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<p><b>Note—</b>            In a communication dated 18 July, 1978, the Government of the <i>Union of Soviet Socialist Republics</i> referred to the declaration made by the Government of the <i>Argentine Republic</i> on deposit of their instrument of ratification of the above Convention and stated that they do not recognise the territorial claims asserted by some States in the Antarctic; and drew attention to the fact that the reference to maritime jurisdiction by Argentina in the area of application of the 1959 Treaty on the Antarctic contained in the aforementioned declaration is at variance with Article IV, paragraph 2 of that Treaty, according to which no enlargement of existing claims to territorial sovereignty in the Antarctic shall be asserted while the present Treaty is in force. (The Antarctic Treaty referred to above is published as Treaty Series No. 97 (1961), Cmnd. 1535.)</p>		
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<b>Notes—</b>		
<p>In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 21 June, 1978, the Government of <i>Australia</i> made the following objection to the reservation in respect of Article 11 (1) made by the <i>People's Democratic Republic of Yemen</i> on depositing their instrument of accession to the Convention on 24 November, 1976 (see Treaty Series No. 113 (1976), Cmnd. 6747, p. 5):</p> <p>"... the Government of Australia does not regard the reservation made by the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to paragraph (1) of Article 11 as modifying any rights or obligations under that paragraph."</p> <p>In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 6 September, 1978, the Government of <i>Hungary</i> made the following objection to the reservations in respect of Article 37 made by the Government of <i>China</i> on acceding to the Convention on 25 November, 1975 (see Treaty Series No. 162 (1975), Cmnd. 6454, p. 12):</p> <p>"The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic does not recognize the validity of the reservation made by the Chinese People's Republic to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 37 of the 1961 Convention on Diplomatic Relations."</p>		
<b>DISARMAMENT—</b>		
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Protocol to the European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities ... ..	Strasbourg, 3 June, 1964	8/1965 Cmnd. 2536
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Accession—		
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Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ... ..	Washington, 3 Mar., 1973	101/1976 Cmnd. 6647
Ratification—		
Venezuela ... ..	24 Oct., 1977	



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France (with reservation)* ... ..	11 May, 1978	
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Monaco ... ..	19 Apr., 1978	
<p>* The instrument of approval of the Government of the French Republic was accompanied by a reservation, provided for in Article XXIII of the Convention, concerning the following species listed in Appendix I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>—Chelonia mydas (Reptilia—Chelonidae)</li> <li>—Eretmochelys imbricata (Chelonidae)</li> <li>—Crocodylus niloticus</li> <li>—Osteolaemus tetraspis</li> <li>—Melanosuchus niger</li> <li>—Crocodylus cataphractus</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">} <i>crocodylia</i> "</p>		
<p>Note—</p> <p>In a communication dated 30 June, 1978, and received by the Government of the Swiss Confederation on 3 July, 1978, the Government of the United Kingdom notified the withdrawal of the reservations made in respect of <i>Hong Kong</i>. The withdrawal took effect on 3 July, 1978. The reservations were in respect of all species of reptilia listed in Appendices I and II of the Convention and to the species <i>elephas maximus</i> in Appendix I (see Treaty Series No. 101 (1976), Cmnd. 6647, p. 45), as well as the species <i>loxodonta africana</i> which was added to Appendix II at the first meeting of the Berne Conference (see Treaty Series No. 81 (1977), Cmnd. 7000, p. 3).</p>		
<b>FISHERIES—</b>		
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International Coffee Agreement, 1976 ... ..	New York, 31 Jan.— 31 July, 1976	12/1978 Cmnd. 7079
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Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia ... ..	Strasbourg, 22 July, 1964	32/1974 Cmnd. 5763
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Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ... ..	Rome, 4 Nov., 1950	71/1953 Cmnd. 8969
Renewal of declaration under Article 25— Italy ... ..	1 Aug., 1978 (for three years)	
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Convention on the Political Rights of Women ...	New York, 31 Mar., 1953	101/1967 Cmnd. 3449
<b>Note—</b>		
In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 19 June, 1978, the Government of <i>Belgium</i> referred to the reservations made by them on ratifying the above Convention (see Treaty Series No. 101 (1967), Cmnd. 3449, page 37) and notified the withdrawal of the following reservation relating to Article III:		
[ <i>Translation</i> ]		
Both with respect to the past and the future, the Convention cannot prevent the public authorities from establishing conditions for access to public functions when without any thought of discrimination, they are guided either by the desire to protect women from certain physical or moral risks or by objective considerations deriving from requirements indispensable to the satisfactory operation of certain public services.		
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination ... ..	New York, 7 Mar., 1966	77/1969 Cmnd. 4108
Signature— Korea, Republic of ... ..	8 Aug., 1978	
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ... ..	New York, 19 Dec., 1966	6/1977 Cmnd. 6702
Ratification— Portugal ... ..	31 July, 1978	
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ...	New York, 19 Dec., 1966	6/1977 Cmnd. 6702
Ratification— Portugal ... ..	15 June, 1978	

