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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, 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. This document contains information concerning dates of signature and ratification received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary, as at 20 November 2007.
5. The following table lists all 192 Parties to the Convention as at 20 November 2007 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.
6. For the purpose of this document, all references to ratification include information on accession, acceptance and approval of the Convention.

STATUS OF RATIFICATION^a
(R= Ratification, Ac= Accession, At= Acceptance)

Country	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force
Afghanistan		01/11/1995(Ac)	26/12/1996
Albania		27/04/2000(Ac)	26/07/2000
Algeria	14/10/1994	22/05/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Andorra		15/07/2002(Ac)	13/10/2002
Angola	14/10/1994	30/06/1997(R)	28/09/1997
Antigua and Barbuda	04/04/1995	06/06/1997(R)	04/09/1997
Argentina	15/10/1994	06/01/1997(R)	06/04/1997
Armenia	14/10/1994	02/07/1997(R)	30/09/1997
Australia	14/10/1994	15/05/2000(R)	13/08/2000
Austria		02/06/1997(Ac)	31/08/1997
Azerbaijan		10/08/1998(Ac)	08/11/1998
Bahamas		10/11/2000(Ac)	08/02/2001
Bahrain		14/07/1997(Ac)	12/10/1997
Bangladesh	14/10/1994	26/01/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Barbados		14/05/1997(Ac)	12/08/1997
Belarus		29/08/2001(Ac)	27/11/2001
Belgium		30/06/1997(Ac)	28/09/1997
Belize		23/07/1998(Ac)	21/10/1998
Benin	14/10/1994	29/08/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Bhutan		20/08/2003(Ac)	18/11/2003
Bolivia	14/10/1994	01/08/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Bosnia and Herzegovina		26/08/2002(Ac)	24/11/2002
Botswana	12/10/1995	11/09/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Brazil	14/10/1994	25/06/1997(R)	23/09/1997
Brunei Darussalam		04/12/2002(Ac)	04/03/2003
Bulgaria		21/02/2001(Ac)	22/05/2001
Burkina Faso	14/10/1994	26/01/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Burundi	14/10/1994	06/01/1997(R)	06/04/1997
Cambodia	15/10/1994	18/08/1997(R)	16/11/1997
Cameroon	14/10/1994	29/05/1997(R)	27/08/1997
Canada	14/10/1994	01/12/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Cape Verde	14/10/1994	08/05/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Central African Republic	14/10/1994	05/09/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Chad	14/10/1994	27/09/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Chile	03/03/1995	11/11/1997(R)	09/01/1998
China	14/10/1994	18/02/1997(R)	19/05/1997
Colombia	14/10/1994	08/06/1999(R)	06/09/1999
Comoros	14/10/1994	03/03/1998(R)	01/06/1998
Congo	15/10/1994	12/07/1999(R)	11/10/1999
Cook Islands		21/08/1998(Ac)	19/11/1998
Costa Rica	15/10/1994	05/01/1998(R)	05/04/1998
Côte d'Ivoire	15/10/1994	04/03/1997(R)	02/06/1997

