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**Status of ratification of the Stockholm Convention as of 25 April
2005**

Note by the secretariat

1. The text of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants was adopted at a Conference of Plenipotentiaries on 22 May 2001 in Stockholm, Sweden. In accordance with its Article 24, the Convention was opened for signature by all States and regional economic integration organizations in Stockholm on 23 May 2001, and subsequently at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 24 May 2001 to 22 May 2002. As of 22 May 2002, the Convention had received 151 signatures. In accordance with its Article 26, the Convention entered into force on 17 May 2004, on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
2. According to paragraph 2 of Article 26 of the Convention, “for each State or regional economic integration organization that ratifies, accepts or approves this Convention or accedes thereto after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State or regional economic integration organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession”.
3. As of 25 April 2005, 97 States and one regional economic integration organization had ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention. On the date of the opening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Convention will have entered into force for 94 Parties.

* UNEP/POPS/COP.1/1.

4. Information on the status of ratification of the Convention is presented in two annexes to the present note. Annex I lists in alphabetical order Parties to the Convention as of 25 April 2005. Annex II shows the general status of ratification of the Convention. The information presented in the annexes to the present note is based on instruments received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary of the Convention, and information published by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. The information provided in annex II is reproduced as published by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs without editing by the secretariat.

Annex I

Parties to the Convention as of 25 April 2005

1. Albania	34. Fiji	69. Qatar
2. Antigua and Barbuda	35. Finland	70. Republic of Moldova
3. Argentina	36. France	71. Romania
4. Armenia	37. Germany	72. Rwanda
5. Australia	38. Ghana	73. St. Kitts and Nevis
6. Austria	39. Iceland	74. St. Lucia
7. Azerbaijan	40. Japan	75. Samoa
8. Barbados	41. Jordan	76. Senegal
9. Belarus	42. Kenya	77. Sierra Leone
10. Benin	43. Kiribati	78. Slovakia
11. Bolivia	44. Latvia	79. Slovenia
12. Botswana	45. Lebanon	80. Solomon Islands
13. Brazil	46. Lesotho	81. South Africa
14. Bulgaria	47. Liberia	82. Spain
15. Burkina Faso	48. Liechtenstein	83. Sweden
16. Canada	49. Luxembourg	84. Switzerland
17. Chad	50. Mali	85. Thailand
18. Chile	51. Marshall Islands	86. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
19. China	52. Mauritius	87. Togo
20. Cook Islands	53. Mexico	88. Trinidad and Tobago
21. Côte d'Ivoire	54. Monaco	89. Tunisia
22. Cyprus*	55. Mongolia	90. Tuvalu
23. Czech Republic	56. Morocco	91. Uganda
24. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	57. Myanmar	92. United Arab Emirates
25. Democratic Republic of the Congo*	58. Nauru	93. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
26. Denmark	59. Netherlands	94. United Republic of Tanzania
27. Djibouti	60. New Zealand	95. Uruguay
28. Dominica	61. Nigeria	96. Venezuela*
29. Ecuador	62. Norway	97. Viet Nam
30. Egypt	63. Oman	98. Yemen
31. Eritrea*	64. Panama	
32. Ethiopia	65. Papua New Guinea	
33. European Community	66. Paraguay	
	67. Philippines	
	68. Portugal	

* States which have ratified or acceded to the Convention but have not yet become Parties (see annex II to the present note).

Annex II

Status of ratification, acceptance, approval and accession as of 25 April 2005

Status: Signatories: 151; Parties: 98¹

PARTICIPANTS

Participant	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)
Albania	5 Dec 2001	4 Oct 2004
Algeria	5 Sep 2001	
Antigua and Barbuda	23 May 2001	10 Sep 2003
Argentina	23 May 2001	25 Jan 2005
Armenia	23 May 2001	26 Nov 2003
Australia	23 May 2001	20 May 2004
Austria	23 May 2001	27 Aug 2002
Azerbaijan		13 Jan 2004 a
Bahamas	20 Mar 2002	
Bahrain	22 May 2002	
Bangladesh	23 May 2001	
Barbados		7 Jun 2004 a
Belarus		3 Feb 2004 a
Belgium	23 May 2001	
Belize	14 May 2002	
Benin	23 May 2001	5 Jan 2004
Bolivia	23 May 2001	3 Jun 2003
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23 May 2001	
Botswana		28 Oct 2002 a
Brazil	23 May 2001	16 Jun 2004
Brunei Darussalam	21 May 2002	
Bulgaria	23 May 2001	20 Dec 2004
Burkina Faso	23 May 2001	31 Dec 2004
Burundi	2 Apr 2002	
Cambodia	23 May 2001	
Cameroon	5 Oct 2001	
Canada	23 May 2001	23 May 2001
Central African Republic	9 May 2002	
Chad	16 May 2002	10 Mar 2004
Chile	23 May 2001	20 Jan 2005
China ₂	23 May 2001	13 Aug 2004
Colombia	23 May 2001	
Comoros	23 May 2001	
Congo	4 Dec 2001	
Cook Islands		29 Jun 2004 a
Costa Rica	16 Apr 2002	
Côte d'Ivoire	23 May 2001	20 Jan 2004