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Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention), with related documents ...	Munich, 5 Oct., 1973	20/1978 Cmnd. 7090
Note—		
In accordance with Article 33 of the Convention the following decisions have been adopted by the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation:		
CA/D 1/77: Decision of 20 October, 1977, amending the Implementing Regulations. Entered into force on 1 February, 1978.		
CA/D 8/77: Decision of 20 October, 1977, adopting rules relating to fees. Entered into force on 20 October, 1977.		
CA/D 5/78: Decision of 24 February, 1978, concerning the inclusion of a new Rule 106a in the Implementing Regulations. Entered into force on 24 February, 1978.		
The full text of each decision will be published in the Official Journal of the European Patent Office. The postal address of the European Patent Office is POSTFACH 20 20 20, D 8000 München 2.		
<b>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY—</b>		
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International Convention further revising the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of 20 March, 1883 ... ..	Stockholm, 14 July, 1967– 13 Jan., 1968	61/1970 Cmnd. 4431
Ratification—		
Central African Empire ... ..	5 June, 1978 (effective date)	
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Sri Lanka (except Articles 1–12) ... ..	23 Sept., 1978 (effective date)	
Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization ... ..	Stockholm, 14 July, 1967– 13 Jan., 1968	52/1970 Cmnd. 4408
Ratification—		
Central African Empire ... ..	23 May, 1978	
Accession—		
Sri Lanka ... ..	20 June, 1978	
Universal Copyright Convention, as revised (with Protocols 1 and 2) ... ..	Paris, 24 July, 1971	9/1975 Cmnd. 5844
Note—		
The Government of the <i>Soviet Union</i> notified the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 4 April, 1978, of the following declaration, made in accordance with Article IX (4) of the Convention:		

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<i>[Translation]</i>		
Being anxious to promote conditions favourable to the use of works by Soviet authors in the national education systems of developing countries the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics acknowledges the application of the said Convention to the works of Soviet authors.		
In making this declaration, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics notes that the provisions of Article XIII of the Convention are null and void and are contrary to the Declaration of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization (resolution 1514/XV of 14 December, 1960) proclaiming the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.		
Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against unauthorised Duplication of their Phonograms ... ..	Geneva, 29 Oct., 1971	41/1973 Cmnd. 5275
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Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization... ..	Geneva, 6 Mar., 1948	54/1958 Cmnd. 589
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Seychelles ... ..	13 June, 1978	
Amendments to Articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31 and 32 of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, signed at Geneva on 6 March, 1948 ... ..	Adopted London, 17 Oct., 1974	69/1978 Cmnd. 7262
Acceptance—		
Seychelles ... ..	13 June, 1978	
<b>INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION—</b>		
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Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation ... ..	Geneva, 22 June, 1972	110/1975 Cmnd. 6207
Ratification—		
Portugal ... ..	14 Oct., 1977	

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<b>JAPAN—</b>		
Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan for the Exchange of Money Orders ... ..	Tokyo, 22 Feb., 1965	94/1965 Cmnd. 2840
<p><b>Note—</b> By a communication dated 23 August, 1978, the Government of the United Kingdom notified the Government of Japan of their decision to terminate the above Agreement. In accordance with the provisions of Article 15 (2) the termination takes effect on 23 August, 1979.</p>		
<b>LABOUR (ILO)—</b>		
International Labour Convention No. 10. Minimum Age (Agriculture) Convention, 1921... ..	Geneva, 16 Nov., 1921	1/1964 Cmnd. 2227
Succession— Seychelles ... ..	6 Feb., 1978	
International Labour Convention No. 108. Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958 ... ..	Geneva, 13 May, 1958	25/1965 Cmnd. 2575
Succession— Seychelles ... ..	6 Feb., 1978	
International Labour Convention No. 115. Radiation Protection Convention, 1960 ... ..	Geneva, 22 June, 1960	41/1963 Cmnd. 2058
Ratification— Lebanon (with statement)* ... ..	6 Dec., 1977	
<p>* The text of the statement communicated by the Government of Lebanon in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 3 (c), of the Convention reads as follows:</p> <p><b>[Translation]</b> The Lebanese Government, which has ratified the Radiation Protection Convention, 1960 (No. 115), states, in accordance with Article 3 (c), that special instructions have been drawn up by the Lebanese Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs concerning the technical preventive measures necessary for the protection of the workers to whom the provisions of the Convention apply. These instructions have been issued under the provisions in force in the Lebanon relating to occupational protection and safety, in particular Decree 6341 of 24 October, 1951. In addition, the labour inspectors will supervise the satisfactory implementation of the provisions in force in collaboration with the technical services responsible for hygiene and health, and in particular protection against ionising radiations. It is understood that Convention No. 115 will apply to all categories of workers who may be exposed to such radiations in the course of their work.</p>		
International Labour Convention No. 122. Employment Policy Convention, 1964 ... ..	Geneva, 9 July, 1964	65/1967 Cmnd. 3360
Ratification— Turkey ... ..	13 Dec., 1977	

