

**United Kingdom Treaty Action Bulletin for June
2014**

TREATIES FOR WHICH THE UK IS DEPOSITARY

Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats
(Bristol, 24 - 26 July 2000)

Action: Portuguese Republic: acceptance

On 9 May 2014, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland received an instrument of acceptance from the Portuguese Republic to the above Amendment which, in accordance with Article VII(4) of the Agreement, entered into force for the latter on 8 June 2014.

The full status list for the Amendment can be found on our web pages:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/treaties-for-which-the-uk-is-depositary>

Second Amending Protocol to the Agreement Concerning the European Air Group
(London, 12 December 2011 – 12 March 2012)

Action: Kingdom of Belgium: ratification

On 12 June 2014, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland received an instrument of ratification from the Kingdom of Belgium to the above Amending Protocol, which is not yet in force.

BILATERAL TREATIES PUBLISHED THIS MONTH

Film Co-Production Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China
(Beijing, 23 April 2014) has been published as PR China Country Series No.1 (2014) Cm 8877. The Agreement is not yet in force.

Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Colombia
(Bogota, 17 March 2010) has been published as Colombia Country Series No.1 (2014) Cm 8887. The Agreement is not yet in force.

MULTILATERAL TREATIES PUBLISHED THIS MONTH

None

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EU TREATIES PUBLISHED THIS MONTH

None

MULTILATERAL TREATIES: UK ACTIONS

Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 [PAL PROT 2002] (Adopted, London 1 November 2002)

Action: territorial application: Gibraltar

On 11 June, the International Maritime Organization, as depositary, communicated the above action, which took effect on 8 May 2014.

Confirmation can be found on the depositary's website:

<http://www.imo.org/OurWork/Circulars/Pages/IMODOCS.aspx>

Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 (Athens, 13 December 1974 – 31 December 1975)

Action: territorial denunciation: Gibraltar

On 11 June, the International Maritime Organization, as depositary, communicated the above action, which took effect on 8 May 2014.

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Protocol to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 (London, 19 November 1976)

Action: territorial denunciation: Gibraltar

On 11 June, the International Maritime Organization, as depositary, communicated the above action, which took effect on 8 May 2014.

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Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal, 29 January 2000)

Action: territorial application: Gibraltar

On 5 June 2014, the Secretary-General of the UN, as depositary, communicated the above action, which was effected on 30 May 2014.

Confirmation can be found on the depositary's website:

<https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2014/CN.327.2014-Eng.pdf>

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (New York, 9 December 1999)

Action: objection to interpretative declaration made by Kuwait upon accession

On 23 June 2014, the Secretary-General of the UN, as depositary, communicated the above action, which was effected on 18 June 2014, reading as follows:

“The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland consider that the Interpretative Declaration constitutes a Reservation limiting the scope of the Convention and that the Reservation is not in compliance with Article 19 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties in that it is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention.

The purpose of the Convention is to suppress the financing of all terrorist acts. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland consider the Reservation made by the State of Kuwait to be contrary to the terms of Article 6 of the Convention, under which States Parties are committed to ‘adopt such measures as may be necessary, including, where appropriate, domestic legislation, to ensure that criminal acts within the scope of this Convention are under no circumstances justifiable by considerations of political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other similar nature.’

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland recall that, according to customary international law as codified in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention shall not be permitted.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland therefore object to the Interpretative Declaration made by the State of Kuwait to the Convention. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between Kuwait and the United Kingdom.”

Confirmation can be found on the depositary's website:

<https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2014/CN.422.2014-Eng.pdf>