



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

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

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the ratification status of the UNECE Water Convention, its amendments and its Protocols.
2. As of 30 October 2009, 35 UNECE member countries and the European Community are Parties to the Convention.
3. The amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention did not yet enter into force. As of 30 October 2009, 14 countries ratified or accepted the amendments.
4. The 1999 Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes was signed by 36 countries and ratified, accessed, accepted or approved by 24 Parties, as of 30 October 2009. The Protocol on Water and Health 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 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and to the 1992 Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents was signed in Kiev in 2003 and it has not yet entered into force. As of 30 October 2009, 24 countries signed the Protocol and one country ratified it.

Annex

Ratification status of the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, the amendment to Articles 25 and 26 and the 1999 Protocol on Water and Health as of 30 October 2009

Country	Ratification/ Accession/ Acceptance/ Approval of the Water Convention	Ratification/ Accession/ Acceptance/ Approval of the amendments	Ratification/Accession/ Acceptance/ Approval or signature only of the Protocol on Water and Health
Albania	5 Jan 1994		8 Mar 2002
Andorra			
Armenia			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Austria	25 Jul 1996		
Azerbaijan	3 Aug 2000		9 Jan 2003
Belarus	29 May 2003		22 Apr 2009
Belgium	8 Nov 2000		29 Jun 2004
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Bulgaria	28 Oct 2003		17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Canada			
Croatia	8 Jul 1996	31 Jul 2008	28 Jul 2006
Cyprus			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Czech Republic	12 Jun 2000	29 Jan 2008	15 Nov 2001
Denmark	28 May 1997		17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Estonia	16 Jun 1995	11 Jun 2009	9 Sep 2003
Finland	21 Feb 1996	11 Dec 2007	3 Mar 2005
France	30 Jun 1998	27 Jul 2009	6 May 2005
Georgia			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Germany	30 Jan 1995		15 January 2007
Greece	6 Sep 1996		17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Hungary	2 Sep 1994	20 Jun 2005	7 Dec 2001
Iceland			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Ireland			
Israel			
Italy	23 May 1996		17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Kazakhstan	11 Jan 2001		
Kyrgyzstan			
Latvia	10 Dec 1996	9 Mar 2009	24 Nov 2004
Liechtenstein	19 Nov 1997		
Lithuania	28 Apr 2000		17 Mar 2004
Luxembourg	7 Jun 1994	10 May 2006	4 Oct 2001
Malta			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Monaco			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Montenegro			
Netherlands	14 Mar 1995	12 Jan 2006	25 Jun 2009
Norway	1 Apr 1993		6 Jan 2004

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Poland	15 Mar 2000	31 Jan 2005	17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Portugal	9 Dec 1994		6 Sep 2006
Republic of Moldova	4 Jan 1994	6 Feb 2007	16 Sep 2005
Romania	31 May 1995	13 Jun 2006	5 Jan 2001
Russian Federation	2 Nov 1993		31 Dec 1999
San Marino			
Serbia			
Slovakia	7 Jul 1999		2 Oct 2001
Slovenia	13 Apr 1999		17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Spain	16 Feb 2000	24 Sep 2009	24 Sep 2009
Sweden	5 Aug 1993	20 May 2004	17 Jun 1999 (signature)
Switzerland	23 May 1995		27 Oct 2006
Tajikistan			
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia			
Turkey			
Turkmenistan			
Ukraine	8 Oct 1999		26 Sep 2003
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
United States of America			
Uzbekistan	4 Sept 2007		
European Community	14 Sep 1995		