



## Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

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the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

### **Status of ratification of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

#### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. The text of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants was adopted at the meeting of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on 22 May 2001 in Stockholm. 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 at 14 April 2011, 173 States and one regional economic integration organization had ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention. One of those States, Montenegro, lodged its instrument of ratification with the Depositary on 31 March 2011 and thus the Convention will not enter into force for it until 29 June 2011, after the close of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. On the date of the opening of the meeting, the Convention will have entered into force for 172 States and one regional economic integration organization, listed in annex I to the present note.
4. Additional information on the status of signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession of the Convention is set out in annex II to the present note. The information provided is reproduced as published by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, acting on behalf of the Depositary, without formal editing by the Secretariat.

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## Annex I

### Parties to the Convention as at 14 April 2011

1. Albania
2. Algeria
3. Angola
4. Antigua and Barbuda
5. Argentina
6. Armenia
7. Australia
8. Austria
9. Azerbaijan
10. Bahamas
11. Bahrain
12. Bangladesh
13. Barbados
14. Belarus
15. Belgium
16. Belize
17. Benin
18. Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
19. Bosnia and Herzegovina
20. Botswana
21. Brazil
22. Bulgaria
23. Burkina Faso
24. Burundi
25. Cambodia
26. Cameroon
27. Canada
28. Cape Verde
29. Central African Republic
30. Chad
31. Chile
32. China
33. Colombia
34. Comoros
35. Congo
36. Cook Islands
37. Costa Rica
38. Côte d'Ivoire
39. Croatia
40. Cuba
41. Cyprus
42. Czech Republic
43. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
44. Democratic Republic of the Congo
45. Denmark
46. Djibouti
47. Dominica
48. Dominican Republic
49. Ecuador
50. Egypt
51. El Salvador
52. Eritrea
53. Estonia
54. Ethiopia
55. European Union
56. Fiji
57. Finland
58. France
59. Gabon
60. Gambia
61. Georgia
62. Germany
63. Ghana
64. Greece
65. Guatemala
66. Guinea
67. Guinea-Bissau
68. Guyana
69. Honduras
70. Hungary
71. Iceland
72. India
73. Indonesia
74. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
75. Ireland
76. Jamaica
77. Japan
78. Jordan
79. Kazakhstan
80. Kenya
81. Kiribati
82. Kuwait
83. Kyrgyzstan
84. Lao People's Democratic Republic
85. Latvia
86. Lebanon
87. Lesotho
88. Liberia
89. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
90. Liechtenstein
91. Lithuania
92. Luxembourg
93. Madagascar
94. Malawi
95. Maldives
96. Mali
97. Marshall Islands
98. Mauritania
99. Mauritius
100. Mexico
101. Micronesia (Federated States of)
102. Monaco
103. Mongolia
104. Morocco
105. Mozambique
106. Myanmar
107. Namibia
108. Nauru
109. Nepal
110. Netherlands
111. New Zealand
112. Nicaragua
113. Niger
114. Nigeria
115. Niue
116. Norway
117. Oman
118. Pakistan
119. Panama
120. Papua New Guinea
121. Paraguay
122. Peru
123. Philippines
124. Poland
125. Portugal
126. Qatar
127. Republic of Korea
128. Republic of Moldova
129. Romania
130. Rwanda
131. Saint Kitts and Nevis
132. Saint Lucia
133. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
134. Samoa
135. Sao Tome and Principe
136. Senegal
137. Serbia
138. Seychelles
139. Sierra Leone
140. Singapore
141. Slovakia
142. Slovenia
143. Solomon Islands
144. Somalia
145. South Africa
146. Spain
147. Sri Lanka
148. Sudan
149. Swaziland
150. Sweden
151. Switzerland
152. Syrian Arab Republic
153. Tajikistan
154. Thailand
155. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
156. Togo
157. Tonga
158. Trinidad and Tobago
159. Tunisia
160. Turkey
161. Tuvalu
162. Uganda
163. Ukraine
164. United Arab Emirates
165. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
166. United Republic of Tanzania
167. Uruguay
168. Vanuatu
169. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
170. Viet Nam
171. Yemen
172. Zambia

## Annex II

### Status of signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession as at 14 April 2011

Participant	Signature, Succession to signature(d)	Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)
Albania	5 Dec 2001	4 Oct 2004
Algeria	5 Sep 2001	22 Sep 2006
Angola		23 Oct 2006 a
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	3 Oct 2005
Bahrain	22 May 2002	31 Jan 2006
Bangladesh	23 May 2001	12 Mar 2007
Barbados		7 Jun 2004 a
Belarus		3 Feb 2004 a
Belgium	23 May 2001	25 May 2006
Belize	14 May 2002	25 Jan 2010
Benin	23 May 2001	5 Jan 2004
Bolivia	23 May 2001	3 Jun 2003
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23 May 2001	30 Mar 2010
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	2 Aug 2005
Cambodia	23 May 2001	25 Aug 2006
Cameroon	5 Oct 2001	19 May 2009
Canada	23 May 2001	23 May 2001
Cape Verde		1 Mar 2006 a
Central African Republic	9 May 2002	12 Feb 2008
Chad	16 May 2002	10 Mar 2004
Chile	23 May 2001	20 Jan 2005
China <sup>1</sup>	23 May 2001	13 Aug 2004
Colombia	23 May 2001	22 Oct 2008
Comoros	23 May 2001	23 Feb 2007
Congo	4 Dec 2001	12 Feb 2007
Cook Islands		29 Jun 2004 a
Costa Rica	16 Apr 2002	6 Feb 2007

