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COUNCIL**Twenty-eighth Ordinary Session****Geneva, November 9, 1994****REPORT ON ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1994**Document prepared by the Office of the Union**I. COMPOSITION OF THE UNION**

1. On June 14, Austria deposited its instrument of accession to the 1978 Act of the Convention. That Act entered into force with respect to Austria on July 14.

2. On October 13, Uruguay deposited its instrument of accession to the 1978 Act of the Convention. That Act will enter into force with respect to Uruguay on November 13.

3. As from that date, the Union will comprise 26 member States: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay. All are party to the 1978 Act, with the exception of Belgium and Spain, which are party to the 1961 Act as amended by the Additional Act of 1972.

4. Under Article 32(3) of the 1978 Act, "Any State which is not a member of the Union and which has not signed this Act shall, before depositing its instrument of accession, ask the Council to advise it in respect of the conformity of its laws with the provisions of this Act." A similar provision concerning the deposit of instruments of accession to the 1991 Act of the Convention is contained in Article 34(3) of that Act. By letter dated February 21, Ukraine requested the advice of the Council in respect of the conformity of its laws with the 1978 Act.

5. By letter dated March 3, the Russian Federation requested the advice of the Council in respect of the conformity of its laws with both the 1978 and 1991 Acts of the Convention.
6. By letter dated March 11, Portugal requested the advice of the Council in respect of the conformity of its laws with the 1978 Act of the Convention.
7. By letter dated April 4, Colombia also requested the advice of the Council in respect of the conformity of its laws with the 1978 Act.
8. At its eleventh extraordinary session held on April 22, the Council took positive decisions in respect of all the aforementioned requests for advice.
9. The table given in the Annex to this report summarizes the position of the various States in relation to the various Acts of the Convention as at October 31, 1994.

II. SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES

Council

10. The Council held its eleventh extraordinary session on April 22 under the chairmanship of Mr. R. López de Haro y Wood (Spain) as a result of the requests for advice submitted by Colombia, Portugal, Russian Federation and Ukraine under Article 32(3) of the 1978 Act and, additionally, in the case of the Russian Federation, under Article 34(3) of the 1991 Act (see paragraphs 4 to 8 above).

Consultative Committee and Administrative and Legal Committee

11. No sessions of these Committees were held during the first ten months of 1994.

Technical Committee and Technical Working Parties

12. For the work of these bodies, reference is made to documents C/28/10 and C/28/10 Add.

III. ROVING SEMINAR IN CHINA

13. A National Seminar on the Nature of and Rationale for the Protection of Plant Varieties under the UPOV Convention was organized in China in the form of a "roving seminar." A core team of lecturers visited three cities in agriculturally important regions of China and delivered the same lectures in each city. In each city, provincial representatives delivered lectures on the themes of the achievements and prospects for crop breeding and the present situation of and proposals for the implementation of the protection of plant varieties in their respective provinces. The cities visited were Harbin in Heilongjiang Province on September 15, Xian in Shaanxi Province on September 19 and Nanjing on September 22.

14. The lectures delivered by the core team concerned general aspects of plant variety protection, the administration of protection and the technical criteria for protection, the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention, plant variety protection in Japan and plant variety protection in Germany.

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15. The seminars were organized by UPOV in cooperation with the State Science and Technology Commission of China (SSTTC) and with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF). Local arrangements were made in each province by provincial Science and Technology Commissions and Departments of Agriculture.

IV. RELATIONS WITH STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS

16. On January 27, the Secretary-General wrote to Mr. David Gabunia, Chairman, Georgian Patent Office, Tbilisi, concerning the procedure for accession to the UPOV Convention.

17. On February 14, the Office of UPOV dispatched to the Director General of the Intellectual Property Office of Moldova the comments of the Office of the Union on a draft law for the protection of new plant varieties in Moldova.

18. On February 18, Mr. Tolesh E. Kaudyrov, Chairman of the National Patent Office of Kazakhstan, visited the Office of the Union and was given the comments of the Office on a draft law for the protection of plant varieties in Kazakhstan.

