



Convention to Combat Desertification

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Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Note by the secretariat

1. The text of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was adopted in Paris on 17 June 1994, at the Headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; it was opened for signature in Paris on 14 and 15 October 1994, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 13 October 1995. By that date, the Convention had received 115 signatures. The Convention entered into force on 26 December 1996. Those States which have not signed the Convention may accede to it at any time.
2. At the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNCCD (COP 4), the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe (Annex V) was adopted by decision 7/COP.4.
3. For any States ratifying, accepting or approving the Convention or acceding thereto after the date of entry into force, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
4. Those States and regional economic integration organizations that had deposited their instruments by 15 July 2015 were Parties at the opening of COP 12 on 12 October 2015. Parties which had deposited their instruments after 15 July and by 24 July 2015 would have become Parties during COP 12. Those which had done so after 24 July 2015 would only have become Parties after the closure of the session, but would have been able to participate in the session as observers, together with the United Nations, its specialized agencies, any State member thereof or observer thereto not Party to the Convention, as well as accredited intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.
5. This document contains information concerning dates of signature and ratification received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary, as at 24 October 2015.



6. The following table lists all 195 Parties to the Convention as at 24 October 2015 and shows the general status of ratification of the Convention. The dates in the column on ratification are those of the receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession by the Depositary.

7. For the purpose of this document, all references to ratification include information on accession, acceptance and approval of the Convention.

Status of ratification

(R=Ratification, Ac=Accession, At=Acceptance)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>
1 Afghanistan		01/11/95(Ac)	26/12/96
2 Albania		27/04/00(Ac)	26/07/00
3 Algeria	14/10/94	22/05/96(R)	26/12/96
4 Andorra		15/07/02(Ac)	13/10/02
5 Angola	14/10/94	30/06/97(R)	28/09/97
6 Antigua and Barbuda	04/04/95	06/06/97(R)	04/09/97
7 Argentina	15/10/94	06/01/97(R)	06/04/97
8 Armenia	14/10/94	02/07/97(R)	30/09/97
9 Australia	14/10/94	15/05/00(R)	13/08/00
10 Austria		02/06/97(Ac)	31/08/97
11 Azerbaijan		10/08/98(Ac)	08/11/98
12 Bahamas		10/11/00(Ac)	08/02/01
13 Bahrain		14/07/97(Ac)	12/10/97
14 Bangladesh	14/10/94	26/01/96(R)	26/12/96
15 Barbados		14/05/97(Ac)	12/08/97
16 Belarus		29/08/01(Ac)	27/11/01
17 Belgium		30/06/97(Ac)	28/09/97
18 Belize		23/07/98(Ac)	21/10/98
19 Benin	14/10/94	29/08/96(R)	26/12/96
20 Bhutan		20/08/03(Ac)	18/11/03
21 Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	14/10/94	01/08/96(R)	26/12/96
22 Bosnia and Herzegovina		26/08/02(Ac)	24/11/02
23 Botswana	12/10/95	11/09/96(R)	26/12/96
24 Brazil	14/10/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
25 Brunei Darussalam		04/12/02(Ac)	04/03/03
26 Bulgaria		21/02/01(Ac)	22/05/01
27 Burkina Faso	14/10/94	26/01/96(R)	26/12/96
28 Burundi	14/10/94	06/01/97(R)	06/04/97
29 Cambodia	15/10/94	18/08/97(R)	16/11/97
30 Cameroon	14/10/94	29/05/97(R)	27/08/97
31 Cape Verde	14/10/94	08/05/95(R)	26/12/96
32 Central African Republic	14/10/94	05/09/96(R)	26/12/96
33 Chad	14/10/94	27/09/96(R)	26/12/96
34 Chile	03/03/95	11/11/97(R)	09/01/98
35 China	14/10/94	18/02/97(R)	19/05/97
36 Colombia	14/10/94	08/06/99(R)	06/09/99
37 Comoros	14/10/94	03/03/98(R)	01/06/98
38 Congo	15/10/94	12/07/99(R)	11/10/99
39 Cook Islands		21/08/98(Ac)	19/11/98
40 Costa Rica	15/10/94	05/01/98(R)	05/04/98

