

## UK Depository Status List

### Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter

(signed at London, Mexico City, Moscow and Washington, 29 December 1972)

This Convention entered into force on 30 August 1975.  
The Convention was published in the UK Treaty Series as No. 43 (1976).

State	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification	Notes
Argentine Republic	10 May 1973	11 September 1979	
Australia	10 October 1973	21 August 1985	1
Belgium	25 September 1973	12 June 1985	1
Canada	9 February 1973	13 November 1975	
Denmark	29 December 1972	23 October 1974	1, 5
Finland	29 December 1972	3 May 1979	
France	31 May 1973	3 February 1977	1
Federal Republic of Germany	22 January 1973	18 November 1977	1, 2
Greece	9 November 1973	10 August 1981	1
Hungary	14 December 1973	5 February 1976	
Iceland	29 December 1972	24 May 1973	
Ireland	31 December 1973	17 February 1982	
Italy	29 December 1972	30 April 1984	1
Japan	22 June 1973	15 October 1980	
Jordan	23 August 1973		
Cambodia (signed as Khmer Republic)	2 January 1973		
Kuwait	1 March 1973		
Lebanon	15 May 1973		
Liberia	1 January 1973		
Luxembourg	29 December 1972	21 February 1991	1
Mexico	29 December 1972	7 April 1975	
Monaco	5 October 1973	16 May 1977	1
Nepal	1 January 1973		
Netherlands	12 April 1973	2 December 1977	6, 7
New Zealand	30 May 1973	30 April 1975	1
Norway	29 December 1972	4 April 1974	
Philippines	29 December 1972		
Portugal	29 December 1972	14 April 1978	8
Russian Federation (signed as Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	29 December 1972	30 December 1975	
Spain	27 April 1973	31 July 1974	
Sweden	29 December 1972	21 February 1974	
Switzerland	6 June 1973	31 July 1979	
Togo	21 November 1973		
United Kingdom	29 December 1972	17 November 1975	1, 3, 4, 9
United States of America	29 December 1972	29 April 1974	

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Afghanistan	2 April 1975	
Antigua and Barbuda	6 January 1989	
Azerbaijan	1 July 1997	
Barbados	4 May 1994	
Benin	28 April 2011	
Bolivia	10 June 1999	10
Brazil	26 July 1982	
Bulgaria	25 January 2006	
Chile	4 August 1977	
Côte d'Ivoire	9 October 1987	
Cuba	1 December 1975	
Cyprus	18 June 1990	
Democratic Republic of Congo (signed as Zaire)	16 September 1975	
Egypt	30 July 1992	
Equatorial Guinea	21 January 2004	
Gabon	5 February 1982	
German Democratic Republic	20 August 1976	2
Iran	20 January 1997	
Jamaica	22 March 1991	
Kenya	7 January 1976	
Libya	22 November 1976	
Malta	28 December 1989	
Nauru	26 July 1982	
Nigeria	19 March 1976	
Oman	14 March 1984	
Pakistan	9 March 1995	
Papua New Guinea	11 March 1980	
People's Republic of China	14 November 1985	1, 9
Peru	7 May 2003	
Poland	23 January 1979	
Republic of Korea	21 December 1993	
Republic of Serbia (continuation state of Serbia & Montenegro)	25 June 1976	11
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	24 October 2001	
Seychelles	29 October 1984	
Sierra Leone	12 March 2008	
South Africa	7 August 1978	
Suriname	21 October 1980	
Syria	6 May 2009	1
Tanzania	28 July 2008	12
Tonga	8 November 1995	

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Tunisia	13 April 1976	
United Arab Emirates	9 August 1974	
Vanuatu	22 September 1992	

#### Successions

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Croatia	23 September 1992	
Kiribati	12 May 1982	
Slovenia	27 May 1992	
Solomon Islands	6 March 1984	

