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Ratification status of the Convention and the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters

Note by the secretariat

1. The present document provides information about the status of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (table 1), in particular with regard to ratifications, as well as information on the ratification status of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (Protocol on Civil Liability) (table 2).

A. Status of the Convention

2. As of 1 August 2016, there are 41 Parties to the Convention, including 40 member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the European Union.

3. Annex I to the Convention was amended by decision 2014/2, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting (Geneva, 3–5 December 2014) (see ECE/CP.TEIA/30/Add.1). After the eighth meeting, and in accordance with article 26, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the amendment was communicated to the Parties and recommended for approval in a letter from the secretariat, dated 19 December 2014, addressed to the competent authorities responsible for the Convention and copied to the national focal points. No Party submitted a notification in accordance with the provisions of article 26, paragraph 4 (c), indicating its inability to approve the amendment. Consequently, on the expiry of 12 months from the date of the communication, the amendment became effective for all Parties to the Convention on 19 December 2015.

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3. In addition to the status of ratification, table 1 also shows whether Parties have designated or established competent authorities and points of contact, in accordance with article 17, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Convention. The information on the points of contact is based upon the registration status of the countries with the upgraded Industrial Accident Notification System web-based application.

Table 1
Status of ratification of the Convention and the designation of competent authorities and points of contact within its framework

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date ratified</i>	<i>Competent authority designated</i>	<i>Point of contact designated</i>
Albania	18/03/1992	05/01/1994	Yes	Yes
Andorra	—	—	No	No
Armenia	—	21/02/1997 ^a	Yes	Yes
Austria	18/03/1992	04/08/1999	Yes	Yes
Azerbaijan	—	16/06/2004 ^a	Yes	Yes
Belarus	—	25/06/2003 ^a	Yes	Yes
Belgium	18/03/1992	06/04/2006	Yes	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	—	20/02/2013 ^a	No	No
Bulgaria	18/03/1992	12/05/1995	Yes	Yes
Canada	18/03/1992	—	No	No
Croatia	—	20/01/2000 ^a	Yes	Yes
Cyprus	—	31/08/2005 ^a	Yes	Yes
Czech Republic	—	12/06/2000 ^a	Yes	Yes
Denmark	18/03/1992	28/03/2001 ^b	Yes	Yes
Estonia	18/03/1992	17/05/2000	Yes	Yes
Finland	18/03/1992	13/09/1999 ^c	Yes	No
France	18/03/1992	03/10/2003 ^b	Yes	Yes
Georgia	—	—	Yes	Yes
Germany	18/03/1992	09/09/1998	Yes	Yes
Greece	18/03/1992	24/02/1998	Yes	Yes
Hungary	18/03/1992	02/06/1994 ^b	Yes	Yes
Iceland	—	—	No	No
Ireland	—	—	No	No
Israel	—	—	No	No

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date ratified</i>	<i>Competent authority designated</i>	<i>Point of contact designated</i>
Italy	18/03/1992	02/07/2002	Yes	Yes
Kazakhstan	—	11/01/2001 ^a	Yes	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	—	—	Yes	Yes
Latvia	18/03/1992	29/06/2004	Yes	Yes
Liechtenstein	—	—	No	No
Lithuania	18/03/1992	02/11/2000	Yes	Yes
Luxembourg	20/05/1992	08/08/1994	Yes	Yes
Malta	—	—	No	Yes
Monaco	—	28/08/2001 ^a	Yes	Yes
Montenegro	—	19/05/2009 ^a	Yes	No
Netherlands	18/03/1992	06/11/2006 ^c	Yes	Yes
Norway	18/03/1992	10/04/1993 ^b	Yes	Yes
Poland	18/03/1992	08/09/2003	Yes	Yes
Portugal	09/06/1992	02/11/2006	Yes	Yes
Republic of Moldova	—	04/01/1994 ^a	Yes	Yes
Romania	—	22/05/2003 ^a	Yes	Yes
Russian Federation	18/03/1992	01/02/1994 ^c	Yes	Yes
San Marino	—	—	No	No
Serbia	—	31/07/2009 ^a	Yes	Yes
Slovakia	—	09/09/2003 ^a	Yes	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
Tajikistan	—	—	No	No
Turkey	—	—	No	Yes
Turkmenistan	—	—	No	No
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	—	02/03/2010 ^a	Yes	Yes
Ukraine	—	—	Yes	Yes

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date ratified</i>	<i>Competent authority designated</i>	<i>Point of contact designated</i>
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18/03/1992	05/08/2002	Yes	Yes
United States of America	18/03/1992	—	No	No
Uzbekistan	—	—	Yes	No
European Union	18/03/1992	24/04/1998 ^b	Yes	Yes
Total count (signed, ratified or designated)	27	41	44	43

^a Accession.

^b Approval.

^c Acceptance.

B. Status of ratification of the Protocol

4. The Protocol on Civil Liability, adopted at Kyiv on 21 May 2003, has been signed by 24 countries and ratified by 1. The Protocol is not yet in effect; 15 further ratifications are needed for the Protocol to enter into force.

Table 2
Status of ratification of the Protocol

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date ratified</i>
Armenia	21/03/2003	—
Austria	30/12/2003	—
Belgium	21/03/2003	—
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21/03/2003	—
Bulgaria	21/03/2003	—
Cyprus	21/03/2003	—
Denmark	21/03/2003	—
Estonia	21/03/2003	—
Finland	21/03/2003	—
Georgia	21/03/2003	—
Greece	21/03/2003	—
Hungary	21/03/2003	25/06/2004
Latvia	21/03/2003	—
Lithuania	21/03/2003	—

<i>Country</i>	<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date ratified</i>
Luxembourg	21/03/2003	—
Monaco	21/03/2003	—
Norway	21/03/2003	—
Poland	21/03/2003	—
Portugal	21/03/2003	—
Republic of Moldova	21/03/2003	—
Romania	21/03/2003	—
Sweden	21/03/2003	—
Ukraine	21/03/2003	—
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	21/03/2003	—
Total count (signed or ratified)	24	1
