992	08/08/1994	Yes	Yes
MONACO		28/08/2001 a/		
Netherlands	18/03/1992			Yes
NORWAY	18/03/1992	10/04/1993 c/	Yes	Yes
Poland	18/03/1992			Yes
Portugal	09/06/1992			
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA		04/01/1994 a/	Yes	Yes
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	18/03/1992	01/02/1994 b/	Yes	Yes
Slovakia				Yes
SLOVENIA		13/05/2002 a/	Yes	Yes
SPAIN	18/03/1992	16/05/1997	Yes	Yes
SWEDEN	18/03/1992	22/09/1999	Yes	Yes
SWITZERLAND	18/03/1992	21/05/1999	Yes	Yes
Turkey				Yes
Ukraine				Yes
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	18/03/1992	05/08/2002		Yes
United States of America	18/03/1992			Yes
Uzbekistan				Yes
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY 2/	18/03/1992	24/04/1998 c/	Yes	Yes
TOTAL	27	26	20	38

a/ Accession; b/ Acceptance; c/ Approval.

Annex

DECLARATIONS AND RESERVATIONS 2/

AUSTRIA

Declaration:

"The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with article 21 paragraph 2 of the Convention to accept both of the means of the settlement of disputes mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting one or both of these means of settlement of disputes as compulsory."

HUNGARY

Declaration:

"The Government of the Republic of Hungary accepts both means of dispute settlement as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting the same obligation."

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Reservations:

"The Member States of the European Community, in their mutual relations, will apply the Convention in accordance with the Community's internal rules.

The Community therefore reserves the right:

- (i) as concerns the threshold quantities mentioned in Annex I, Part I, No. 3, 4 and 5 of the Convention, to apply threshold quantities of 100 tonnes for bromine (very toxic substance), 5000 tonnes for methanol (toxic substance) and 2000 tonnes for oxygen (oxidizing substance);
- (ii) as concerns the threshold quantities mentioned in Annex I, Part I, No. 8 of the Convention to apply threshold quantities of 500 tonnes (risk phrase R50-53 (*): "substances very toxic to aquatic organisms which may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment") and 2000 tonnes (risk phrase R51-53 (*): "substances toxic to aquatic organisms which may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment") for substances dangerous for the environment."

Declaration:

"In accordance with the EC Treaty, the objectives and principles of the Community's environmental policy are, in particular, to preserve and protect the quality of the environment and human health through preventive action. In pursuit of those objectives, the Council adopted Council Directive 82-501-EEC of 24 June 1982 on the major-accident hazards of certain industrial activities which has been replaced by Council Directive 96-82-EC of 9 December 1996 on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances. These instruments aim at the prevention of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances and the limitations of their consequences for man and the environment and cover matters which are the subject of [the said Convention]. The Community will inform the depositary of any amendment to this Directive and of any further relevant development in the field covered by the Convention.

As regards the application of the Convention, the Community and its Member States are responsible, within their respective spheres of competence."

Notes

1/ With reservation of application to the Faeroe Islands and Greenland.

2/ The declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession, acceptance or approval.

3/ In accordance with article 30, paragraph 2 of the Convention, "... any instrument deposited by an organization referred to in article 27 [i.e. any regional economic integration organization] shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by States members of such an organization".