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Côte d'Ivoire	23 May 2001	20 Jan 2004
Croatia	23 May 2001	30 Jan 2007
Cuba	23 May 2001	21 Dec 2007
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 <sup>2</sup>	23 May 2001	17 Dec 2003
Djibouti	15 Nov 2001	11 Mar 2004
Dominica		8 Aug 2003 a
Dominican Republic	23 May 2001	4 May 2007
Ecuador	28 Aug 2001	7 Jun 2004
Egypt	17 May 2002	2 May 2003
El Salvador	30 Jul 2001	27 May 2008
Eritrea		10 Mar 2005 a
Estonia		7 Nov 2008 a
Ethiopia	17 May 2002	9 Jan 2003
European Union	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	7 May 2007
Gambia	23 May 2001	28 Apr 2006
Georgia	23 May 2001	4 Oct 2006
Germany	23 May 2001	25 Apr 2002
Ghana	23 May 2001	30 May 2003
Greece	23 May 2001	3 May 2006
Guatemala	29 Jan 2002	30 Jul 2008
Guinea	23 May 2001	11 Dec 2007
Guinea-Bissau	24 Apr 2002	6 Aug 2008
Guyana		12 Sep 2007 a
Haiti	23 May 2001	
Honduras	17 May 2002	23 May 2005
Hungary	23 May 2001	14 Mar 2008
Iceland	23 May 2001	29 May 2002
India	14 May 2002	13 Jan 2006
Indonesia	23 May 2001	28 Sep 2009
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	23 May 2001	6 Feb 2006
Ireland	23 May 2001	5 Aug 2010
Israel	30 Jul 2001	
Italy	23 May 2001	
Jamaica	23 May 2001	1 Jun 2007
Japan		30 Aug 2002 a
Jordan	18 Jan 2002	8 Nov 2004
Kazakhstan	23 May 2001	9 Nov 2007
Kenya	23 May 2001	24 Sep 2004
Kiribati	4 Apr 2002	7 Sep 2004
Kuwait	23 May 2001	12 Jun 2006
Kyrgyzstan	16 May 2002	12 Dec 2006

<sup>2</sup> With a territorial exclusion in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

Lao People's Democratic Republic	5 Mar 2002	28 Jun 2006
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
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		14 Jun 2005 a
Liechtenstein	23 May 2001	3 Dec 2004
Lithuania	17 May 2002	5 Dec 2006
Luxembourg	23 May 2001	7 Feb 2003
Madagascar	24 Sep 2001	18 Nov 2005
Malawi	22 May 2002	27 Feb 2009
Malaysia	16 May 2002	
Maldives		17 Oct 2006 a
Mali	23 May 2001	5 Sep 2003
Malta	23 May 2001	
Marshall Islands		27 Jan 2003 a
Mauritania	8 Aug 2001	22 Jul 2005
Mauritius	23 May 2001	13 Jul 2004
Mexico	23 May 2001	10 Feb 2003
Micronesia (Federated States of)	31 Jul 2001	15 Jul 2005
Monaco	23 May 2001	20 Oct 2004
Mongolia	17 May 2002	30 Apr 2004
Montenegro	23 Oct 2006 d	31 Mar 2011
Morocco	23 May 2001	15 Jun 2004
Mozambique	23 May 2001	31 Oct 2005
Myanmar		19 Apr 2004 a
Namibia		24 Jun 2005 a
Nauru	9 May 2002	9 May 2002
Nepal	5 Apr 2002	6 Mar 2007
Netherlands	23 May 2001	28 Jan 2002 A
New Zealand <sup>3</sup>	23 May 2001	24 Sep 2004
Nicaragua	23 May 2001	1 Dec 2005
Niger	12 Oct 2001	12 Apr 2006
Nigeria	23 May 2001	24 May 2004
Niue	12 Mar 2002	2 Sep 2005
Norway	23 May 2001	11 Jul 2002
Oman	4 Mar 2002	19 Jan 2005
Pakistan	6 Dec 2001	17 Apr 2008
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	14 Sep 2005
Philippines	23 May 2001	27 Feb 2004
Poland	23 May 2001	23 Oct 2008

<sup>3</sup> 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 Depository on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