19. On the same day, the Office of the Union received a draft law for the protection of new plant varieties of Uzbekistan.

20. On February 21, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Valery I. Kudashov, Head of the State Patent Office of Belarus.

21. On February 22, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mrs. Luz Celeste R. de Davis, Director General of the Industrial Property Registry of Panama, who requested a future visit by officials of the Union to her country.

22. On February 25, the Office of the Union received a letter dated February 21 from the Government of Ukraine requesting the advice of the Council of UPOV on the conformity of the law on plant variety protection of Ukraine with the 1978 Act of the Convention.

23. From March 1 to 3, the Vice Secretary-General participated in an International Seminar on the Euro-Asian Patent Convention and the Legal Protection of Industrial Property in the CIS Countries in Moscow, Russian Federation, and gave a paper on the subject of the UPOV Convention.

24. On March 2, in the afternoon, the Vice Secretary-General met the Chairman of the All-Russian State Commission for Agricultural Crop Variety Testing at the Ministry of Agriculture and met senior staff of the State Commission. He was handed a letter signed by Mr. A.G. Efremov, Vice Minister of Agriculture, requesting the advice of the Council of UPOV on the conformity of the laws of the Russian Federation with both the 1978 and the 1991 Acts of the Convention.

25. On March 7 and 8, the Vice Secretary-General together with an official of the Union and a consultant from WIPO visited the Bundessortenamt in Hanover, Germany, to discuss the draft format for the purposes of the UPOV data base on variety denominations.

26. On March 9, the Vice Secretary-General, an official of the Union and a consultant from WIPO visited the Board for Plant Breeders' Rights in Wageningen, Netherlands, and met officials concerned with the projected UPOV data base on variety denominations and other projects of relevance to UPOV. They also met the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board.

27. On March 10 and 11, the Vice Secretary-General, an official of the Union and a consultant from WIPO visited the Plant Variety Rights Office and the National Institute of Agricultural Botany in Cambridge, United Kingdom, where they met officials interested in UPOV matters, particularly the projected UPOV data base on plant variety denomination.

28. On March 15, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Juan Carlos Espinosa, First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of Colombia in Geneva, and discussed the arrangements that were being made by the Colombian Government to implement Decision 345 of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement.

29. On March 23, the Vice Secretary-General and an official of the Union attended a reception in Paris, France, to mark the presentation of the Cross of Chevalier in the Legion of Honor to Mr. Roland Petit-Pigeard, Director General of the Caisse de gestion des licences végétales.

30. On March 24, the Vice Secretary-General and an official of the Union visited the offices of the Comité de la protection des obtentions végétales (CPOV) in Paris, France, to discuss the proposed format to be used in connection with the UPOV data base for varietal denominations.

31. On March 31, the Vice Secretary-General received a visit from Prof. R.M.A. Loyns, Professor of Marketing in the Department of Agricultural Economics of the University of Manitoba at Winnipeg, Canada, Mr. Maurice Kraut, President of the Agricultural Consulting Co. Ltd. of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Karla Funk of the same organization, who were working on a consultancy project for the Canadian Government.

32. On April 7, the Secretary-General and the Vice Secretary-General visited Budapest, Hungary, where they met Mr. János Szabó, Minister for Agriculture, Dr. Sándor Manninger, Deputy State Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. László Balla, President of the Hungarian Plant Breeders' Association, Dr. Károly Neszmélyi, Director-General of the National Institute for Agricultural Quality Control, Dr. Ernő Szarka, President of the National Office of Inventions, and other officials.

33. On April 8, the Secretary-General and the Vice Secretary-General addressed the members of the Association of Hungarian Plant Breeders at the Annual Meeting of the Association held in Budapest, and subsequently visited the Martonvásár Institute, a plant breeding research institute of the Hungarian Academy of Science.

34. On April 11 and 12, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Dr. Stanislav I. Grib, Vice-Director, Scientific Research Institute of Arable Farming and Fodder, Minsk, Belarus, and Mrs. Natalia A. Barkoun, Deputy Head of Division at the State Patent Office of Belarus, who discussed with him the draft law of Belarus for the protection of plant varieties.