Croatia	23 May 2001	
Cuba	23 May 2001	
Cyprus		7 Mar 2005 a
Czech Republic	23 May 2001	6 Aug 2002
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		26 Aug 2002 a
Democratic Republic of the Congo		23 Mar 2005 a
Denmark ³	23 May 2001	17 Dec 2003
Djibouti	15 Nov 2001	11 Mar 2004
Dominica		8 Aug 2003 a
Dominican Republic	23 May 2001	
Ecuador	28 Aug 2001	7 Jun 2004
Egypt	17 May 2002	2 May 2003
El Salvador	30 Jul 2001	
Eritrea		10 Mar 2005 a
Ethiopia	17 May 2002	9 Jan 2003
European Community	23 May 2001	16 Nov 2004 AA
Fiji	14 Jun 2001	20 Jun 2001
Finland	23 May 2001	3 Sep 2002 A
France	23 May 2001	17 Feb 2004 AA
Gabon	21 May 2002	
Gambia	23 May 2001	
Georgia	23 May 2001	
Germany	23 May 2001	25 Apr 2002
Ghana	23 May 2001	30 May 2003
Greece	23 May 2001	
Guatemala	29 Jan 2002	
Guinea	23 May 2001	
Guinea-Bissau	24 Apr 2002	
Haiti	23 May 2001	
Honduras	17 May 2002	
Hungary	23 May 2001	
Iceland	23 May 2001	29 May 2002
India	14 May 2002	
Indonesia	23 May 2001	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	23 May 2001	
Ireland	23 May 2001	
Israel	30 Jul 2001	
Italy	23 May 2001	
Jamaica	23 May 2001	
Japan		30 Aug 2002 a
Jordan	18 Jan 2002	8 Nov 2004
Kazakhstan	23 May 2001	
Kenya	23 May 2001	24 Sep 2004
Kiribati	4 Apr 2002	7 Sep 2004
Kuwait	23 May 2001	
Kyrgyzstan	16 May 2002	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	5 Mar 2002	
Latvia	23 May 2001	28 Oct 2004
Lebanon	23 May 2001	3 Jan 2003
Lesotho	23 Jan 2002	23 Jan 2002
Liberia		23 May 2002 a

Liechtenstein	23 May 2001	3 Dec 2004
Lithuania	17 May 2002	
Luxembourg	23 May 2001	7 Feb 2003
Madagascar	24 Sep 2001	
Malawi	22 May 2002	
Malaysia	16 May 2002	
Mali	23 May 2001	5 Sep 2003
Malta	23 May 2001	
Marshall Islands		27 Jan 2003 a
Mauritania	8 Aug 2001	
Mauritius	23 May 2001	13 Jul 2004
Mexico	23 May 2001	10 Feb 2003
Micronesia (Federated States of)	31 Jul 2001	
Monaco	23 May 2001	20 Oct 2004
Mongolia	17 May 2002	30 Apr 2004
Morocco	23 May 2001	15 Jun 2004
Mozambique	23 May 2001	
Myanmar		19 Apr 2004 a
Nauru	9 May 2002	9 May 2002
Nepal	5 Apr 2002	
Netherlands	23 May 2001	28 Jan 2002 A
New Zealand ⁴	23 May 2001	24 Sep 2004
Nicaragua	23 May 2001	
Niger	12 Oct 2001	
Nigeria	23 May 2001	24 May 2004
Niue	12 Mar 2002	
Norway	23 May 2001	11 Jul 2002
Oman	4 Mar 2002	19 Jan 2005
Pakistan	6 Dec 2001	
Palau	28 Mar 2002	
Panama	23 May 2001	5 Mar 2003
Papua New Guinea	23 May 2001	7 Oct 2003
Paraguay	12 Oct 2001	1 Apr 2004
Peru	23 May 2001	
Philippines	23 May 2001	27 Feb 2004
Poland	23 May 2001	
Portugal	23 May 2001	15 Jul 2004 A
Qatar		10 Dec 2004 a
Republic of Korea	4 Oct 2001	
Republic of Moldova	23 May 2001	7 Apr 2004
Romania	23 May 2001	28 Oct 2004
Russian Federation	22 May 2002	
Rwanda		5 Jun 2002 a
Saint Kitts and Nevis		21 May 2004 a
Saint Lucia		4 Oct 2002 a
Samoa	23 May 2001	4 Feb 2002
Sao Tome and Principe	3 Apr 2002	
Saudi Arabia	14 Mar 2002	
Senegal	23 May 2001	8 Oct 2003
Serbia and Montenegro	2 May 2002	
Seychelles	25 Mar 2002	
Sierra Leone		26 Sep 2003 a

