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THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

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**RATIFICATION STATUS OF THE WATER CONVENTION, ITS AMENDMENTS AND
ITS PROTOCOLS**

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the ratification status of the UNECE Water Convention, its amendments and its Protocols.
2. As of 8 November 2006, 35 UNECE member countries are Parties to the Convention; 26 countries as well as the European Community have signed the Convention.
3. The amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention did not yet enter into force. As of 8 November 2006, 6 countries ratified or accepted the amendments.
4. The 1999 Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International lakes was signed by 36 countries and ratified, accessed, accepted or approved by 20 Parties, as of 14 November 2006. The Protocol on Water and Health entered into force on 4 August 2005.
5. The Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and to the 1992 Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents was signed in Kiev in 2003 and it has not yet entered into force. As of 14 November 2006, 24 countries signed the Protocol and 1 country became Party.

Annex**Ratification Status of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, as of 14 November 2006**

| Country | Signature | Ratification, Accession (a), Acceptance (A), Approval (AA) |
|--|------------------|---|
| Albania | 18 Mar 1992 | 5 Jan 1994 |
| Austria | 18 Mar 1992 | 25 Jul 1996 |
| Azerbaijan | | 3 Aug 2000 a |
| Belarus | | 29 May 2003 a |
| Belgium | 18 Mar 1992 | 8 Nov 2000 |
| Bulgaria | 18 Mar 1992 | 28 Oct 2003 |
| Croatia | | 8 Jul 1996 a |
| Czech Republic | | 12 Jun 2000 a |
| Denmark | 18 Mar 1992 | 28 May 1997 AA |
| Estonia | 18 Mar 1992 | 16 Jun 1995 |
| European Community | 18 Mar 1992 | 14 Sep 1995 AA |
| Finland | 18 Mar 1992 | 21 Feb 1996 A |
| France | 18 Mar 1992 | 30 Jun 1998 AA |
| Germany | 18 Mar 1992 | 30 Jan 1995 |
| Greece | 18 Mar 1992 | 6 Sep 1996 |
| Hungary | 18 Mar 1992 | 2 Sep 1994 AA |
| Italy | 18 Mar 1992 | 23 May 1996 |
| Kazakhstan | | 11 Jan 2001 a |
| Latvia | 18 Mar 1992 | 10 Dec 1996 |
| Liechtenstein | | 19 Nov 1997 a |
| Lithuania | 18 Mar 1992 | 28 Apr 2000 |
| Luxembourg | 20 May 1992 | 7 Jun 1994 |
| Moldova | | 4 Jan 1994 a |
| Netherlands | 18 Mar 1992 | 14 Mar 1995 A |
| Norway | 18 Sep 1992 | 1 Apr 1993 AA |
| Poland | 18 Mar 1992 | 15 Mar 2000 |
| Portugal | 9 Jun 1992 | 9 Dec 1994 |
| Romania | 18 Mar 1992 | 31 May 1995 |
| Russian Federation | 18 Mar 1992 | 2 Nov 1993 A |
| Slovakia | | 7 Jul 1999 a |
| Slovenia | | 13 Apr 1999 a |
| Spain | 18 Mar 1992 | 16 Feb 2000 |
| Sweden | 18 Mar 1992 | 5 Aug 1993 |
| Switzerland | 18 Mar 1992 | 23 May 1995 |
| Ukraine | | 8 Oct 1999 a |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 18 Mar 1992 | |
| European Community | 18 Mar 1992 | |

**Ratification status of the Amendments to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the
Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes,
as of 14 November 2006**

| Country | Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a) |
|----------------|---|
| Hungary | 20 Jun 2005 A |
| Luxembourg | 10 May 2006 |
| Netherlands | 12 Jan 2006 A |
| Poland | 31 Jan 2005 |
| Romania | 13 Jun 2006 A |
| Sweden | 20 May 2004 A |

Ratification status of the 1999 Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, as of 14 November 2006

| Country | Signature | Ratification, Accession (a) Acceptance (A) Approval (AA) |
|--|------------------|---|
| Albania | 17 Jun 1999 | 8 Mar 2002 |
| Armenia | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Azerbaijan | | 9 Jan 2003 a |
| Belgium | 17 Jun 1999 | 29 Jun 2004 |
| Bulgaria | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Croatia | 17 Jun 1999 | 28 Jul 2006 |
| Cyprus | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Czech Republic | 17 Jun 1999 | 15 Nov 2001 |
| Denmark | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Estonia | 17 Jun 1999 | 9 Sep 2003 |
| Finland | 17 Jun 1999 | 3 Mar 2005 A |
| France | 17 Jun 1999 | 6 May 2005 AA |
| Georgia | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Germany | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Greece | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Hungary | 17 Jun 1999 | 7 Dec 2001 AA |
| Iceland | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Italy | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Latvia | 17 Jun 1999 | 24 Nov 2004 |
| Lithuania | 17 Jun 1999 | 17 Mar 2004 |
| Luxembourg | 17 Jun 1999 | 4 Oct 2001 |
| Malta | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Moldova | 10 Mar 2000 | 16 Sep 2005 |
| Monaco | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Netherlands | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Norway | 17 Jun 1999 | 6 Jan 2004 |
| Poland | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Portugal | 17 Jun 1999 | 6 Sep 2006 AA |
| Romania | 17 Jun 1999 | 5 Jan 2001 |
| Russian Federation | 17 Jun 1999 | 31 Dec 1999 A |
| Slovakia | 17 Jun 1999 | 2 Oct 2001 |
| Slovenia | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Spain | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Sweden | 17 Jun 1999 | |
| Switzerland | 17 Jun 1999 | 27 Oct 2006 |
| Ukraine | 17 Jun 1999 | 26 Sep 2003 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 17 Jun 1999 | |

Ratification status of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and to the 1992 Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, as of 14 November 2006

| Country | Signature | Ratification Accession (a) Acceptance (A) Approval (AA) |
|--|------------------|--|
| Armenia | 21 May 2003 | |
| Austria | 30 Dec 2003 | |
| Belgium | 21 May 2003 | |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 21 May 2003 | |
| Bulgaria | 21 May 2003 | |
| Cyprus | 21 May 2003 | |
| Denmark | 21 May 2003 | |
| Estonia | 21 May 2003 | |
| Finland | 21 May 2003 | |
| Georgia | 21 May 2003 | |
| Greece | 21 May 2003 | |
| Hungary | 21 May 2003 | 25 Jun 2004 |
| Latvia | 21 May 2003 | |
| Lithuania | 21 May 2003 | |
| Luxembourg | 21 May 2003 | |
| Moldova | 21 May 2003 | |
| Monaco | 21 May 2003 | |
| Norway | 21 May 2003 | |
| Poland | 13 Jun 2003 | |
| Portugal | 21 May 2003 | |
| Romania | 21 May 2003 | |
| Sweden | 21 May 2003 | |
| Ukraine | 21 May 2003 | |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 21 May 2003 | |