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TO THE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY
EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

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RATIFICATION STATUS OF THE CONVENTION
Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. The present document contains the ratification status of the UN/ECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. As of 10 November 2000, eighteen ECE member countries and the European Community are Parties to it.
2. This document also gives information on the designation or establishment of competent authorities and points of contact, according to article 17, paragraphs 1 and 2, to the Convention, respectively. Declarations and reservations made by Parties upon ratification, accession, acceptance or approval are included in the annex to this document.

**Ratification Status,
designation of competent authorities and points of contact under the
UN/ECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents
as on 10 November 2000**

COUNTRY	CONVENTION		COMPETENT AUTHORITY(IES)	POINT(S) OF CONTACT
	Signed	Ratified		
ALBANIA	18/03/1992	05/01/1994		
Andorra				
ARMENIA		21/02/1997		Yes
AUSTRIA	18/03/1992	04/08/1999		Yes
Azerbaijan				Yes
Belarus				Yes
Belgium	18/03/1992			Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina				
BULGARIA	18/03/1992	12/05/1995	Yes	Yes
Canada	18/03/1992			Yes
CROATIA		20/01/2000 a/		Yes
Cyprus				
CZECH REPUBLIC		12/06/2000 a/		Yes
Denmark d/	18/03/1992			Yes
ESTONIA	18/03/1992	17/05/2000		Yes
FINLAND	18/03/1992	13/09/1999 b/	Yes	Yes
France	18/03/1992			Yes
Georgia				Yes
GERMANY	18/03/1992	09/09/1998	Yes	Yes
GREECE	18/03/1992	24/02/1998		
HUNGARY	18/03/1992	02/06/1994 c/	Yes	Yes
Iceland				
Ireland				
Israel				
Italy	18/03/1992			Yes
Kazakhstan				
Kyrgyzstan				Yes
Latvia	18/03/1992			Yes
Liechtenstein				
Lithuania	18/03/1992	02/11/2000		Yes
LUXEMBOURG	20/05/1992	08/08/1994	Yes	Yes
Malta				
Monaco				
Netherlands	18/03/1992			Yes
NORWAY	18/03/1992	10/04/1993 c/		Yes
Poland	18/03/1992			Yes
Portugal	09/06/1992			
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA		04/01/1994 a/		Yes
Romania				
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	18/03/1992	01/02/1994 b/		Yes
San Marino				
Slovakia				Yes
Slovenia				Yes
SPAIN	18/03/1992	16/05/1997	Yes	Yes
SWEDEN	18/03/1992	22/09/1999	Yes	Yes

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	Signed	Ratified		
SWITZERLAND	18/03/1992	21/05/1999	Yes	Yes
Tajikistan				
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia				
Turkey				Yes
Turkmenistan				
Ukraine				Yes
United Kingdom	18/03/1992			Yes
United States	18/03/1992			Yes
Uzbekistan				Yes
Yugoslavia				
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY	18/03/1992	24/04/1998 c/	Yes	Yes
TOTAL	27	20	9	37

Notes

a/ Accession.

b/ Acceptance.

c/ Approval.

d/ With reservation of application to the Faeroe Islands and Greenland.

Annex

DECLARATIONS AND RESERVATIONS 1/

Austria

Declaration:

"The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with article 21 paragraph 2 of the Convention to accept both of the means of the settlement of disputes mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting one or both of these means of settlement of disputes as compulsory."

Hungary

Declaration:

"The Government of the Republic of Hungary accepts both means of dispute settlement as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting the same obligation."

European Community

Reservations:

"The Member States of the European Community, in their mutual relations, will apply the Convention in accordance with the Community's internal rules.

The Community therefore reserves the right:

(i) as concerns the threshold quantities mentioned in Annex I, Part I, No. 3, 4 and 5 of the Convention, to apply threshold quantities of 100 tonnes for bromine (very toxic substance), 5000 tonnes for methanol (toxic substance) and 2000 tonnes for oxygen (oxidizing substance);

(ii) as concerns the threshold quantities mentioned in Annex I, Part I, No. 8 of the Convention to apply threshold quantities of 500 tonnes (risk phrase R50-53 (*): "substances very toxic to aquatic organisms which may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment") and 2000 tonnes (risk phrase R51-53 (*): "substances toxic to aquatic organisms which may cause long term adverse effects in the aquatic environment") for substances dangerous for the environment."

Declaration:

"In accordance with the EC Treaty, the objectives and principles of the Community's environmental policy are, in particular, to preserve and protect the quality of the environment and human health through preventive action. In pursuit of those objectives, the Council adopted

Council Directive 82-501-EEC of 24 June 1982 on the major-accident hazards of certain industrial activities which has been replaced by Council Directive 96-82-EC of 9 December 1996 on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances. These instruments aim at the prevention of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances and the limitations of their consequences for man and the environment and cover matters which are the subject of [the said Convention]. The Community will inform the depositary of any amendment to this Directive and of any further relevant development in the field covered by the Convention.

As regards the application of the Convention, the Community and its Member States are responsible, within their respective spheres of competence."

Note

1/ The declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession, acceptance or approval.