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<b>International Labour Convention No. 142. Human Resources Development Convention, 1975 ... ..</b>	Geneva, 23 June, 1975	17/1978 Cmnd. 7086
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Nicaragua ... ..	4 Nov., 1977	
<b>International Labour Convention No. 144. Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention, 1976 ... ..</b>	Geneva, 21 June, 1976	33/1978 Cmnd. 7164
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(1) Collisions between Vessels; and	Brussels,	4/1913
(2) Assistance and Salvage at Sea ... ..	23 Sept., 1910	Cd. 6677
<b>Accession—</b>		
Tonga ... ..	13 June, 1978	
<b>International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading ... ..</b>	Brussels, 25 Aug., 1924	17/1931 Cmd. 3806
<b>Note—</b>		
In a communication received by the Government of Belgium on 13 June, 1978, the Government of <i>Tonga</i> declared that they consider themselves bound by the above Convention which was applied to their territory before the attainment of independence. (The United Kingdom ceased to be a party to the Convention with effect from 13 June, 1978.)		

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<b>International Convention on Certain Rules concerning Civil Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision ... ..</b>	Brussels, 10 May, 1952	47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
Accession— Tonga ... ..	13 June, 1978	
<b>International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Penal Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision or other Incidents of Navigation ... ..</b>	Brussels, 10 May, 1952	47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
Accession— Tonga (with reservations)* ... ..	13 June, 1978	
* On acceding to the above Convention the Government of Tonga made the following reservations:		
“ (1) The Government of Tonga reserves the right not to observe the provisions of Article 1 of the said Convention in the case of any ship if the State whose flag the ship was flying has as respects that ship or any class of ship to which that ship belongs consented to the institution of criminal or disciplinary proceedings before judicial or administrative authorities in Tonga.		
“ (2) The Government of Tonga reserves the right under Article 4 of the said Convention to take proceedings in respect of offences committed within the territorial waters of Tonga.”		
<b>International Convention relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships ... ..</b>	Brussels, 10 May, 1952	47/1960 Cmnd. 1128
Accession— Tonga (with reservation)* ... ..	13 June, 1978	
* On acceding to the above Convention the Government of Tonga made the following reservation:		
“ The Government of Tonga reserves the right not to apply the provisions of this Convention to warships or vessels owned or in the service of a State.”		
<b>International Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Sea-going Ships ... ..</b>	Brussels, 10 Oct., 1957	52/1968 Cmnd. 3678
Accession— Tonga (with reservations)* ... ..	13 June, 1978	
* On acceding to the above Convention the Government of Tonga made the following reservations:		
“ (1) In accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (a) of paragraph (2) of the Protocol of Signature, the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga exclude paragraph (1) (c) of Article 1 from their application of the said Convention.		
“ (2) In accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of the Protocol of Signature, the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga will regulate by specific provisions of national law the system of liability to be applied to ships of less than 300 tons.”		

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Protocol to amend the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading signed at Brussels on 25 August, 1924 ... ..	Brussels, 23 Feb., 1968	83/1977 Cmnd. 6944
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Convention of the World Meteorological Organisation (as later amended) ... ..	Washington, 11 Oct., 1947	26/1969 Cmnd. 3902
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Jibuti ... ..	30 June, 1978	
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<i>See</i> POLLUTION		
<b>PLANTS—</b>		
International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (for Additional Act <i>see</i> Miscellaneous No. 4 (1974), Cmnd. 5758) ... ..	Paris, 2 Dec., 1961— 2 Dec., 1962	74/1969 Cmnd. 4081
Note—		
The instrument of accession of the Government of the Republic of <i>South Africa</i> was deposited with the Swiss Government on 7 October, 1977 ( <i>see</i> Treaty Series No. 115 (1977), Cmnd. 7127, page 17). In accordance with Article 34 (1) <i>South Africa</i> declared that the Convention would apply to the whole of its territory and, with reference to Article 33 (1), undertook to apply the provisions of the Convention to the following genera or species:		
<i>Actinidia chinensis</i> Planch.		
<i>Allium cepa</i> L.		
<i>Ananas comosus</i> (L.) Merr.		
<i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L.		
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.		
<i>Avena byzantina</i> C. Koch.		



