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## CONVENTION ON THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL

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## Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material

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Parties: 66  
Signatories: 45

Last change of status: 12 September 2000

Country/Organization	Signature	Instrument	Date of deposit	Declaration etc. / Withdrawal	Entry into force
Antigua and Barbuda		accession	04 Aug 1993	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	03 Sep 1993
Argentina	28 Feb 1986	ratification	06 Apr 1989	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 May 1989
Armenia		accession	24 Aug 1993	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	23 Sep 1993
Australia	22 Feb 1984	ratification	22 Sep 1987	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	22 Oct 1987
Austria	03 Mar 1980	ratification	22 Dec 1988	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	21 Jan 1989
Belarus		sucesion	09 Sep 1993	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	14 Jun 1993
* Belgium	13 Jun 1980	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
Bosnia and Herzegovina		sucesion	30 Jun 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	01 Mar 1992
Brazil	15 May 1981	ratification	17 Oct 1985	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Bulgaria	23 Jun 1981	ratification	10 Apr 1984	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Canada	23 Sep 1980	ratification	21 Mar 1986	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Chile		accession	27 Apr 1994	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	27 May 1994
China		accession	10 Jan 1989	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	09 Feb 1989
Croatia		sucesion	29 Sep 1992	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Oct 1991
Cuba		accession	26 Sep 1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	26 Oct 1997
Cyprus		accession	23 Jul 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	22 Aug 1998
Czech Republic		sucesion	24 Mar 1993	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	01 Jan 1993
* Denmark	13 Jun 1980	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
Dominican Republic	03 Mar 1980			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ecuador	26 Jun 1986	ratification	17 Jan 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	16 Feb 1996
Estonia		accession	09 May 1994	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Jun 1994
Finland	25 Jun 1981	acceptance	22 Sep 1989	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	22 Oct 1989
* France	13 Jun 1980	approval	06 Sep 1991	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
* Germany	13 Jun 1980	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
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Hungary	17 Jun 1980	ratification	04 May 1984	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
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* Ireland	13 Jun 1980	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
Israel	17 Jun 1983			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* Italy	13 Jun 1980	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
Japan		accession	28 Oct 1988	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	27 Nov 1988
Korea, Republic of	29 Dec 1981	ratification	07 Apr 1982	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Lebanon		accession	16 Dec 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	15 Jan 1998
Liechtenstein	13 Jan 1986	ratification	25 Nov 1986	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Lithuania		accession	07 Dec 1993	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Jan 1994
* Luxembourg	13 Jun 1980	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
Mexico		accession	04 Apr 1988	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	04 May 1988
Monaco		accession	09 Aug 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Sep 1996
Mongolia	23 Jan 1986	ratification	28 May 1986	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Morocco	25 Jul 1980			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* Netherlands	13 Jun 1980	acceptance	06 Sep 1991	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
Niger	07 Jan 1985			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Norway	26 Jan 1983	ratification	15 Aug 1985	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Pakistan		accession	12 Sep 2000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	12 Oct 2000
Panama	18 Mar 1980	ratification	01 Apr 1999	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	01 May 1999
Paraguay	21 May 1980	ratification	06 Feb 1985	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Peru		accession	11 Jan 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	10 Feb 1995
Philippines	19 May 1980	ratification	22 Sep 1981	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Poland	06 Aug 1980	ratification	05 Oct 1983	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
* Portugal	19 Sep 1984	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
Republic of Moldova		accession	07 May 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Jun 1998
Romania	15 Jan 1981	ratification	23 Nov 1993	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	23 Dec 1993
Russian Federation	22 May 1980	ratification	25 May 1983	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Slovakia		succession	10 Feb 1993	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	01 Jan 1993
Slovenia		succession	07 Jul 1992	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	25 Jun 1991
South Africa	18 May 1981			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* Spain	07 Apr 1986	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
Sudan		accession	18 May 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	17 Jun 2000
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Switzerland	09 Jan 1987	ratification	09 Jan 1987	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Tajikistan		accession	11 Jul 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	10 Aug 1996
The Frm. Yug. Rep. of Macedonia		succession	20 Sep 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	17 Nov 1991

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Tunisia		accession	08 Apr 1993	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 May 1993
Turkey	23 Aug 1983	ratification	27 Feb 1985	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Ukraine		accession	06 Jul 1993	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Aug 1993
* United Kingdom	13 Jun 1980	ratification	06 Sep 1991	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991
United States of America	03 Mar 1980	ratification	13 Dec 1982	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
Uzbekistan		accession	09 Feb 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	11 Mar 1998
Yugoslavia	15 Jul 1980	ratification	14 May 1986	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Feb 1987
EURATOM	13 Jun 1980	confirmation	06 Sep 1991	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Oct 1991

\* signed/ratified as a EURATOM Member State

**Declarations/reservations made upon expressing consent to be bound and objections thereto**

**Argentina****ratified 06 Apr 1989**

[6 April 1989]

"In accordance with the provisions of Article 17.3 of the Convention, Argentina does not consider itself bound by either of the dispute settlement procedures provided for in Article 17.2 of the Convention."

