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Representation and credentials

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 on the status of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (see table 1 below), particularly with regard to its ratification, 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) (see table 2 below).

A. Status of the Convention

2. As at the date of submission of the present document, there are 41 Parties to the Convention, including 40 member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the European Union. Following the deposit of its instrument of accession on 6 July 2022, Ukraine will become the forty-second Party to the Convention on 4 October 2022, in accordance with article 30 (3) of the Convention.

3. In addition to the status of ratification, table 1 below also shows whether countries have designated or established competent authorities and points of contact in accordance with article 17 (1) and (2) of the Convention. Information on points of contact is available for countries that are registered with the Industrial Accident Notification System web-based application.¹

¹ See <https://ian.unece.org>.

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

<i>Party/non-Party</i>	<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date ratified</i>	<i>Competent authority designated</i>	<i>Point of contact designated</i>
Albania	18 Mar. 1992	5 Jan. 1994	Yes	Yes
Andorra	—	—	No	No
Armenia	—	21 Feb. 1997 ^a	Yes	Yes
Austria	18 Mar. 1992	4 Aug. 1999	Yes	Yes
Azerbaijan	—	16 June 2004 ^a	Yes	Yes
Belarus	—	5 June 2003 ^a	Yes	Yes
Belgium	18 Mar. 1992	6 Apr. 2006	Yes	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	—	20 Feb. 2013 ^a	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	18 Mar. 1992	12 May 1995	Yes	Yes
Canada	18 Mar. 1992	—	No	No
Croatia	—	20 Jan. 2000 ^a	Yes	Yes
Cyprus	—	31 Aug. 2005 ^a	Yes	Yes
Czechia	—	12 June 2000 ^a	Yes	Yes
Denmark	18 Mar. 1992	28 Mar. 2001 ^b	Yes	Yes
Estonia	18 Mar. 1992	17 May 2000	Yes	Yes
Finland	18 Mar. 1992	13 Sept. 1999 ^c	Yes	Yes
France	18 Mar. 1992	3 Oct. 2003 ^b	Yes	Yes
Georgia	—	—	Yes	Yes
Germany	18 Mar. 1992	09 Sept. 1998	Yes	Yes
Greece	18 Mar. 1992	24 Feb. 1998	Yes	Yes
Hungary	18 Mar. 1992	2 June 1994 ^b	Yes	Yes
Iceland	—	—	No	No
Ireland	—	—	No	No
Israel	—	—	No	No
Italy	18 Mar. 1992	2 July 2002	Yes	Yes
Kazakhstan	—	11 Jan. 2001 ^a	Yes	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	—	—	Yes	Yes
Latvia	18 Mar. 1992	29 June 2004	Yes	Yes
Liechtenstein	—	—	No	No
Lithuania	18 Mar. 1992	2 Nov. 2000	Yes	Yes
Luxembourg	20 May 1992	8 Aug. 1994	Yes	Yes

<i>Party/non-Party</i>	<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date ratified</i>	<i>Competent authority designated</i>	<i>Point of contact designated</i>
Malta	—	—	No	Yes
Monaco	—	28 Aug. 2001 ^a	Yes	Yes
Montenegro	—	19 May 2009 ^a	Yes	Yes
Netherlands	18 Mar. 1992	6 Nov. 2006 ^c	Yes	Yes
North Macedonia	—	2 Mar. 2010 ^a	Yes	Yes
Norway	18 Sept. 1992	1 Apr. 1993 ^b	Yes	Yes
Poland	18 Mar. 1992	8 Sept. 2003	Yes	Yes
Portugal	9 June 1992	2 Nov. 2006	Yes	Yes
Rep. of Moldova	—	4 Jan. 1994 ^a	Yes	Yes
Romania	—	22 May 2003 ^a	Yes	Yes
Russian Federation	18 Mar. 1992	1 Feb. 1994 ^c	Yes	Yes
San Marino	—	—	No	No
Serbia	—	31 July 2009 ^a	Yes	Yes
Slovakia	—	9 Sept. 2003 ^a	Yes	Yes
Slovenia	—	13 May 2002 ^a	Yes	Yes
Spain	18 Mar. 1992	16 May 1997	Yes	Yes
Sweden	18 Mar. 1992	22 Sept. 1999	Yes	Yes
Switzerland	18 Mar. 1992	21 May 1999	Yes	Yes
Tajikistan	—	—	Yes	Yes
Türkiye	—	—	No	Yes
Turkmenistan	—	—	Yes	No
Ukraine	—	6 July 2022 ^a	Yes	Yes
United Kingdom	18 Mar. 1992	5 Aug. 2002	Yes	Yes
United States	18 Mar. 1992	—	No	No
Uzbekistan	—	—	Yes	Yes
European Union	18 Mar. 1992	24 Apr. 1998 ^b	Yes	Yes
Total count (signed, ratified or designated)	27	42	47	48

Note: The designated points of contact of Albania, Kazakhstan and Türkiye did not receive test notifications on the email address registered in the Industrial Accident Notification System. These countries are encouraged to re-register in the System, which would enable them to send and receive notifications of industrial accidents and mutual assistance requests.

^a Accession.

^b Approval.

^c Acceptance.

B. Status of ratification of the Protocol

4. The Protocol on Civil Liability, adopted in 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 in order for it to enter into force.

Table 2
Status of ratification of the Protocol

<i>Party</i>	<i>Date signed</i>	<i>Date ratified</i>
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 June 2004
Latvia	21 May 2003	—
Lithuania	21 May 2003	—
Luxembourg	21 May 2003	—
Monaco	21 May 2003	—
Norway	21 May 2003	—
Poland	13 June 2003	—
Portugal	21 May 2003	—
Rep. of Moldova	21 May 2003	—
Romania	21 May 2003	—
Sweden	21 May 2003	—
Ukraine	21 May 2003	—
United Kingdom	21 May 2003	—
Total count (signed or ratified)	24	1