



**Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes**

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Status of ratification

Ratification status of the Water Convention, its amendments and Protocols

Note by the secretariat

1. The present document sets out the ratification status of the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), the amendments to its articles 25 and 26, as well as its Protocols, as of 22 May 2023.
2. 48 countries and the European Union are Parties to the Water Convention, adopted in 1992. The Water Convention entered into force on 6 October 1996. Cameroon, Iraq and Nigeria are the most recent Parties to the Water Convention and acceded respectively on 1 November 2022, 24 March 2023 and 22 March 2023.
3. 47 countries and the European Union approved, accepted or acceded to the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Water Convention, adopted in 2003. The amendments entered into force on 6 February 2013 and became operational on 1 March 2016.
4. The Protocol on Water and Health to the Water Convention, adopted in 1999, was signed by 36 countries and ratified, acceded, accepted or approved by 27 Parties. The Protocol entered into force on 4 August 2005. Montenegro is the most recent Party to the Protocol on Water and Health and acceded on 22 November 2019.
5. The Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters to the Water Convention and to the 1992 Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents was signed in Kyiv in 2003 and has not yet entered into force. 24 countries signed the Protocol and one country (Hungary) ratified it (25 June 2004).
6. 37 countries are Parties to the 1997 Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses (Watercourses Convention), adopted in 1997. The Convention entered into force on 17 August 2014. Ghana is the most recent Party to the Watercourses Convention and acceded on 22 June 2020.

Ratification¹ status of the Water Convention, amendments to its articles 25 and 26, its Protocol on Water and Health and the Watercourses Convention as of 22 May 2023

Country	Ratification of the Water Convention	Ratification of amendments to articles 25 and 26	Ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health	Ratification of Watercourses Convention
Albania	5 Jan 1994	29 May 2014	8 Mar 2002	
Armenia			(signatory)	
Austria	25 Jul 1996	19 Nov 2012		
Azerbaijan	3 Aug 2000	7 Jan 2014	9 Jan 2003	
Belarus	29 May 2003	13 Feb 2013	22 Apr 2009	
Benin				5 Jul 2012
Burkina Faso				22 Mar 2011
Belgium	8 Nov 2000	27 Aug 2015	29 Jun 2004	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3 Dec 2009	27 Jan 2010	13 Oct 2011	
Bulgaria	28 Oct 2003	5 Nov 2012	(signatory)	
Cameroon	1 Nov 2022	1 Nov 2022		
Chad	22 Feb 2018	22 Feb 2018		26 Sep 2012
Côte d'Ivoire				25 Feb 2014
Croatia	8 Jul 1996	31 Jul 2008	28 Jul 2006	
Cyprus			(signatory)	
Czech Republic	12 Jun 2000	29 Jan 2008	15 Nov 2001	
Denmark	28 May 1997	5 Jan 2012	(signatory)	30 Apr 2012
Estonia	16 Jun 1995	11 Jun 2009	9 Sep 2003	
Ghana	22 Jun 2020	22 Jun 2020		22 Jun 2020
Guinea-Bissau	14 June 2021	14 June 2021		19 May 2010
Finland	21 Feb 1996	11 Dec 2007	3 Mar 2005	23 Jan 1998
France	30 Jun 1998	27 Jul 2009	6 May 2005	24 Feb 2011
Georgia			(signatory)	
Germany	30 Jan 1995	15 Nov 2012	15 January 2007	15 Jan 2007
Greece	6 Sep 1996	5 Jun 2013	(signatory)	2 Dec 2010
Hungary	2 Sep 1994	20 Jun 2005	7 Dec 2001	26 Jan 2000
Iceland			(signatory)	
Iraq	24 Mar 2023	24 Mar 2023		9 Jul 2001
Ireland				20 Dec 2013
Italy	23 May 1996	29 Dec 2011	(signatory)	30 Nov 2012
Jordan				22 Jun 1999
Kazakhstan	11 Jan 2001	17 Jun 2015		
Latvia	10 Dec 1996	9 Mar 2009	24 Nov 2004	
Lebanon				25 May 1999
Libya				14 Jun 2005
Liechtenstein	19 Nov 1997	4 Jun 2012		
Lithuania	28 Apr 2000	28 Mar 2012	17 Mar 2004	

¹ Ratification, accession, approval or acceptance. If signature only, then this is indicated.

Country	Ratification of the Water Convention	Ratification of amendments to articles 25 and 26	Ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health	Ratification of Watercourses Convention
Luxembourg	7 Jun 1994	10 May 2006	4 Oct 2001	8 Jun 2012
Malta			(signatory)	
Monaco			(signatory)	
Montenegro	23 Jun 2014	23 Jun 2014	22 Nov 2019	24 Sep 2013
Morocco				13 Apr 2011
Namibia				29 Aug 2001
Netherlands	14 Mar 1995	12 Jan 2006	25 Jun 2009	9 Jan 2001
Niger				20 Feb 2013
Nigeria	22 Mar 2023	22 Mar 2023		27 Sep 2010
North Macedonia	28 Jul 2015	28 Jul 2015		
Norway	1 Apr 1993	25 Jun 2012	6 Jan 2004	30 Sep 1998
Palestine (State of)				2 Jan 2015
Paraguay				(signatory)
Poland	15 Mar 2000	31 Jan 2005	(signatory)	
Portugal	9 Dec 1994	8 Nov 2012	6 Sep 2006	22 Jun 2005
Qatar				28 Feb 2002
Republic of Moldova	4 Jan 1994	6 Feb 2007	16 Sep 2005	
Romania	31 May 1995	13 Jun 2006	5 Jan 2001	
Russian Federation	2 Nov 1993	6 Feb 2013	31 Dec 1999	
Senegal	31 Aug 2018	31 Aug 2018		
Serbia	27 Aug 2010	27 Aug 2010	16 Apr 2013	
Slovakia	7 Jul 1999	14 Mar 2013	2 Oct 2001	
Slovenia	13 Apr 1999	5 Sep 2013	(signatory)	
South Africa				26 Oct 1998
Spain	16 Feb 2000	24 Sep 2009	24 Sep 2009	24 Sep 2009
Sweden	5 Aug 1993	20 May 2004	(signatory)	15 Jun 2000
Switzerland	23 May 1995	12 May 2011	27 Oct 2006	
Syrian Arab Republic				2 Apr 1998
Togo	28 September 2021	28 September 2021		
Tunisia				22 Apr 2009
Turkmenistan	29 Aug 2012			
Ukraine	8 Oct 1999	1 Dec 2015	26 Sep 2003	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	(signatory)		(signatory)	13 Dec 2013
United States of America				
Uzbekistan	4 Sept 2007	28 Nov 2011		4 Sep 2007
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				(signatory)
Viet Nam				19 May 2014
Yemen				(signatory)
European Union	14 Sep 1995	20 Dec 2013		