(Original in Spanish; translation by the Secretariat)

**Belarus****succeeded 09 Sep 1993**

[9 September 1993]

"... does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 17, paragraph 2 of the Convention that any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention shall be submitted to arbitration or referred to the International Court of Justice at the request of any party to such dispute."

(Original in Russian; translation by the Secretariat)

**China****acceded 10 Jan 1989**

[10 January 1989]

"China will not be bound by the two dispute settlement procedures as stipulated in Paragraph 2, Article 17 of the said Convention."

(Original in Chinese; translation by the Secretariat)

**Cuba****acceded 26 Sep 1997**

"The Republic of Cuba declares with respect to the content of Article 17 of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material that any dispute that may arise concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention shall be settled by diplomatic means among the parties to the dispute. By the same token, it does not consider itself bound by the procedure involving the International Court of Justice".

**Cyprus****acceded 23 Jul 1998**

"The Republic of Cyprus declares that in accordance with the provisions of Article 17.3 of the Convention Cyprus does not consider itself bound by either of the dispute settlement procedures provided for in Article 17.2 of the Convention".

**EURATOM****confirmed 06 Sep 1991**

[6 September 1991]

"Pursuant to Article 18 (4)(c) of the Convention, [the European Atomic Energy Community] would like to declare:

- (a) that the Member States of the Community are at present Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- b) that Articles 7 to 13 of the Convention are not applicable to the Community.

"Further, pursuant to Article 17 (3) of the Convention, [the European Atomic Energy Community] declare[s] that, since only States may be parties in cases before the International Court of Justice, the Community considers itself exclusively bound by the arbitration procedures provided for in Article 17 (2)."

(Original in English)

**France****approved 06 Sep 1991**

[6 September 1991]

"(1) In approving the Convention, the French Government expresses the following reservation: the offences described in sub-paragraphs 1(e) and 1(f) of Article 7 of the Convention shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of French penal legislation.

"(2) The French Government declares that the jurisdiction referred to in Article 8, paragraph 4 may not be invoked against it, since the criterion of jurisdiction based on involvement in international nuclear transport as the exporting or importing State is not expressly recognized in international law and is not provided for in French national legislation.

"(3) In accordance with Article 17, paragraph 3, France declares that it does not accept the competence of the International Court of Justice in the settlement of the disputes referred to in paragraph 2 of this article, nor that of the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint one or more arbitrators." (Original in French; translation by the Secretariat)

**Guatemala****ratified 23 Apr 1985**

[23 April 1985]

"The Republic of Guatemala does not consider itself bound by any of the dispute settlement procedures set out in paragraph 2 of Article 17 of the Convention, which provide for the submission of disputes to arbitration or their referral to the International Court of Justice for decision."

(Original in Spanish; translation by the Secretariat)

**Indonesia****ratified 05 Nov 1986**

[5 November 1986]

"The Government of the Republic of Indonesia does not consider itself bound by the provision of Article 17, paragraph 2 of this Convention and take the position that any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of the Convention may only be submitted to arbitration or to the International Court of Justice with the agreement of all the parties to the dispute."

(Originals in English and Indonesian; supplied by the Government)

**Italy****ratified 06 Sep 1991**

[6 September 1991]

Confirms the reservations and declaration made upon signature.

(Original in English)

**Korea, Republic of****ratified 07 Apr 1982**

[7 April 1982]

Confirms the reservation made upon signature.

(Original in English)

**Netherlands****accepted 06 Sep 1991**

[6 September 1991]

"With regard to the obligation to exercise jurisdiction referred to in Article 10 of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, done at Vienna/New York on 3 March 1980, the Kingdom of the Netherlands makes the reservation, that in cases where the judicial authorities of the Netherlands are unable to exercise jurisdiction on the grounds of one of the principles referred to in Article 8, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the Kingdom shall be bound by this obligation only if it has received an extradition request from a Party to the Convention and the said request has been rejected."

(Original in English)

**Pakistan****acceded 12 Sep 2000**

[12 September 2000]

"1. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan does not consider itself bound by paragraph 2 of Article 2, as it regards the question of domestic use, storage and transport of nuclear material beyond the scope of the said Convention.

2. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan does not consider itself bound by either of the dispute settlement procedures provided for in paragraph 2 of Article 17 of the said Convention."  
(Original in English)

**Peru****acceded 11 Jan 1995**

[11 January 1995]

"In accordance with the provisions of Article 17.3 of the Convention, Peru does not consider itself bound by any of the dispute settlement procedures provided for in the convention."

A Note explaining the reservation reads as follows:

"The reservation made by Peru in the instrument of accession ... refers only to the dispute settlement procedures provided for in paragraph 2 of Article 17, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the same article."

(Original in Spanish; translation by the Secretariat)

**Russian Federation****ratified 25 May 1983**

[25 May 1983]

Confirms the reservation made upon signature.

(Original in Russian; translation by the Secretariat)

**Spain****ratified 06 Sep 1991**

[6 September 1991]

"The Kingdom of Spain declares, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 17 of the Convention, that it does not consider itself bound by the procedure for the settlement of disputes stipulated in paragraph 2 of Article 17."