## PLANTS (continued)—

	Date	Treaty Series and Command Nos.
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L. var. <i>esculenta</i> L.		
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L.		
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.		
<i>Carica papaja</i> L.		
<i>Carya illinoensis</i> (Wagenh.) C. Koch.		
<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i> L.		
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> species		
<i>Citrus</i> species		
<i>Coffea arabica</i> L.		
<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.		
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.		
<i>Dactylisgibberata</i> L.		
<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> L.		
<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> Willd. ex Klotzch.		
<i>Freesia</i> Klatt.		
<i>Gladiolus</i> L.		
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.		
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.		
<i>Litchi chinensis</i> Sonn.		
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam.		
<i>Lupinus albus</i> L.		
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i> L.		
<i>Lupinus luteus</i> L.		
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> L. Karsten ex Farwell		
<i>Macadamia ternifolia</i> F. Muell.		
<i>Malus</i> species (excluding ornamental varieties, including rootstocks)		
<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.		
<i>Medicago sativa</i> L.		
<i>Musa cavenishii</i> Lamb.		
<i>Narcissus</i> L.		
<i>Passiflora edulis</i> Sims.		
<i>Persea americana</i> Mill.		
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> L.		
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.		
<i>Pisum arvense</i> (L.) A. et G.		
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.		
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. sensu lato		
<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> L.		
<i>Prunus avium</i> L.		
<i>Prunus cerasus</i> L.		
<i>Prunus domestica</i> L.		
<i>Prunus persica</i> (L.) Batsch.		
<i>Prunus salicina</i> Lindl.		
<i>Pyrus communis</i> L.		
<i>Rosa</i> L.		
<i>Rosa hort.</i>		
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.		
<i>Sorghum</i> species.		
<i>Thea sinensis</i> L.		
<i>Trifolium hybridum</i> L.		
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L.		
<i>Trifolium repens</i> L.		
<i>Trifolium resupinatum</i> L.		
<i>Triticale</i>		
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. spp. <i>vulgare</i> (Vill, Host.) MacKay.		
<i>Triticum durum</i> Desf.		
<i>Vitis</i> species (including rootstocks).		
<i>Zea mays</i> L.		

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Treaty Series and Command Nos.</i>
<b>POLLUTION—</b>		
<b>International Convention for Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, as amended in 1962 and 1969 (see Treaty Series No. 59 (1967), Cmnd. 3354 and Treaty Series No. 21 (1978), Cmnd. 7094) ... ..</b>	London, 12 May, 1954	56/1958 Cmnd. 595
<b>Acceptance—</b>		
Republic of Korea ... ..	31 July, 1978	
<b>International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage ... ..</b>	Brussels, 29 Nov., 1969— 31 Dec., 1970	106/1975 Cmnd. 6183
<b>Ratification—</b>		
Ghana ... ..	20 Apr., 1978	
<b>Accession—</b>		
German Democratic Republic (with statement and declarations)* ... ..	13 Mar., 1978	
<p>* The instrument of accession of the Government of the German Democratic Republic was accompanied by the following statement and declarations (in the German language):</p> <p>[<i>Translation</i>] In connexion with the declaration made by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on 20 May, 1975, concerning the application of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage of 29 November, 1969, to Berlin (West), it is the understanding of the German Democratic Republic that the provisions of the Convention may be applied to Berlin (West) only inasmuch as this is consistent with the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September, 1971, under which Berlin (West) is no constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and must not be governed by it.</p> <p>[<i>Translation</i>] The Government of the German Democratic Republic considers that the provisions of Article XI, paragraph 2, of the Convention are inconsistent with the principle of immunity of States.</p> <p>[<i>Translation</i>] The Government of the German Democratic Republic considers that the provisions of Article XIII, paragraph 2, of the Convention are inconsistent with the principle that all States pursuing their policies in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations shall have the right to become parties to conventions affecting the interests of all States.</p> <p>[<i>Translation</i>] The position of the Government of the German Democratic Republic on Article XVII of the Convention, as far as the application of the Convention to colonial and other dependent territories is concerned, is governed by the provisions of the United</p>		

**POLLUTION (continued)—**

Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December, 1960) proclaiming the necessity of bringing a speedy and unconditional end to colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.