Portugal	23 May 2001	15 Jul 2004 A
Qatar		10 Dec 2004 a
Republic of Korea	4 Oct 2001	25 Jan 2007
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
Samoa	23 May 2001	4 Feb 2002
Sao Tome and Principe	3 Apr 2002	12 Apr 2006
Saudi Arabia	14 Mar 2002	
Senegal	23 May 2001	8 Oct 2003
Serbia	2 May 2002	31 Jul 2009
Seychelles	25 Mar 2002	3 Jun 2008 a
Sierra Leone		26 Sep 2003 a
Singapore	23 May 2001	24 May 2005
Slovakia	23 May 2001	5 Aug 2002
Slovenia	23 May 2001	4 May 2004
Solomon Islands		28 Jul 2004 a
Somalia		26 Jul 2010 a
South Africa	23 May 2001	4 Sep 2002
Spain	23 May 2001	28 May 2004
Sri Lanka	5 Sep 2001	22 Dec 2005
St. Kitts and Nevis		21 May 2004 a
St. Lucia		4 Oct 2002 a
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		15 Sep 2005 a
Sudan	23 May 2001	29 Aug 2006
Suriname	22 May 2002	
Swaziland		13 Jan 2006 a
Sweden	23 May 2001	8 May 2002
Switzerland	23 May 2001	30 Jul 2003
Syrian Arab Republic	15 Feb 2002	5 Aug 2005
Tajikistan	21 May 2002	8 Feb 2007
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	23 Oct 2009
Trinidad and Tobago		13 Dec 2002 a
Tunisia	23 May 2001	17 Jun 2004
Turkey	23 May 2001	14 Oct 2009
Tuvalu		19 Jan 2004 a
Uganda		20 Jul 2004 a
Ukraine	23 May 2001	25 Sep 2007
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	16 Sep 2005
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	7 Jul 2006
Zimbabwe	23 May 2001	

**NOTES:**

1. For the purpose of entry into force 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. The following countries, pursuant to Article 25 (4), declared that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of their instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto:

Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Canada, China, Estonia, Guatemala, India, Mauritius, Micronesia, Republic of Korea, Moldova, Slovakia, Slovenia, Vanuatu, Venezuela.

On 4 January 2011, the Government of Canada deposited its instrument of acceptance to the Amendments to Annexes A, B and C of the Convention.

On 23 August 2010, the Government of New Zealand notified the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraphs 3 (b) and 3 (c) and paragraph 4 of article 22 of the Convention, that it is currently unable to accept the amendments to Annexes A, B and C, transmitted by depositary notification C.N.524.2009.TREATIES-4 of 26 August 2009.

## 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."

### **Bahrain**

Declarations:

1. Arbitration according to the procedures adopted by the Conference of States Parties is the only binding procedure for the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain regarding resolving any dispute on the interpretation or implementation of the Convention.

2. Any amendment to the Convention annexes A, B and C will not be binding to the Kingdom of Bahrain unless it is ratified according to the constitutional rules.

### **Bangladesh**

Declaration:

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

### **Belgium**

Declaration made upon signature:

"This signature engages also the Waloon 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.

**El Salvador**

Reservation:

With respect to the provisions of article 18 of this Convention, the Republic of El Salvador does not consider itself bound by the provisions of paragraph 2 of that article in that it does not recognize the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.

**Estonia**

Upon accession:

“1) In accordance with Article 25, paragraph 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, any amendment to Annex A, B and C of the Convention shall enter into force for the Republic of Estonia only after the Republic of Estonia has deposited its instrument of approval to the amendment;

2) As a Member State of the European Community the Republic of Estonia has transferred its competence to the European Community in fields governed by this Convention and listed in the declaration annexed to the Council Decision of 14 October 2004 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2006/507/EC).”

**European Union**

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."

**Guatemala**

Declaration:

In accordance with article 25, paragraph 4 of the aforementioned Convention, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala declares that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force for Guatemala only after it has deposited its instrument of accession or ratification.

**India**

28 March 2006

Declaration:

"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."

**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."

**Micronesia (Federated States of)**

Declaration:

1. The Federated States of Micronesia declares in accordance with the provisions of article 25, paragraph 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, that any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of the Federated States of Micronesia's instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession thereto.

2. The Federated States of Micronesia declares in accordance with Article 18, paragraph 2 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants 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.

**Netherlands**

17 February 2010

Declaration:

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 18 of the Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, that it accepts both means of dispute settlement referred to in that paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting one or both means of dispute settlement."

**Republic of Korea**

Declaration:

The Republic of Korea, in accordance with Article 25, paragraph 4 of the Convention, declares that, with respect to the Republic of Korea, 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.

**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.

**Serbia**

Declaration:

"The Republic of Serbia declares in accordance with Article 18 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in paragraph 2."

**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."

**Syrian Arab Republic**

Declaration:

The ratification of the Syrian Arab Republic to this Convention shall in no way signify the recognition of Israel or entail entry into any dealings with Israel in the context of the provisions of this Convention.

**Vanuatu**

Declaration:

"That in relation to paragraph 4 of Article 25 of the Convention, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall bind the Republic of Vanuatu only upon its deposit of an instrument of ratification or accession with respect to such amendments."

**Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)**

Declaration:

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