



**Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International Lakes**

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**Progress in the ratification process, including the ratification of the amendments to open the  
Convention to countries outside the region**

**RATIFICATION STATUS OF THE ECE WATER CONVENTION,  
ITS AMENDMENTS AND PROTOCOLS**

**Note by the secretariat**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The present document sets out the ratification status of the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), the amendments to its articles 25 and 26, as well as its Protocols.
2. As of 5 Oct 2016, 40 ECE member States and the European Union were Parties to the Water Convention.
3. As of 5 Oct 2016, 39 countries and the European Union had ratified or accepted the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention, adopted in 2003. The amendments entered into force on 6 February 2013 and became operational on 1 March 2016.
4. The 1999 Protocol on Water and Health to the Water Convention was signed by 36 countries and ratified, acceded, accepted or approved by 26 Parties, as of 05 Oct 2016. The Protocol entered into force on 4 August 2005.
5. The Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters to the Water Convention and to the 1992 Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents was signed in Kiev in 2003 and has not yet entered into force. As of 5 Oct 2016, 24 countries signed the Protocol and one country (Hungary) had ratified it (not listed overleaf).
6. The 1997 United Nations Convention on the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses (UN Watercourses Convention) has 36 Parties, as of 5 Oct 2016. The Convention entered into force on 17 August 2014.

## ANNEX

**Ratification<sup>1</sup> status of the Water Convention, the amendments to its articles 25 and 26 and its Protocol on Water and Health, as of 6 October 2016**

	Country	Ratification of the Water Convention	Ratification of the amendments to articles 25 and 26	Ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health	Ratification of the UN Watercourses Convention
	<b>Member States of ECE</b>				
1.	Albania	5 Jan 1994	29 May 2014	8 Mar 2002	
2.	Andorra				
3.	Armenia			(signatory)	
4.	Austria	25 Jul 1996	19 Nov 2012		
5.	Azerbaijan	3 Aug 2000	7 Jan 2014	9 Jan 2003	
6.	Belarus	29 May 2003	13 Feb 2013	22 Apr 2009	
7.	Belgium	8 Nov 2000	27 Aug 2015	29 Jun 2004	
8.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3 Dec 2009	27 Jan 2010	13 Oct 2011	
9.	Bulgaria	28 Oct 2003	5 Nov 2012	(signatory)	
10.	Canada				
11.	Croatia	8 Jul 1996	31 Jul 2008	28 Jul 2006	
12.	Cyprus			(signatory)	
13.	Czech Republic	12 Jun 2000	29 Jan 2008	15 Nov 2001	
14.	Denmark	28 May 1997	5 Jan 2012	(signatory)	30 Apr 2012
15.	Estonia	16 Jun 1995	11 Jun 2009	9 Sep 2003	
16.	Finland	21 Feb 1996	11 Dec 2007	3 Mar 2005	23 Jan 1998
17.	France	30 Jun 1998	27 Jul 2009	6 May 2005	24 Feb 2011
18.	Georgia			(signatory)	
19.	Germany	30 Jan 1995	15 Nov 2012	15 January 2007	15 Jan 2007
20.	Greece	6 Sep 1996	5 Jun 2013	(signatory)	2 Dec 2010
21.	Hungary	2 Sep 1994	20 Jun 2005	7 Dec 2001	26 Jan 2000
22.	Iceland			(signatory)	
23.	Ireland				20 Dec 2013
24.	Israel				
25.	Italy	23 May 1996	29 Dec 2011	(signatory)	30 Nov 2012
26.	Kazakhstan	11 Jan 2001	17 Jun 2015		
27.	Kyrgyzstan				
28.	Latvia	10 Dec 1996	9 Mar 2009	24 Nov 2004	
29.	Liechtenstein	19 Nov 1997	4 Jun 2012		
30.	Lithuania	28 Apr 2000	28 Mar 2012	17 Mar 2004	
31.	Luxembourg	7 Jun 1994	10 May 2006	4 Oct 2001	8 Jun 2012
32.	Malta			(signatory)	
33.	Monaco			(signatory)	
34.	Montenegro	23 Jun 2014	23 Jun 2014		24 Sep 2013
35.	Netherlands	14 Mar 1995	12 Jan 2006	25 Jun 2009	9 Jan 2001
36.	Norway	1 Apr 1993	25 Jun 2012	6 Jan 2004	30 Sep 1998
37.	Poland	15 Mar 2000	31 Jan 2005	(signatory)	
38.	Portugal	9 Dec 1994	8 Nov 2012	6 Sep 2006	22 Jun 2005

<sup>1</sup> Ratification, accession, approval or acceptance. If signature only then this is indicated.

	Country	Ratification of the Water Convention	Ratification of the amendments to articles 25 and 26	Ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health	Ratification of the UN Watercourses Convention
39.	Republic of Moldova	4 Jan 1994	6 Feb 2007	16 Sep 2005	
40.	Romania	31 May 1995	13 Jun 2006	5 Jan 2001	
41.	Russian Federation	2 Nov 1993	6 Feb 2013	31 Dec 1999	
42.	San Marino				
43.	Serbia	27 Aug 2010	27 Aug 2010	16 Apr 2013	
44.	Slovakia	7 Jul 1999	14 Mar 2013	2 Oct 2001	
45.	Slovenia	13 Apr 1999	5 Sep 2013	(signatory)	
46.	Spain	16 Feb 2000	24 Sep 2009	24 Sep 2009	24 Sep 2009
47.	Sweden	5 Aug 1993	20 May 2004	(signatory)	15 Jun 2000
48.	Switzerland	23 May 1995	12 May 2011	27 Oct 2006	
49.	Tajikistan				
50.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28 Jul 2015	28 Jul 2015		
51.	Turkey				
52.	Turkmenistan	29 Aug 2012			
53.	Ukraine	8 Oct 1999	1 Dec 2015	26 Sep 2003	
54.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	(signatory)		(signatory)	13 Dec 2013
55.	United States of America				
56.	Uzbekistan	4 Sept 2007	28 Nov 2011		4 Sep 2007
	European Union	14 Sep 1995	20 Dec 2013		
	<b>Other Member States of the United Nations</b>				
57.	Benin				5 Jul 2012
58.	Burkina Faso				22 Mar 2011
59.	Chad				26 Sep 2012
60.	Côte d'Ivoire				25 Feb 2014
61.	Guinea-Bissau				19 May 2010
62.	Iraq				9 Jul 2001
63.	Jordan				22 Jun 1999
64.	Lebanon				25 May 1999
65.	Libya				14 Jun 2005
66.	Morocco				13 Apr 2011
67.	Namibia				29 Aug 2001
68.	Niger				20 Feb 2013
69.	Nigeria				27 Sep 2010
70.	Paraguay				(signatory)
71.	Qatar				28 Feb 2002
72.	South Africa				26 Oct 1998
73.	Palestine (State of)				2 Jan 2015
74.	Syrian Arab Republic				2 Apr 1998
75.	Tunisia				22 Apr 2009
76.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)				(signatory)
77.	Viet Nam				19 May 2014
78.	Yemen				(signatory)