**Note—**

In a communication dated 7 September, 1978, the Government of the *United Kingdom* referred to the declaration in respect of Article XI (2) of the Convention made by the *German Democratic Republic* on accession (*see above*) and made the following declaration:

“ Her Majesty’s Government have taken note of the declaration in respect of Article XI (2) of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, done at Brussels on 29 November, 1969, which was formulated on the occasion of the deposit, on 13 March, 1978, of an instrument of accession to that Convention by the Government of the German Democratic Republic. Her Majesty’s Government declare that they are unable to accept that declaration.”

	Date	Treaty Series and Command Nos.
	London, Mexico City, Moscow and Washington, 29 Dec., 1972- 31 Dec., 1973	43/1976 Cmnd. 6486
<b>Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter</b> ... ..		
<b>Accession in London—</b> South Africa ... ..	7 Aug., 1978	
<b>Ratification in Washington—</b> Netherlands ... ..	2 Dec., 1977	
<b>Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources</b> ... ..	Paris, 4 June, 1974	64/1978 Cmnd. 7251
<b>Ratification—</b> Portugal ... ..	10 May, 1978	

**POSTAL AGREEMENTS—**

*See JAPAN*

**PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW—**

<b>Convention on the Conflicts of Laws relating to the form of Testamentary Dispositions</b> ... ..	The Hague, 5 Oct., 1961	5/1964 Cmnd. 2250
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**Note—**

In a communication dated 10 August, 1978, the Government of *Tonga* notified the Government of the Netherlands that they consider themselves bound by the above Convention which was applied to their territory before the attainment of independence on 4 June,

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<b>PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)—</b>		
1970 (see Treaty Series No. 48 (1965), Cmnd. 2683, pp. 8 and 9). The Government of Tonga confirmed the reservation made by the United Kingdom on 16 December, 1964, which now reads:		
"In accordance with Article 9 of the Convention, the Government of Tonga reserves the right, in derogation of the third paragraph of Article 1 of the Convention, to determine in accordance with the <i>lex fori</i> the place where the testator had his domicile."		
In addition, the Government of Tonga made the following reservation:		
"In accordance with Article 10 of the Convention, Tonga reserves the right, in respect of this territory, not to recognise testamentary dispositions made orally, save in exceptional circumstances, by one of its nationals possessing no other nationality."		
Convention abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents . . . . .	The Hague, 5 Oct., 1961	32/1965 Cmnd. 2617
Ratification—		
Spain (with declaration)* . . . . .	27 July, 1978	
Accession—		
Israel . . . . .	14 Aug., 1978† (effective date)	
* At the time of deposit of their instrument of ratification the Government of Spain stated that the authorities competent to issue the certificate referred to in Article 3 of the Convention are:		
"1. Quant aux documents judiciaires, le Secrétaire (Secretario de Gobierno) de la Cour Territoriale correspondante.		
2. Quant aux documents notariaux, le Doyen du Collège Notarial respectif ou un membre du Conseil de Direction.		
3. Quant aux autres documents les fonctionnaires auxquels se réfère le précédent alinéa ou le Chef de la Section Centrale du Ministère de la Justice."		
[Unofficial translation]		
1. With regard to judicial documents, the Secretary (Secretario de Gobierno) of the appropriate Territorial Court.		
2. As to notarial documents, the Head of the respective College of Notaries or a member of the Managing Council.		
3. As to other documents, the officials referred to in the preceding paragraph or the Head of the Central Section of the Ministry of Justice.		
† Amended date.		
Note—		
In a communication dated 3 July, 1978 and received by the Government of the Netherlands on 17 July, 1978, the Government of <i>Swaziland</i> declared that they consider themselves bound by the above Convention which was applied to their territory before the attainment of independence on 6 September, 1968 (see Treaty Series No. 72 (1965), Cmnd. 2765, page 11, for extension).		

**PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)—**

The Government of Swaziland notified the Netherlands Government in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 6 that the authorities competent to issue the certificate referred to in the first paragraph of Article 3 are:

- (a) the Deputy Prime Minister
- (b) the Attorney-General
- (c) the Registrar of the High Court
- (d) the head of Department not specified in paragraphs (b) and (c)
- (e) a District Commissioner
- (f) a Magistrate, and
- (g) such other officer as the Deputy Prime Minister may, by notice published in the Gazette, specify.

**Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters ... ..**

The Hague,  
15 Nov., 1965

50/1969  
Cmnd. 3986

**Notes—**

In a communication dated 2 June, 1978, and received by the Government of the Netherlands on 15 June, 1978, the Government of *Luxembourg* notified the withdrawal of one of the declarations made at the time of ratification (*see* Treaty Series No. 161 (1975), Cmnd. 6369, pp. 18–20). The declaration withdrawn is as follows:

“Conformément à l'article 10, le Gouvernement luxembourgeois s'oppose à la transmission par voie postale d'actes judiciaires à des personnes établies sur son territoire.”