35. On April 13, an official of the Union visited the Secretary-General of FIS and ASSINSEL, Mr. Bernard Le Buanec, at Nyon, Switzerland, and the Station fédérale de recherches agronomiques at Changins near Nyon with the Belarusian delegation.

36. On April 18, the Office of the Union received a letter from Mr. Roland Nymann, Director of the Estonian Seed and Variety Testing Inspection in Tallinn, enclosing a copy of a law for the protection of plant varieties and asking for the advice of the Office of the Union on its conformity with the Convention.

37. On April 19, the Secretary-General received a request from the Permanent Mission of Colombia for the advice of the Council of UPOV on the conformity of the Colombian law with the 1978 Act of the Convention.

38. On April 27, the Office of the Union received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries of Zambia a draft law for the protection of new plant varieties with a request for the comments of the Office of the Union on its conformity with the Convention.

39. On May 4, the Secretary-General and the Office of the Union received the visit of Dr. Wang Shaoqi, Director General of the Department of International Cooperation of the State Science and Technology Commission of China, who discussed preparations for the Roving Seminar which was to be held in China in the following September.

40. On May 5, the Vice Secretary-General wrote to the Vice Director of the Department of Agricultural Production of the Ministry of Agriculture in Warsaw, Poland, with the comments of the Office of the Union on draft provisions bringing the Polish law into conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention.

41. On May 11, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Bernard Le Buanec, Secretary-General of FIS and ASSINSEL, Nyon, Switzerland.

42. On May 17, the Vice Secretary-General delivered a lecture on Plant Variety Protection and the UPOV Convention to participants in the WIPO Academy for Spanish speakers.

43. On May 18, the Secretary-General wrote to Mr. Rimvydas Naujokas, Director of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, concerning the preparation of a law concerning plant variety protection in his country.

44. From May 30 to June 3, the Vice Secretary-General participated in the World Congresses of the International Federation of the Seed Trade (FIS) and the International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Plant Varieties (ASSINSEL), which were held in Ostend, Belgium.

45. On June 2, the Office of the Union received a visit of Prof. Anil K. Gupta of the Centre for Management in Agriculture of the Indian Institute of Management.

46. On June 9 and 10, the Vice Secretary-General and an official of the Union participated in part of a Seed Industry Seminar in Paris, France, organized by the Agence pour la coopération technique industrielle et économique (ACTIM), an agency of the Ministry of Finance of France, for representatives of the World Bank involved in seed industry projects.

47. On June 14, the instrument of accession of Austria to the 1978 Act of the UPOV Convention was deposited with the Secretary-General.

48. On June 16, the Vice Secretary-General gave a lecture to participants in the WIPO Academy for English speakers of the Asian/Pacific region on Plant Variety Protection and Biotechnology.

49. On June 17, the Vice Secretary-General met Mr. Peter P.T. Cheung, Deputy Representative to GATT of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Geneva, who was interested in the steps which Hong Kong might need to take in order to comply with its obligations to protect plant varieties under Article 27 of the TRIPS Agreement.

50. On June 20, the Vice Secretary-General participated in a session of the 4th International Congress of Plant Molecular Biology in Amsterdam, Netherlands, organized by the International Society for Plant Molecular Biology, where he gave a lecture on the 1991 Act of the Convention.

51. On June 22, the Vice Secretary-General received a visit from Mr. Sun Mengxin, Program Officer in the Department of International Cooperation of the State Science and Technology Commission of China (SSTCC), and Dr. Zhang Zhiqin of the Chinese Mission in Geneva, who discussed outstanding details of the Roving Seminar which was to be organized jointly by the Office of the Union and the said Commission in China in the following September 1994.

52. On June 27 and 28, the Vice Secretary-General participated in National Seminars for the Protection of Plant Varieties Under the UPOV Convention and the Common Regime of the Andean Pact organized, with the support of the Office of the Union, by the Fondo Nacional de Investigaciones Agropecuarias (FONAIAP), an institution of the Ministry of Agriculture of Venezuela, and the Servicio Autónomo Registro de la Propiedad Industrial (SARPI), which is responsible for industrial property protection in Venezuela. The Seminars were held in Maracay and Caracas, respectively.