Singapore	23 May 2001	
Slovakia	23 May 2001	5 Aug 2002
Slovenia	23 May 2001	4 May 2004
Solomon Islands		28 Jul 2004 a
South Africa	23 May 2001	4 Sep 2002
Spain	23 May 2001	28 May 2004
Sri Lanka	5 Sep 2001	
Sudan	23 May 2001	
Suriname	22 May 2002	
Sweden	23 May 2001	8 May 2002
Switzerland	23 May 2001	30 Jul 2003
Syrian Arab Republic	15 Feb 2002	
Tajikistan	21 May 2002	
Thailand	22 May 2002	31 Jan 2005
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	23 May 2001	27 May 2004
Togo	23 May 2001	22 Jul 2004
Tonga	21 May 2002	
Trinidad and Tobago		13 Dec 2002 a
Tunisia	23 May 2001	17 Jun 2004
Turkey	23 May 2001	
Tuvalu		19 Jan 2004 a
Uganda		20 Jul 2004 a
Ukraine	23 May 2001	
United Arab Emirates	23 May 2001	11 Jul 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11 Dec 2001	17 Jan 2005
United Republic of Tanzania	23 May 2001	30 Apr 2004
United States of America	23 May 2001	
Uruguay	23 May 2001	9 Feb 2004
Vanuatu	21 May 2002	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	23 May 2001	19 Apr 2005
Viet Nam	23 May 2001	22 Jul 2002
Yemen	5 Dec 2001	9 Jan 2004
Zambia	23 May 2001	
Zimbabwe	23 May 2001	

NOTES

1. In accordance with article 26 (3) of the Convention, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited by a regional economic integration organization shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by member States of that organization.

2. With the following:

In accordance with the provisions of article 153 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and article 138 of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that the Convention shall apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

3. *With a territorial exclusion in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.*

4. *With the following territorial exclusion:*

".....consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this ratification shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

Declarations

(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations were made upon ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.)

Argentina

Declaration:

In accordance with article 25, paragraph 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Republic of Argentina declares that any amendment to Annex A, B, or C shall enter into force for Argentina only after it has deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto.

Australia

Declaration:

"In accordance with article 25 (4) [of the Convention], the Government of Australia declares that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of Australia's instrument of ratification with respect thereto."

Austria

Declaration:

"The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with Article 18 paragraph 2 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in paragraph 2 as compulsory in relation to any party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

Belgium

Declaration made upon signature:

"This signature engages also the Walloon region, the Flemish region, and the Brussels-Capital region."

Botswana

Declaration:

"... the Republic of Botswana declares pursuant to article 25 (4) that, with respect to it, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for it only after it has deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect to such amendment."

Canada

Declaration:

"Pursuant to Article 25, paragraph 4, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Canada hereby declares that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for Canada only upon the deposit by Canada of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with respect thereto."

China

Declaration:

In accordance with the provisions of article 25, paragraph 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, with respect to the People's Republic of China, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto.

European Community

Declaration in accordance with article 25 (3) :

"The Community declares that, in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular article 175 thereof, it is competent for entering into international environmental agreements, and for implementing the obligations resulting therefrom, which contribute to the pursuit of the following objectives:

- Preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment,
- Protecting human health,
- Prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources,
- Promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems.

Moreover, the Community declares that it has already adopted legal instruments, binding on its Member States, covering matters governed by this Convention, and will submit and update, as appropriate, a list of those legal instruments to the Conference of the Parties in accordance with article 15 (1) of the Convention.

The Community is responsible for the performance of those obligations resulting from the Convention which are covered by Community law in force.

The exercise of Community competence is, by its nature, subject to continuous development."

Liechtenstein

Declaration:

"The Principality of Liechtenstein declares in accordance with Article 18 paragraph 2 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory in relation to any party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

Mauritius

Declaration:

"Pursuant to Article 25, paragraph 4, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Republic of Mauritius declares that any amendments to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for the Republic of Mauritius only upon the deposit by the Republic of Mauritius of its instrument of Ratification, Acceptance, Approval or Accession with respect thereto."

Republic of Moldova

Declaration:

In accordance with article 18, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the Republic of Moldova accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory in relation to any party that accepts the same obligation.

Pursuant to article 25, paragraph 4, of the Convention, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for the Republic of Moldova only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with respect thereto.

Slovakia

Declaration:

"Pursuant to article 25, paragraph 4, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Slovak Republic hereby declares that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for the Slovak Republic only upon the deposit by the Slovak Republic of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto."

Slovenia

Declaration:

"In accordance with article 25, paragraph 4 of the Convention, the Republic of Slovenia herewith declares, that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification with respect thereto."