**[Translation]**

In accordance with Article 10, the Luxembourg Government is opposed to judicial documents being sent through postal channels to persons residing within its territory.

In a communication dated 28 June, 1978 and received on 29 June, 1978, the Government of the *United States of America* notified the Government of the Netherlands that:

“As of June 28, 1978, the United States will not charge a fee for service of judicial documents which it receives from any State party to the Convention which does not impose a charge for the service of documents sent from the United States for service under the Convention.”

**European Convention on the Adoption of Children ...**

Strasbourg,  
24 Apr., 1967

51/1968  
Cmnd. 3673

**Signature—**

Portugal ... ..

4 July, 1978

**European Convention on Information on Foreign Law**

London,  
7 June, 1968

117/1969  
Cmnd. 4229

**Ratification—**

Portugal ... ..

7 Aug., 1978

	Date	Treaty Series and Command Nos.
<b>PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)—</b>		
Convention on the Taking of Evidence abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters . . . . .	The Hague, 18 Mar., 1970	20/1977 Cmnd. 6727
Extension—		
Hong Kong (with reservation and declarations)*	22 Aug., 1978 (effective date)	
* The notification of extension of the Convention to <i>Hong Kong</i> by the United Kingdom was accompanied by the following reservation and declarations:		
<p>“ (a) In accordance with the provisions of Article 4 and Article 33 of the Convention, Hong Kong will not accept a Letter of Request in French.</p> <p>(b) In accordance with Article 35 and Article 24 of the Convention, the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong is designated as an additional authority competent to receive Letters of Request for execution in Hong Kong.</p> <p>(c) In accordance with Article 35 and Articles 16 and 17 of the Convention, the Chief Secretary is designated as the competent authority for Hong Kong.”</p>		
Notes—		
<p>On depositing their instrument of ratification on 16 July, 1976 (<i>see</i> Treaty Series No. 20 (1977), Cmnd. 6727, pp. 14/19) the Government of the <i>United Kingdom</i> notified the Government of the Netherlands of the following designations under Article 35 of the Convention:</p>		
<p>“ 1. Under Article 2: the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.</p> <p>2. Under Article 16: the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.</p> <p>3. Under Article 17: the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.</p> <p>4. Under Article 18: the Senior Master of the Supreme Court (Queen’s Bench Division) for England and Wales; the Crown Agent for Scotland, for Scotland; the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland, for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>5. Under Article 24: the Senior Master of the Supreme Court (Queen’s Bench Division) in England and Wales; the Crown Agent for Scotland, for Scotland; the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland in Northern Ireland.”</p>		
<p>In a communication dated 24 May, 1978, the Government of <i>Czechoslovakia</i> notified the Government of the Netherlands of the designation, in accordance with Article 2 and Article 24 of the Convention, of the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Socialist Republic and the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Socialist Republic as central authorities. (<i>Czechoslovakia</i> deposited an instrument of ratification of the Convention on 12 May, 1976—<i>see</i> Treaty Series No. 20 (1977), Cmnd. 6727, p. 14.)</p>		

**PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)—**

In a communication to the Government of the Netherlands dated 6 February, 1973, the Government of the *United States of America*, referring to the deposit on 8 August, 1972, of their instrument of ratification of the Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters (*see* Treaty Series No. 20 (1977), Cmnd. 6727, p. 14), made the following declarations in accordance with Article 35 of the Convention:

“The United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, is designated as the Central Authority referred to in Article 2 of the Convention.

“Under paragraph 2 of Article 4 the United States has agreed to accept a Letter of Request in or translated into French. The United States wishes to point out that owing to the necessity of translating such documents into English it will take the Central Authority longer to comply with a Letter of Request in or translated into French than with a similar request received in English.

“In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 4 the United States declared that it will also accept Letters of Request in Spanish for execution in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

“In accordance with Article 8 the United States declares that subject to prior authorization members of the judicial personnel of the requesting authority of another Contracting State may be present at the execution of a Letter of Request. The Department of Justice is the competent authority for the purposes of this Article.

“The United States declares that evidence may be taken in the United States under Articles 16 and 17 without its prior permission.

“In accordance with Article 18 the United States declares that a diplomatic or consular officer or a commissioner authorized to take evidence under Articles 15, 16 or 17 may apply for appropriate assistance to obtain the evidence by compulsion. The competent authority for the purposes of Article 18 is the United States district court of the district in which a person resides or is found. Such court may order him to give his testimony or statement or to produce a document or thing for use in a proceeding in a foreign tribunal. The order may direct that the testimony or statement be given, or the document or other thing be produced, before a person appointed by the court.”