53. On June 30 and July 1, the Vice Secretary-General participated in the First Meeting of the Subregional Committee for the Protection of Plant Varieties Established Under Article 38 of Decision 345 of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement in Lima, Peru. The Office of the Union was accorded the status of advisor by the Committee.

54. On July 1, the Office of the Union received the visit of Mr. Walter Häge, a German national, who was to visit Egypt within the framework of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ).

55. On July 19, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. J. Bundhoo, Information Scientist with the Mauritius Sugar Authority and Secretary of the Food and Agriculture Research Council of Mauritius, which has expressed interest in plant variety protection.

56. On July 27, the Vice Secretary-General called upon Mr. Vichitr Benjasil, Deputy Director General of the Department of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand, and met other officials of that Department.

57. The following day, July 28, the Vice Secretary-General participated all day in a Seminar on the Protection of Plant Varieties and Thailand in Bangkok, organized by the Department of Agriculture of Thailand in cooperation with the Office of the Union. The Seminar was opened by Mr. Montri Rumakom, Director General of the Department of Agriculture, who described the steps that had been taken to prepare a plant variety protection act in Thailand. The Vice Secretary-General and the Commissioner of Plant Variety Rights Office of New Zealand each delivered two lectures in the Seminar.

58. On July 29, the Vice Secretary-General and the Commissioner of Plant Variety Rights in New Zealand participated in a Working Group, convened by the Department of Agriculture, which was concerned with the introduction of plant variety protection in Thailand. On the same day, they visited the office of the Department of Intellectual Property within the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand where they met Mr. Yonyong Phuangrach, Deputy Director-General of the Department, which has an interest in the introduction of plant variety protection in Thailand.

59. On August 10, the Vice Secretary-General wrote to Dr. Diego Montavo Escobar, National Director of Industrial Property, Quito, Ecuador, with comments on a draft decree containing implementing regulations for Decision 345 of the Commission of the Cartagena Agreement.

60. On the same day, he also wrote to Mr. Eduardo Lores La Rosa, Head of the Office of New Technology of the National Institute for the Defence of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (INDECOPI) in Peru, commenting on draft implementing regulations for the said Decision 345 in Peru.

61. On August 18, the Office of the Union received the visit of Ms. Mazina Kadir of the Registrar General's Department, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, who informed the Office that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago had decided to introduce a plant variety protection law and to join UPOV.

62. From September 5 to 7, the Vice Secretary-General participated in a Symposium on "Prospects of Cereal Breeding in Europe" organized on behalf of EUCARPIA (the European Association for Research in Plant Breeding) by the Swiss Federal Research Station for Agronomy in Zurich-Reckenholz and gave a presentation on developments in protection under the UPOV Convention.

63. On September 12, the Vice Secretary-General, Mr. Henning Kunhardt, Deputy Commissioner, Federal Variety Office, Germany, Mr. Hiroki Tanaka, Deputy Director, Seeds and Seedlings Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and an official of the Union visited the Ministry of Agriculture of China in Beijing, where they met Vice Minister Hong Fuzeng and officials of the Ministry interested in plant variety protection.

64. On September 13, the Vice Secretary-General and the aforementioned individuals met Dr. Wang Shaoqi, Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation of the State Science and Technology Commission of China, and visited the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China, where they were received by Mr. Gao Lulin, Director General of that office and by officials of the office. They subsequently visited the Ministry of Forestry, where they met Mr. He Shuyun, Director of the Department of Science and Technology.

65. On September 16, the Vice Secretary-General and the aforementioned group visited the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries of Heilongjiang Province in Harbin, where they were received by its Deputy Director, Mr. Li Hay, and Mr. Yu Hongbin, Director of the Committee for Agricultural Crop Varieties and Vice Director of the Seed Management Bureau of Heilongjiang Province. They subsequently visited the Northeast Agricultural University, the Northeast Forestry University and the Heilongjiang Academy of Agricultural Science.