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- 1 See table of reservations and declarations below.
- 2 The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic united to form one sovereign state on 3 October 1990.
- 3 Extended to Guernsey, Isle of Man, Belize, Bermuda, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Falkland Island Dependencies, Gilbert Islands, Hong Kong<sup>2</sup>, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie & Oeno Islands, St Helena & Dependencies, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Turks & Caicos Islands, Tuvalu and United Kingdom Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia on the island of Cyprus, on 17 November 1975.
- 4 Extended to Jersey on 5 March 1976.
- 5 Extended to the Faroe Islands on 15 November 1976.
- 6 Extended to Netherlands Antilles on 2 December 1977.
- 7 Extended to Aruba on 1 January 1986.
- 8 Extended to Macau on 12 May 1999.
- 9 Ceased to apply to Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997; Applied to Hong Kong SAR with effect from 1 July 1997.
- 10 Accession accepted as having the same legal effect as ratification. Bolivia previously signed in Mexico City on 29 December 1972.
- 11 As of 3 June 2006, the Republic of Serbia became the continuation state of Serbia and Montenegro. In a Note dated 12 December 2006, the Government of the Republic of Montenegro confirmed that this Agreement continued in force for the Republic of Montenegro with effect from 3 June, 2006.
- 12 In a letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization dated 26 November 2008, the Tanzanian High Commission stated as follows: The United Republic of Tanzania is formed by Tanzania Mainland and Tanzania Zanzibar. In accordance with the constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, Zanzibar enjoys a high degree of autonomy in a number of matters (non-union) including Maritime Administration. In this connection...the Conventions ratified/acceded to by the United Republic of Tanzania, apply to Zanzibar. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania will assume responsibility for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the Conventions to Zanzibar.  
(The content of the letter from the Tanzanian High Commission were relayed to the Government of the United Kingdom by the Secretary-General of the IMO in a letter dated 3 Dec. 2008)

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<b>Reservations and declarations</b>	
Australia	<p>Declaration regarding paragraph (1)(c) of Article VII:</p> <p>The Australian Government considers that the provisions of the present Convention in no way detract from the rights of a coastal State to take action in areas under its jurisdiction, and in particular, from the right of a coastal State to take action for the purpose of protecting the resources of its continental shelf.</p>
Belgium	<p>Reservation:</p> <p>Le Gouvernement belge estime qu'en l'état actuel du Droit international et considérant les travaux en cours dans ce domaine, certaines dispositions de la Convention ne peuvent être interprétées comme attribuant à un Etat côtier des droits de contrôle des immersions au-delà des limites généralement acceptées par le Droit international.</p> <p>Le Gouvernement belge estime également que la présente Convention ne peut être interprétée comme modifiant en quoi que ce soit l'état actuel du Droit international en matière de responsabilité.</p>
People's Republic of China	<p>Declaration:</p> <p>The signature by the Taiwan authorities in the name of China on December 29, 1972, is illegal and therefore null and void.</p>
Denmark	<p>Declaration:</p> <p>Under Danish law in force, the matters regulated by the Convention constitute a special Faroese affair and the provisions relating to implementation of the Convention have not yet been adopted in so far as the Faroe Islands are concerned. The ratification of Denmark is therefore, until further notice, subject to reservation with regard to the obligation of the Faroe Islands under the Convention.</p> <p>On 2 November 1976, the Danish Government notified the United Kingdom Government that:</p> <p>On 24 August 1976, the local Faroese authorities announced the passing of the legislation requisite to the entry into force of the Convention. Consequently the reservation relative to the Faroese obligations pursuant to the Convention shall be repealed with effect from 15 November 1976."</p>
France	<p>Declaration:</p> <p>Le Gouvernement français estime qu'en l'état actuel du droit international et compte tenu des travaux en cours dans ce domaine, aucune disposition de la présente Convention ne peut être interprétée comme conférant à un Etat côtier le droit de contrôler des immersions hors des conditions généralement admises par le Droit international.</p>

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Il estime également que la présente Convention ne peut être interprétée comme modifiant en quoi que ce soit l'état actuel du Droit international en ce qui concerne les principes de la responsabilité.