The application of the Convention was extended to Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands with effect from 10 April, 1973.

Convention on the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations ... ..

The Hague,  
1 June, 1970

123/1975  
Cmnd. 6248

Ratification—  
Norway ... ..

15 Aug., 1978

Date

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	<i>Date</i>	<i>Treaty Series and Command Nos.</i>
<b>RED CROSS—</b>		
Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field ... ..	Geneva, 12 Aug., 1949	39/1958 Cmnd. 550
Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea ... ..		
Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War ... ..		
Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War ... ..		
Succession— Tonga ... ..	4 June, 1970 (effective date)	
<b>REFUGEES—</b>		
Convention relating to the Status of Refugees ... ..	Geneva, 28 July, 1951	39/1954 Cmd. 9171
Accessions— Panama (with declaration)* ... ..	2 Aug., 1978	
Spain (with reservations and declarations)*† ... ..	14 Aug., 1978	
<p>* In accordance with Article 1 B (1), the Governments of Panama and Spain declared, for the purpose of their obligations under the Convention, that the words "events occurring before 1 January 1951" in Article 1, Section A, will be understood to mean "events occurring in Europe or elsewhere before 1 January 1951".</p>		
† See below.		
Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees ... ..	New York, 31 Jan., 1967	15/1969 Cmnd. 3906
Accessions— Panama ... ..	2 Aug., 1978	
Spain (with reservations and declarations)† ... ..	14 Aug., 1978	
<p>† The instrument of accession of the Government of Spain to the Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees contains the following reservations and declarations, authorised by Article 42 of the Convention and Article VII of the Protocol:</p>		
<p>[Translation]</p>		
<p>(a) The expression "the most favourable treatment" shall, in all the articles in which it is used, be interpreted as not including rights which, by law or by treaty, are granted to nationals of Portugal, Andorra, the Philippines or the Latin American countries or to nationals of countries with which international agreements of a regional nature are concluded.</p>		



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<b>REFUGEES (continued)—</b>		
(b) The Government of Spain considers that Article 8 is not a binding rule but a recommendation.		
(c) The Government of Spain reserves its position on the application of Article 12, paragraph 1. Article 12, paragraph 2, shall be interpreted as referring exclusively to rights acquired by a refugee before he obtained, in any country, the status of refugee.		
(d) Article 26 of the Convention shall be interpreted as not precluding the adoption of special measures concerning the place of residence of particular refugees, in accordance with Spanish law.		
Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness... ..	New York, 30 Aug., 1961— 31 May, 1962	158/1975 Cmnd. 6364
Accession— Canada ... ..	17 July, 1978	
<b>ROAD TRANSPORT—</b>		
Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts and Reciprocal Recognition thereof	Geneva, 20 Mar., 1958	7/1965 Cmnd. 2535
Regulation No. 21. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to their interior fittings.		
Acceptance— Spain ... ..	12 Sept., 1978 (effective date)	
Regulation No. 25. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of head restraints (headrests), whether or not incorporated in vehicle seats		
Acceptance— Italy ... ..	22 Sept., 1978 (effective date)	
Regulation No. 32. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the behaviour of the structure of the impacted vehicle in a rear-end collision.		
Acceptance— France ... ..	10 Sept., 1978 (effective date)	
Regulation No. 33. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the behaviour of the structure of the impacted vehicle in a head-on collision.		
Acceptance— France ... ..	10 Sept., 1978 (effective date)	

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<b>ROAD TRANSPORT (continued)—</b>		
<b>Regulation No. 34. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the prevention of fire risks.</b>		
Acceptance— France .....	10 Sept., 1978 (effective date)	
<b>Regulation No. 35. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the arrangement of foot controls.</b>		
Acceptance— France .....	10 Sept., 1978 (effective date)	
<b>Regulation No. 37. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of incandescent electric filament lamps to be used in approved lights of power driven vehicles and of their trailers.</b>		
Acceptances— Belgium .....	6 Oct., 1978 (effective date)	
Italy .....	15 Aug., 1978 (effective date)	
<b>Regulation No. 38. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of rear fog lights for power-driven vehicles and their trailers.</b>		
Proposing Governments— France, Spain .....	Date of entry into force 1 Aug., 1978	
Acceptances— Denmark .....	1 Aug., 1978 (effective date)	
Netherlands .....	1 Aug., 1978 (effective date)	
<b>SHIPPING—</b>		
<i>See also</i> <b>INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION MARITIME LAW</b>		
Convention regarding the Measurement of Vessels employed in Inland Navigation .....	Paris, 27 Nov., 1925	26/1927 Cmd. 2952
Denunciation— Netherlands .....	14 Aug., 1979 (effective date)	
Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 .....	London, 20 Oct., 1972	77/1977 Cmnd. 6962
Accession— Saudi Arabia .....	3 July, 1978	