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41 Côte d'Ivoire	15/10/94	04/03/97(R)	02/06/97
42 Croatia	15/10/94	06/10/00(At)	04/01/01
43 Cuba	15/10/94	13/03/97(R)	11/06/97
44 Cyprus		29/03/00(Ac)	27/06/00
45 Czech Republic		25/01/00(Ac)	24/04/00
46 Democratic People's Republic of Korea		29/12/03(Ac)	28/03/04
47 Democratic Republic of the Congo	14/10/94	12/09/97(R)	11/11/97
48 Denmark	15/10/94	22/12/95(R)	26/12/96
49 Djibouti	15/10/94	12/06/97(R)	10/08/97
50 Dominica		08/12/97(Ac)	08/03/98
51 Dominican Republic		26/06/97(Ac)	24/09/97
52 Ecuador	19/01/95	06/09/95(R)	26/12/96
53 Egypt	14/10/94	07/07/95(R)	26/12/96
54 El Salvador		27/06/97(Ac)	25/09/97
55 Equatorial Guinea	14/10/94	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97
56 Eritrea	14/10/94	14/08/96(R)	26/12/96
57 Estonia		08/02/12(Ac)	08/05/12
58 Ethiopia	15/10/94	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97
59 Fiji		26/08/98(Ac)	24/11/98
60 Finland	15/10/94	20/09/95(At)	26/12/96
61 France	14/10/94	12/06/97(R)	10/09/98
62 Gabon		06/09/96(Ac)	26/12/96
63 Gambia	14/10/94	11/06/96(R)	26/12/96
64 Georgia	15/10/94	23/07/99(R)	21/10/99
65 Germany	14/10/94	10/07/96(R)	26/12/96
66 Ghana	15/10/94	27/12/96(R)	27/03/97
67 Greece	14/10/94	05/05/97(R)	03/08/97
68 Grenada		28/05/97(Ac)	25/09/97
69 Guatemala		10/09/98(Ac)	09/12/98
70 Guinea	14/10/94	23/06/97(R)	21/09/97
71 Guinea-Bissau	15/10/94	27/10/95(R)	26/12/96
72 Guyana		26/06/97(Ac)	24/09/97
73 Haiti	15/10/94	25/09/96(R)	26/12/96
74 Honduras	22/02/95	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
75 Hungary		13/07/99(Ac)	11/10/99
76 Iceland		03/06/97(Ac)	01/09/97
77 India	14/10/94	17/12/96(R)	17/03/97
78 Indonesia	15/10/94	31/08/98(R)	29/11/98
79 Iraq		28/05/10(Ac)	26/08/10
80 Iran (Islamic Republic of)	14/10/94	29/04/97(R)	28/07/97
81 Ireland	15/10/94	31/07/97(R)	29/10/97
82 Israel	14/10/94	26/03/96(R)	26/12/96
83 Italy	14/10/94	23/06/97(R)	21/09/97
84 Jamaica		12/11/97(Ac)	12/03/98

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85 Japan	14/10/94	11/09/98(Ac)	10/12/98
86 Jordan	13/04/95	21/10/96(R)	19/01/97
87 Kazakhstan	14/10/94	09/07/97(R)	07/10/97
88 Kenya	14/10/94	24/06/97(R)	22/09/97
89 Kiribati		08/09/98(Ac)	07/12/98
90 Kyrgyzstan		19/09/97(Ac)	18/12/97
91 Kuwait	22/09/95	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97
92 Lao People's Democratic Republic	30/08/95	20/09/96(Ac)	26/12/96
93 Latvia		21/10/02(Ac)	19/01/03
94 Lebanon	14/10/94	16/05/96(R)	26/12/96
95 Lesotho	15/10/94	12/09/95(R)	26/12/96
96 Liberia		02/03/98(Ac)	31/05/98
97 Libya	15/10/94	22/07/96(R)	26/12/96
98 Liechtenstein		29/12/99(Ac)	28/03/00
99 Lithuania		25/07/03(Ac)	23/10/03
100 Luxembourg	14/10/94	04/02/97(R)	05/05/97
101 Madagascar	14/10/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
102 Malaysia	06/10/95	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
103 Malawi	17/01/95	13/06/96(R)	26/12/96
104 Maldives		03/09/02(Ac)	02/12/02
105 Mali	15/10/94	31/10/95(R)	26/12/96
106 Malta	15/10/94	30/01/98(R)	30/04/98
107 Marshall Islands		02/06/98(Ac)	31/08/98
108 Mauritania	14/10/94	07/08/96(R)	26/12/96
109 Mauritius	17/03/95	23/01/96(R)	26/12/96
110 Mexico	15/10/94	03/04/95(R)	26/12/96
111 Micronesia (Federated States of)	12/12/94	25/03/96(R)	26/12/96
112 Monaco		05/03/99(Ac)	03/06/99
113 Mongolia	15/10/94	03/09/96(R)	26/12/96
114 Montenegro		04/06/07(Ac)	02/09/07
115 Morocco	15/10/94	07/11/96(R)	06/02/97
116 Mozambique	28/09/95	13/03/97(R)	11/06/97
117 Myanmar		02/01/97(Ac)	02/04/97
118 Namibia	24/10/94	16/05/97(R)	14/08/97
119 Nauru		22/09/98(Ac)	21/12/98
120 Nepal	12/10/95	15/10/96(R)	13/01/97
121 Netherlands ^a	15/10/94	27/06/95(Ac)	26/12/96
122 New Zealand ^b		07/09/00(Ac)	06/12/00
123 Nicaragua	21/11/94	17/02/98(R)	18/05/98
124 Niger	14/10/94	19/01/96(R)	26/12/96
125 Nigeria	31/10/94	08/07/97(R)	06/10/97
126 Niue		14/08/98(Ac)	12/11/98
127 Norway	15/10/94	30/08/96(R)	26/12/96
128 Oman		23/07/96(Ac)	26/12/96