Dans les cas où les dispositions de la présente Convention seraient interprétées comme faisant obstacle à des activités qu'il estime nécessaires à sa défense nationale, le Gouvernement français n'appliquerait pas lesdites dispositions à ces activités."

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Federal Republic of Germany

Declaration on signature:

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany reserves the right to formulate, on the occasion of its ratification of the present Convention, its attitude in respect of statements made by other States on the occasion of signature or ratification of the present Convention and to make reservations or statements on its part. In particular, it is of the opinion that at the present state of international law, the provisions of the present Convention cannot be interpreted as granting the right to a coastal State to assume by unilateral action control over zones of the high sea beyond the limits provided by international law".

Declaration on ratification:

With effect from the day on which the Convention enters into force for the Federal Republic of Germany it will also apply to Berlin (West).

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Greece

Reservations:

1. Article VII par.1(c) should be construed in connection with the provisions of Article XIII.
2. The true meaning of the provisions of Article XIII is that no right is recognised to any coastal State on the dumping control beyond the provisions of existing international law.

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Italy

Declaration:

Le Gouvernement italien estime qu'en l'état actuel du droit international et considérant les travaux en préparation dans ce domaine, les dispositions de la présente Convention ne peuvent être interprétées comme attribuant des droits à un Etat côtier de contrôler des immersions hors des conditions généralement admises par le droit international. Il estime également que la présente Convention ne peut être interprétée comme modifiant en quoi que ce soit l'état actuel du droit international en ce qui concerne les principes de la responsabilité."

By a Note of 30 April 1984, the Italian Government, on ratification, replaced the above declaration with the following:

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Le Gouvernement italien estime que la presente convention ne peut etre interpretee comme modifiant en quoi que ce soit l'etat actuel du Droit International en ce qui concerne les principes de responsabilite."

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Luxembourg

Declaration:

Le Gouvernement luxembourgeois estime qu'en l'etat actuel du droit international et considerant les travaux en preparation dans ce domaine les dispositions de la presente Convention ne peuvent etre interpretees comme attribuant des droits a un Etat cotier de controler des immersions hors des conditions generalement admises par le droit international.

Il estime egalement que la presente Convention ne peut etre interpretee comme modifiant en quoi que ce soit l'etat actuel du droit international en ce qui concerne les principes de la responsabilite.

In a communication dated 20 February 1991 the Government of Luxembourg notified the United Kingdom of the withdrawal of the reservations stipulated by Luxembourg upon the signature of the Convention.

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Monaco

Declaration:

Le Gouvernement Princier estime qu'en l'etat actuel du Droit International et considerant les travaux en preparation dans ce domaine, les dispositions de la presente Convention ne peuvent etre interpretees comme attribuant des droits a un Etat cotier de controler des immersions hors des conditions generalement admises par le Droit International.

Il estime egalement que la presente Convention ne peut etre interpretee comme modifiant en quoi qu ce soit d'etat actuel du Droit International en ce qui concerne les principes de la responsabilite."

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New Zealand

Declaration:

The New Zealand Government takes the view that the provisions of the present Convention cannot be interpreted as restricting the right of a coastal State to take measures to control marine pollution and in particular to control dumping in areas under its jurisdiction."

On ratification the Government of New Zealand declared that its ratification did not extend to the Cook Islands, and the Tokelau Islands.

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Syria

Declaration [Depositary's Translation; Original in Arabic]:

The Syria Arab Republic's accession to this Agreement does not in any way signify recognition of Israel and will not lead to entry into any dealing

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with it that is regulated by the provisions of the Agreement.

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United Kingdom

Declaration:

The United Kingdom considers that in the light of existing international law and taking into account the work being prepared in this field, the provisions of the present Convention cannot be interpreted as recognising any right in a coastal State to control dumping beyond that which it has under generally accepted principles of international law.

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