66. On September 20, the Vice Secretary-General, Mr. Henning Kunhardt, Deputy Commissioner of the Federal Variety Office, Germany, Mr. Hidenori Murakami, Director of the Seeds and Seedlings Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan, and an official of the Union visited the Department of Agriculture of Shaanxi Province, where they were received by Mr. Shi Zhicheng, Deputy Director of the Department. They subsequently visited the Department of Forestry of Shaanxi Province in Xian.

67. On September 23, the Vice Secretary-General and the aforementioned individuals visited officials of the Science and Technology Commission of Jiangsu Province, the Academy of Agricultural Science of Jiangsu Province and of the Department of Agriculture of Jiangsu Province and answered questions on plant variety protection.

68. On September 27, the Vice Secretary-General was a guest participant in "Asian Seed 1994," a conference held in Chiangmai, Thailand, on current markets and technical developments in the Asia/Pacific region which incorporated the foundation meeting of the Asia and Pacific Seed Association.

69. On September 29, the Vice Secretary-General received a visit from Mr. Roman Omorov, Head of the Patent Department of the Kyrgyz Republic, who handed over a draft of the proposed plant variety protection law of his country.

70. On October 12, the Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice President of the World Bank, responsible for Environmentally Sustainable Development and Chairman of the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), and discussed intellectual property questions related to plant varieties and the policies on the subject of CGIAR.

71. Also on October 12, the Vice Secretary-General met Mr. Georgy Poliakov, Deputy Director, Patent Office, Republic of Latvia, and discussed the plant variety protection situation in his country.

72. On October 13, the Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Miguel J. Berthet, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Uruguay at Geneva, who deposited the instrument of accession of his country to the 1978 Act of the UPOV Convention.

73. On October 13, the Vice Secretary-General received visits from Mr. Alexandru Cristian Strenc, Deputy Director General of the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks of Romania, and Dr. Kristo Iliev, President of the Patent Office of Bulgaria, and discussed with them the plant variety protection situation in their countries.

74. On October 20, the Vice Secretary-General received the visit of Mr. Pablo Romero, Counsellor and Head of the Department of Specialized Agencies in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, and Mr. Alexandro Rogers, Counselor in the Permanent Mission of Chile in Geneva, and discussed with them the steps to be taken by Chile with a view to its accession to the 1978 Act of the UPOV Convention.

75. Also on October 20, the Office of the Union corresponded with the Industrial Property Office of Greece concerning the conditions attaching to membership of the Union.

V. PUBLICATIONS

76. The Office of the Union published:

(i) the 1978 and 1991 Acts of the UPOV Convention in Chinese and the 1991 Act in Dutch;

(ii) a new 1994 edition of the information leaflet on UPOV and plant variety protection in Arabic, English, French, German, Russian and Spanish;

(iii) three issues of the periodical "Plant Variety Protection";

(iv) one supplement to Part I of the Collection of Important Texts and Documents in English, French, German and Spanish and one trilingual supplement to Part II (Test Guidelines);

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- (v) one supplement and an index to the "Collection of Laws and Treaties";
- (vi) the Records, in English and Spanish, of the Seminar on the Nature of and Rational for the Protection of Plant Varieties under the UPOV Convention held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on November 26 and 27, 1991;
- (vii) the Records, in English, of the Seminar on the Nature of and Rational for the Protection of Plant Varieties under the UPOV Convention held in Nairobi, Kenya, on May 28 and 29, 1993;
- (viii) the Records, in French, of the Regional Seminar on the Nature of and Rational for the Protection of Plant Varieties under the UPOV Convention held in Rabat, Morocco, from June 15 to 17, 1993;
- (ix) the Records, in Chinese and English, of the Seminar on the Nature of and Rational for the Protection of Plant Varieties under the UPOV Convention held in Beijing, China, from September 15 to 17, 1993.