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Croatia	15/10/94	06/10/00(At)	04/01/01
Cuba	15/10/94	13/03/97(R)	11/06/97
Cyprus		29/03/00(Ac)	27/06/00
Czech Republic		25/01/00(Ac)	24/04/00
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		29/12/03(Ac)	28/03/04
Democratic Republic of the Congo	14/10/94	12/09/97(R)	11/11/97
Denmark	15/10/94	22/12/95(R)	26/12/96
Djibouti	15/10/94	12/06/97(R)	10/08/97
Dominica		08/12/97(Ac)	08/03/98
Dominican Republic		26/06/97(Ac)	24/09/97
Ecuador	19/01/95	06/09/95(R)	26/12/96
Egypt	14/10/94	07/07/95(R)	26/12/96
El Salvador		27/06/97(Ac)	25/09/97
Equatorial Guinea	14/10/94	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97
Eritrea	14/10/94	14/08/96(R)	26/12/96
Ethiopia	15/10/94	27/06/97(R)	25/09/97
Fiji		26/08/98(Ac)	24/11/98
Finland	15/10/94	20/09/95(At)	26/12/96
France	14/10/94	12/06/97(R)	10/09/98
Gabon		06/09/96(Ac)	26/12/96
Gambia	14/10/94	11/06/96(R)	26/12/96
Georgia	15/10/94	23/07/99(R)	21/10/99
Germany	14/10/94	10/07/96(R)	26/12/96
Ghana	15/10/94	27/12/96(R)	27/03/97
Greece	14/10/94	05/05/97(R)	03/08/97
Grenada		28/05/97(Ac)	25/09/97
Guatemala		10/09/98(Ac)	09/12/98
Guinea	14/10/94	23/06/97(R)	21/09/97
Guinea-Bissau	15/10/94	27/10/95(R)	26/12/96
Guyana		26/06/97(Ac)	24/09/97
Haiti	15/10/94	25/09/96(R)	26/12/96
Honduras	22/02/95	25/06/97(R)	23/09/97
Hungary		13/07/99(Ac)	11/10/99
Iceland		03/06/97(Ac)	01/09/97
India	14/10/94	17/12/96(R)	17/03/97
Indonesia	15/10/94	31/08/98(R)	29/11/98
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	14/10/94	29/04/97(R)	28/07/97
Ireland	15/10/94	31/07/97(R)	29/10/97
Israel	14/10/94	26/03/96(R)	26/12/96
Italy	14/10/94	23/06/97(R)	21/09/97
Jamaica		12/11/97(Ac)	12/03/98
Japan	14/10/94	11/09/98(At)	10/12/98
Jordan	13/04/95	21/10/96(R)	19/01/97
Kazakhstan	14/10/94	09/07/97(R)	07/10/97
Kenya	14/10/94	24/06/97(R)	22/09/97

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Kiribati		08/09/1998(Ac)	07/12/1998
Kuwait	22/09/1995	27/06/1997(R)	25/09/1997
Kyrgyzstan		19/09/1997(Ac)	18/12/1997
Lao People's Democratic Republic	30/08/1995	20/09/1996(At)	26/12/1996
Latvia		21/10/2002(Ac)	19/01/2003
Lebanon	14/10/1994	16/05/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Lesotho	15/10/1994	12/09/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Liberia		02/03/1998(Ac)	31/05/1998
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	15/10/1994	22/07/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Liechtenstein		29/12/1999(Ac)	28/03/2000
Lithuania		25/07/2003(Ac)	23/10/2003
Luxembourg	14/10/1994	04/02/1997(R)	05/05/1997
Madagascar	14/10/1994	25/06/1997(R)	23/09/1997
Malawi	17/01/1995	13/06/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Malaysia	06/10/1995	25/06/1997(R)	23/09/1997
Maldives		03/09/2002(Ac)	02/12/2002
Mali	15/10/1994	31/10/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Malta	15/10/1994	30/01/1998(R)	30/04/1998
Marshall Islands		02/06/1998(Ac)	31/08/1998
Mauritania	14/10/1994	07/08/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Mauritius	17/03/1995	23/01/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Mexico	15/10/1994	03/04/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Micronesia (Federated States of)	12/12/1994	25/03/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Moldova		10/03/1999(Ac)	08/06/1999
Monaco		05/03/1999(Ac)	03/06/1999
Mongolia	15/10/1994	03/09/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Montenegro		04/06/2007(Ac)	02/09/2007
Morocco	15/10/1994	07/11/1996(R)	06/02/1997
Mozambique	28/09/1995	13/03/1997(R)	11/06/1997
Myanmar		02/01/1997(Ac)	02/04/1997
Namibia	24/10/1994	16/05/1997(R)	14/08/1997
Nauru		22/09/1998(Ac)	21/12/1998
Nepal	12/10/1995	15/10/1996(R)	13/01/1997
Netherlands ^b	15/10/1994	27/06/1995(At)	26/12/1996
New Zealand ^c		07/09/2000(Ac)	06/12/2000
Nicaragua	21/11/1994	17/02/1998(R)	18/05/1998
Niger	14/10/1994	19/01/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Nigeria	31/10/1994	08/07/1997(R)	06/10/1997
Niue		14/08/1998(Ac)	12/11/1998
Norway	15/10/1994	30/08/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Oman		23/07/1996(Ac)	26/12/1996
Pakistan	15/10/1994	24/02/1997(R)	25/05/1997
Palau		15/06/1999(Ac)	13/09/1999
Panama	22/02/1995	04/04/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Papua New Guinea		06/12/2000(Ac)	06/03/2001