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<b>SOCIAL SECURITY—</b>		
European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance (with Protocol)...	Paris, 11 Dec., 1953	42/1955 Cmd. 9512
Ratification of Convention and Protocol— Portugal (with declaration)*	4 July, 1978	
<p>* The instrument of ratification of the Government of Portugal was accompanied by the following declaration made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) (ii) of Article 2 of the Convention:</p> <p>“ The term ‘ Nationals ’ means persons of Portuguese nationality.</p> <p>“ The term ‘ Territory ’ means the Portugal metropolitan territory and the archipelagos of Azores and Madeira.”</p>		
<p>In accordance with the provisions of Article 2 (b) of the Convention Portugal notified the text of Annexes I and III. These in translation read:</p>		
<p>PORTUGAL:</p> <p><i>Annex I</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>—Order in Council No. 31.905, of 31 December, 1940 (Articles 416-454)</li> <li>—Order in Council No. 35.108, of 7 November, 1945.</li> <li>—Order in Council No. 42.536, of 28 September, 1959.</li> <li>—Act of Parliament No. 2120, of 19 July, 1963.</li> <li>—Order in Council No. 413/71, of 27 September, 1971.</li> <li>—Order in Council No. 351/72, of 8 September, 1972.</li> <li>—Order in Council No. 396/72, of 17 October, 1972.</li> </ul> <p><i>Annex III</i></p> <p>Residence Permit, in accordance with Article 6, paragraph (b), of Order in Council No. 494-A/76, of 23 June, 1976.</p>		
<b>SOLOMON ISLANDS—</b>		
<p>Note—</p> <p>In a communication to the Secretary-General of the United Nations dated 7 July, 1978, the Government of the <i>Solomon Islands</i> made the following declaration concerning the succession by the Solomon Islands to treaties extended or applied to its territory by the United Kingdom prior to independence:</p> <p>“ ... Solomon Islands is now an independent nation ready to participate with other nations in fulfilling obligations under international law with respect to treaties to which this Government succeeded upon independence. However, it is necessary to examine in depth such treaties to ascertain whether or not under customary international law any may have lapsed. Until this has been done the Government of Solomon Islands wish—</p> <p>(a) that it be presumed that each treaty has been legally succeeded to by Solomon Islands; and</p>		

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<b>SOLOMON ISLANDS (continued)—</b>		
(b) that future action be based on the presumption in (a) above.		
"You will be notified in due course of those treaties this Government regards as having lapsed and those treaties which this Government wishes to terminate. Notice of lapse or termination in an appropriate form will also be given to the country or countries that is or are party to those treaties."		
<b>SPACE—</b>		
Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects launched into Outer Space ... ..	London, Moscow and Washington, 22 Apr., 1968	56/1969 Cmnd. 3997
Ratification in Washington— Italy ... ..	31 Mar., 1978	
Convention on International Liability for Damage caused by Space Objects ... ..	London, Moscow and Washington, 29 Mar., 1972	16/1974 Cmnd. 5551
Ratification in London— Venezuela ... ..	1 Aug., 1978	
Ratifications in Moscow— Belgium ... .. Czechoslovakia ... .. Denmark ... .. Finland ... .. Greece ... ..	13 Aug., 1976 8 Sept., 1976 1 Apr., 1977 1 Feb., 1977 17 May, 1977	
Accessions in Moscow— Israel ... .. Sweden ... ..	4 July, 1977 15 June, 1976	
Declaration of acceptance under Article XXII deposited in Moscow— European Space Agency ... ..	23 Sept., 1976	
Convention on Registration of Objects launched into Outer Space ... ..	New York, 14 Jan., 1975	70/1978 Cmnd. 7271
Accession— Cyprus ... ..	6 July, 1978	
<b>STATELESSNESS—</b>		
See REFUGEES		

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<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS—</b>		
<b>International Telecommunication Convention (with Final Protocol, Additional Protocols I to VI and Optional Additional Protocol) ... ..</b>	Malaga-Torremolinos, 25 Oct., 1973	104/1975 Cmnd. 6219
<b>Ratifications of Convention—</b>		
Cameroon ... ..	1 June, 1978	
Lebanon ... ..	1 June, 1978	
Niger ... ..	7 June, 1978	
Turkey ... ..	6 July, 1978	
<b>TREATY SUCCESSION—</b>		
<i>See SOLOMON ISLANDS</i>		

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