77. The Council is invited to take note of this report.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION (as at October 31, 1994)

State	Date of signature ¹	Date of deposit of instrument ^{1,2}	Date of effect ¹
Australia	- - - -	- - February 1, 1989 -	- - March 1, 1989 -
Austria	- - - -	- - June 14, 1994 -	- - July 14, 1994 -
Belgium	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	November 5, 1976 November 5, 1976 - -	December 5, 1976 February 11, 1977 - -
Canada	- - October 31, 1979 March 9, 1992	- - February 4, 1991 -	- - March 4, 1991 -
Czech Republic	- - - -	- - - -	- - January 1, 1993 -
Denmark	November 26, 1962 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 6, 1968 February 8, 1974 October 8, 1981 -	October 6, 1968 February 11, 1977 November 8, 1981 -
France	December 2, 1961 November 10, 1972 October 23, 1978 March 19, 1991	September 3, 1971 January 22, 1975 February 17, 1983 -	October 3, 1971 February 11, 1977 March 17, 1983 -

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¹ First Line: International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961 ("Act of 1961").
Second Line: Additional Act of November 10, 1972.
Third Line: Act of October 23, 1978.
Fourth Line: Act of March 19, 1991.

² of ratification where the State has signed the Act of 1961 or the Additional Act, depending on the case; of ratification, acceptance or approval where the State has signed the Act of 1978; of accession where it has not signed the text concerned.

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State	Date of signature ¹	Date of deposit of instrument ^{1,2}	Date of effect ¹
Finland	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	March 16, 1993	April 16, 1993
	-	-	-
Germany	December 2, 1961	July 11, 1968	August 10, 1968
	November 10, 1972	July 23, 1976	February 11, 1977
	October 23, 1978	March 12, 1986	April 12, 1986
	March 19, 1991	-	-
Hungary	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	March 16, 1983	April 16, 1983
	-	-	-
Ireland	-	-	-
	September 27, 1979	May 19, 1981	November 8, 1981
	February 21, 1992	-	-
Israel	-	November 12, 1979	December 12, 1979
	-	November 12, 1979	December 12, 1979
	-	April 12, 1984	May 12, 1984
	October 23, 1991	-	-
Italy	December 2, 1961	June 1, 1977	July 1, 1977
	November 10, 1972	June 1, 1977	July 1, 1977
	October 23, 1978	April 28, 1986	May 28, 1986
	March 19, 1991	-	-
Japan	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	October 17, 1979	August 3, 1982	September 3, 1982
Mexico (not yet a member)	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	July 25, 1979	-	-
Netherlands	December 2, 1961	August 8, 1967	August 10, 1968
	November 10, 1972	January 12, 1977	February 11, 1977
	October 23, 1978	August 2, 1984	September 2, 1984
	March 19, 1991	-	-
New Zealand	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	July 25, 1979	November 3, 1980	November 8, 1981
	December 19, 1991	-	-

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State	Date of signature ¹	Date of deposit of instrument ^{1,2}	Date of effect ¹
Norway	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	August 13, 1993	September 13, 1993
	-	-	-
Poland	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	October 11, 1989	November 11, 1989
	-	-	-
Slovakia	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	January 1, 1993
	-	-	-
South Africa	-	October 7, 1977	November 6, 1977
	-	October 7, 1977	November 6, 1977
	October 23, 1978	July 21, 1981	November 8, 1981
	March 19, 1991	-	-
Spain	-	April 18, 1980	May 18, 1980
	-	April 18, 1980	May 18, 1980
	-	-	-
	March 19, 1991	-	-
Sweden	-	November 17, 1971	December 17, 1971
	January 11, 1973	January 11, 1973	February 11, 1977
	December 6, 1978	December 1, 1982	January 1, 1983
	December 17, 1991	-	-
Switzerland	November 30, 1962	June 10, 1977	July 10, 1977
	November 10, 1972	June 10, 1977	July 10, 1977
	October 23, 1978	June 17, 1981	November 8, 1981
	March 19, 1991	-	-
United Kingdom	November 26, 1962	September 17, 1965	August 10, 1968
	November 10, 1972	July 1, 1980	July 31, 1980
	October 23, 1978	August 24, 1983	September 24, 1983
	March 19, 1991	-	-
United States of America	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	October 23, 1978	November 12, 1980	November 8, 1981
	October 25, 1991	-	-
Uruguay	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	October 13, 1994	November 13, 1994
	-	-	-