(Original in Spanish; translation by the Secretariat)

**Turkey****ratified 27 Feb 1985**

[27 February 1985]

Confirms the reservation made upon signature.

(Original in English)

**United Kingdom****ratified 06 Sep 1991**

[11 December 1991]

"...the Convention was extended to cover the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey and the Isle of Man with effect from 6 October 1991. The United Kingdom's Instrument of Ratification should accordingly be construed to extend to them."

(Original in English)

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**Argentina****28 Feb 1986**

[28 February 1986]

"In accordance with the provision of Article 17.3, the Republic of Argentina does not consider itself bound by any of the arbitration procedures laid down in Article 17.2 of the Convention."

(Original in Spanish; translation by the Secretariat)

**EURATOM****13 Jun 1980**

[13 June 1980]

"At present the following States are members of the European Atomic Energy Community: Belgium, Denmark, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

"In signing the Convention, the Community declares that, when it has deposited the instrument of approval or acceptance pursuant to Article 18 and the Convention has entered into force for the Community pursuant to Article 19, Articles 7 to 13 of the Convention will not apply to it.

"Furthermore, the Community declares that, because under Article 34 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice only States may be parties in cases before the Court, it can only be bound by the arbitration procedure set out in Article 17(2)."

(Original in English)

**France****13 Jun 1980**

[13 June 1980]

"Recalling its statement contained in document CPNM/90 of 25 October 1979, the French Government declares that the jurisdiction referred to in Article 8, paragraph 4 may not be invoked against it, since the criterion of jurisdiction based on involvement in international nuclear transport as the exporting or importing State is not expressly recognized in international law and is not provided for in French national legislation."

"In accordance with Article 17, paragraph 3, France declares that it does not accept the competence of the International Court of Justice in the settlement of the disputes referred to in paragraph 2 of this article, nor that of the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint one or more arbitrators."

(Original in French; translation by the Secretariat)

**Israel****17 Jun 1983**

[17 June 1983]

"In accordance with Article 17, paragraph 3, Israel declares that it does not consider itself bound by the dispute settlement procedures provided for in paragraph 2 of Article 17."

(Original in English)

**Italy****13 Jun 1980**

[13 June 1980]

"1) In connection with Art. 4.2

Italy considers that if assurances as to the levels of physical protection described in annex I have not been received in good time the importing state party may take appropriate bilateral steps as far as practicable to assure itself that the transport will take place in compliance with the aforesaid levels.

"2) In connection with Art. 10

The last words 'through proceedings in accordance with the laws of the state' are to be considered as referring to the whole Article 10.

"Italy considers that international co-operation and assistance for physical protection and recovery of nuclear materials as well as criminal rules and extradition will apply also to the domestic use, storage and transport of nuclear material used for peaceful purposes. Italy also considers that no provision contained in this convention shall be interpreted as precluding the possibility to widen the scope of the convention at the review conference foreseen in Art. 16."

(Original in English)



**Korea, Republic of****29 Dec 1981**

[29 December 1981]

"... the Government of the Republic of Korea does not consider itself bound by the dispute settlement procedures provided for in Paragraph 2 of Article 17."

(Original in English)

**Romania****15 Jan 1981**

[15 January 1981]

"The Socialist Republic of Romania declares that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 17, paragraph 2 of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which state that any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention which cannot be settled by negotiation or by any other peaceful means of settling disputes shall, at the request of any party to such dispute, be submitted to arbitration or referred to the International Court of Justice for decision.

"The Socialist Republic of Romania considers that such disputes can be submitted to arbitration or to the International Court of Justice only with the consent of all parties to the dispute in each individual case.

"In signing the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, the Socialist Republic of Romania declares that, in its interpretation, the provisions of Article 18, paragraph 4 refer exclusively to organizations to which the Member States have transferred competence to negotiate, conclude and apply international agreements on their behalf and to exercise the rights and fulfil the responsibilities entailed by such agreements including the right to vote."

(Original in French; translation by the Secretariat)

**Russian Federation****22 May 1980**

[22 May 1980]

"The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 17, paragraph 2 of the Convention that any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention shall be submitted to arbitration or referred to the International Court of Justice at the request of any party to such dispute."

(Original in Russian; translation by the Secretariat)

**South Africa****18 May 1981**

[18 May 1981]

"In accordance with Article 17, paragraph 3, the Republic of South Africa declares that it does not consider itself bound by the dispute settlement procedures provided for in paragraph 2 of Article 17."

(Original in English)

**Spain****07 Apr 1986**

[7 April 1986]

"...in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 17 of the Convention, Spain does not consider itself bound by the procedure for the settlement of disputes stipulated in paragraph 2 of Article 17."

(Original in Spanish; translation by the Secretariat)

**Turkey****23 Aug 1983**

[23 August 1983]

"Turkey, in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph 3, of the Convention does not consider itself bound by Article 17, Paragraph 2 of the Convention."

(Original in English)