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Paraguay	01/12/1994	15/01/1997(R)	15/04/1997
Peru	15/10/1994	09/11/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Philippines	08/12/1994	10/02/2000(R)	10/05/2000
Poland		14/11/2001(Ac)	12/02/2002
Portugal	14/10/1994	01/04/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Qatar		15/03/1999(Ac)	13/06/1999
Republic of Korea	14/10/1994	17/08/1999(R)	15/11/1999
Romania		19/08/1998(Ac)	17/11/1998
Russian Federation		29/05/2003(Ac)	27/08/2003
Rwanda	22/06/1995	22/10/1998(R)	20/01/1999
Saint Kitts and Nevis		30/06/1997(Ac)	28/09/1997
Saint Lucia		02/07/1997(Ac)	30/09/1997
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	15/10/1994	16/03/1998(R)	14/06/1998
Samoa		21/08/1998(Ac)	19/11/1998
San Marino		23/07/1999(Ac)	21/10/1999
Sao Tome and Principe	04/10/1995	08/07/1998(R)	06/10/1998
Saudi Arabia		25/06/1997(Ac)	23/09/1997
Senegal	14/10/1994	26/07/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Seychelles	14/10/1994	26/06/1997(R)	24/09/1997
Sierra Leone	11/11/1994	25/09/1997(R)	24/12/1997
Singapore		26/04/1999(Ac)	25/07/1999
Slovakia		07/01/2002(Ac)	07/04/2002
Slovenia		28/06/2001(Ac)	26/09/2001
Solomon Islands		16/04/1999(Ac)	15/07/1999
Somalia		24/07/2002(Ac)	22/10/2002
South Africa	09/01/1995	30/09/1997(R)	29/12/1997
Spain	14/10/1994	30/01/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Sri Lanka		09/12/1998(Ac)	09/03/1999
Sudan	15/10/1994	24/11/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Suriname		01/06/2000(Ac)	30/08/2000
Swaziland	27/07/1995	07/10/1996(R)	05/01/1997
Sweden	15/10/1994	12/12/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Switzerland	14/10/1994	19/01/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Syrian Arab Republic	15/10/1994	10/06/1997(R)	08/09/1997
Tajikistan		16/07/1997(Ac)	14/10/1997
Thailand		07/03/2001(Ac)	05/06/2001
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		06/03/2002(Ac)	04/06/2002
Timor-Leste		20/08/2003(Ac)	18/11/2003
Togo	15/10/1994	04/10/1995(At)	26/12/1996
Tonga		25/09/1998(Ac)	24/12/1998
Trinidad and Tobago		08/06/2000(Ac)	06/09/2000
Tunisia	14/10/1994	11/10/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Turkey	14/10/1994	31/03/1998(R)	29/06/1998
Turkmenistan	27/03/1995	18/09/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Tuvalu		14/09/1998(Ac)	13/12/1998

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Uganda	21/11/1994	25/06/1997(R)	23/09/1997
Ukraine		27/08/2002(Ac)	25/11/2002
United Arab Emirates		21/10/1998(Ac)	19/01/1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ^d	14/10/1994	18/10/1996(R)	16/01/1997
United Republic of Tanzania	14/10/1994	19/06/1997(R)	17/09/1997
United States of America	14/10/1994	17/11/2000(R)	15/02/2001
Uruguay		17/02/1999(Ac)	18/05/1999
Uzbekistan	07/12/1994	31/10/1995(R)	26/12/1996
Vanuatu	28/09/1995	10/08/1999(R)	08/11/1999
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		29/06/1998(Ac)	27/09/1998
Viet Nam		25/08/1998(Ac)	23/11/1998
Yemen		14/01/1997(Ac)	14/04/1997
Zambia	15/10/1994	19/09/1996(R)	26/12/1996
Zimbabwe	15/10/1994	23/09/1997(R)	22/12/1997
Regional Economic Integration Organization			
European Community	14/10/1994	26/03/1998(R)	24/06/1998
TOTAL	115	192	

Notes

^a At the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the above Convention, held in Bonn, Germany, from 11 to 22 December 2000, the Regional Implementation Annex for Central and Eastern Europe to the above Convention (Annex V) was adopted by decision 7/COP.4 of 22 December 2000 (12th Plenary meeting).

None of the Parties having submitted a notification in accordance with the provisions of article 31 (3) (a) or a declaration in accordance with the provisions of article 31 (3) (b) of the Convention, the adoption of annex V became effective for all Parties to the Convention on the expiry of six months from the date of its notification (6 March 2001) in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 31, i.e. on 6 September 2001.

^b For the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.

^c 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.”

^d 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 Depositary.

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.”