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129 Pakistan	15/10/94	24/02/97(R)	25/05/97
130 Palau		15/06/99(Ac)	13/09/99
131 Panama	22/02/95	04/04/96(R)	26/12/96
132 Papua New Guinea		06/12/00(Ac)	06/03/01
133 Paraguay	01/12/94	15/01/97(R)	15/04/97
134 Peru	15/10/94	09/11/95(R)	26/12/96
135 Philippines	08/12/94	10/02/00(R)	10/05/00
136 Poland		14/11/01(Ac)	12/02/02
137 Portugal	14/10/94	01/04/96(R)	26/12/96
138 Qatar		15/03/99(Ac)	13/06/99
139 Republic of Korea	14/10/94	17/08/99(R)	15/11/99
140 Republic of Moldova		10/03/99(Ac)	08/06/99
141 Romania		19/08/98(Ac)	17/11/98
142 Russian Federation		29/05/03(Ac)	27/08/03
143 Rwanda	22/06/95	22/10/98(R)	20/01/99
144 Saint Kitts and Nevis		30/06/97(Ac)	28/09/97
145 Saint Lucia		02/07/97(Ac)	30/09/97
146 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	15/10/94	16/03/98(R)	14/06/98
147 Samoa		21/08/98(Ac)	19/11/98
148 San Marino		23/07/99(Ac)	21/10/99
149 Sao Tome and Principe	04/10/95	08/07/98(R)	06/10/98
150 Saudi Arabia		25/06/97(Ac)	23/09/97
151 Senegal	14/10/94	26/07/95(R)	26/12/96
152 Serbia		18/12/07(Ac)	17/03/08
153 Seychelles	14/10/94	26/06/97(R)	24/09/97
154 Sierra Leone	11/11/94	25/09/97(R)	24/12/97
155 Singapore		26/04/99(Ac)	25/07/99
156 Slovakia		07/01/02(Ac)	07/04/02
157 Slovenia		28/06/01(Ac)	26/09/01
158 Solomon Islands		16/04/99(Ac)	15/07/99
159 Somalia		24/07/02(Ac)	22/10/02
160 South Africa	09/01/95	30/09/97(R)	29/12/97
161 South Sudan		17/02/14(AC)	18/05/14
162 Spain	14/10/94	30/01/96(R)	26/12/96
163 Sri Lanka		09/12/98(Ac)	09/03/99
164 Sudan	15/10/94	24/11/95(R)	26/12/96
165 Suriname		01/06/00(Ac)	30/08/00
166 Swaziland	27/07/95	07/10/96(R)	05/01/97
167 Sweden	15/10/94	12/12/95(R)	26/12/96
168 Switzerland	14/10/94	19/01/96(R)	26/12/96
169 Syrian Arab Republic	15/10/94	10/06/97(R)	08/09/97
170 Tajikistan		16/07/97(Ac)	14/10/97
171 Thailand		07/03/01(Ac)	05/06/01

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172 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		06/03/02(Ac)	04/06/02
173 Timor-Leste		20/08/03(Ac)	18/11/03
174 Togo	15/10/94	04/10/95(At)	26/12/96
175 Tonga		25/09/98(Ac)	24/12/98
176 Trinidad and Tobago		08/06/00(Ac)	06/09/00
177 Tunisia	14/10/94	11/10/95(R)	26/12/96
178 Turkey	14/10/94	31/03/98(R)	29/06/98
179 Turkmenistan	27/03/95	18/09/96(R)	26/12/96
180 Tuvalu		14/09/98(Ac)	13/12/98
181 Uganda	21/11/94	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
182 Ukraine		27/08/02(Ac)	25/11/02
183 United Arab Emirates		21/10/98(Ac)	19/01/99
184 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ^c	14/10/94	18/10/96(R)	16/01/97
185 United Republic of Tanzania	14/10/94	19/06/97(R)	17/09/97
186 United States of America	14/10/94	17/11/00(R)	15/02/01
187 Uruguay		17/02/99(Ac)	18/05/99
188 Uzbekistan	07/12/94	31/10/95(R)	26/12/96
189 Vanuatu	28/09/95	10/08/99(R)	08/11/99
190 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		29/06/98(Ac)	27/09/98
191 Viet Nam		25/08/98(Ac)	23/11/98
192 Yemen		14/01/97(Ac)	14/04/97
193 Zambia	15/10/94	19/09/96(R)	26/12/96
194 Zimbabwe	15/10/94	23/09/97(R)	22/12/97
Regional Economic Integration Organization			
195 European Union	14/10/94	26/03/98(R)	24/06/98
TOTAL	114	195	

Notes

On 28 March 2013, Canada communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations its withdrawal from the UNCCD with effect from 28 March 2014 in accordance with article 38, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

^a For the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.

^b With a declaration to the effect that “consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account its commitment to the development of self-government 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.”

^c For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the British Virgin Islands, St. Helena and Ascension Island. Subsequently, on 24 December 1996, the Government of the United Kingdom notified the Secretary-General that the Convention would apply to Montserrat.

Declarations

ALGERIA

Declaration:

The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 28, paragraph 2, of the [said Convention], to the effect that any dispute must be submitted to the International Court of Justice.

The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria declares that for a dispute submitted to the International Court of Justice, the consent of both parties will be necessary in each case.

AUSTRIA

Declaration:

"The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with article 28 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute in paragraph 2 as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

GUATEMALA

Declaration:

The Republic of Guatemala declares that, in respect of any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention, it recognizes arbitration in accordance with procedures adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex as soon as practicable as a means of dispute settlement, compulsory in relation to any Party accepting the same obligation. This declaration shall remain in force until three months after written notice of its revocation has been deposited with the Depository.

KUWAIT

Declaration:

With respect to the State of Kuwait, any additional regional implementation annex or any amendment to any regional implementation annex shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession with respect thereto.

NETHERLANDS

Declaration:

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 28 of [the said Convention] that it accepts both means of dispute settlement referred to in that paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

NEW ZEALAND

Declaration:

“Any additional regional implementation annex or any amendment to any regional implementation annex to the Convention shall enter into force for New Zealand only upon the Government of New Zealand’s deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto.”

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Understandings:

(1) Foreign assistance.-- The United States understands that, as a “developed country,” pursuant to Article 6 of the Convention and its Annexes, it is not obligated to satisfy specific funding requirements or other specific requirements regarding the provision of any resource, including technology, to any “affected country,” as defined in Article 1 of the Convention. The United States understands that ratification of the Convention does not alter its domestic legal processes to determine foreign assistance funding or programs.

(2) Financial resources and mechanism.-- The United States understands that neither Article 20 nor Article 21 of the Convention impose obligations to provide specific levels of funding for the Global Environmental Facility, or the Global Mechanism, to carry out the objectives of the Convention, or for any other purpose.

(3) United States land management.-- The United States understands that it is a “developed country party” as defined in Article 1 of the Convention, and that it is not required to prepare a national action program pursuant to Part III, Section 1, of the Convention. The United States also understands that no changes to its existing land management practices and programs will be required to meet its obligations under Articles 4 or 5 of the Convention.

(4) Legal process for amending the Convention.-- In accordance with Article 34 (4), any additional regional implementation annex to the Convention or any amendment to any regional implementation annex to the Convention shall enter into force for the United States only upon the deposit of a corresponding instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

(5) Dispute settlement.-- The United States declines to accept as compulsory either of the dispute settlement means set out in Article 28 (2), and understands that it will not be bound by the outcome, findings, conclusions or recommendations of a conciliation process initiated under Article 28 (6). For any dispute arising from this Convention, the United States does not recognize or accept the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.”