

**TREATIES FOR WHICH THE UK IS DEPOSITARY**

**Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction** (London, Moscow and Washington, 10 April 1972)

**Action: correction of typographical error in status list**

An error relating to the entry into force date in respect of the Federal Republic of Germany was detected and corrected. The status list now refers to 7 April 1983 rather than 7 April 1973.

**PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTRY SERIES THIS MONTH**

None

**PUBLISHED IN THE MISCELLANEOUS SERIES THIS MONTH**

**Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict 1999** (The Hague, 26 March 1999) was published as Miscellaneous Series No.1 (2017) Cm 9411.

**PUBLISHED IN THE EU SERIES THIS MONTH**

None

**PUBLISHED IN THE TREATY SERIES THIS MONTH**

**Film Co-Production Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil** (Brasilia, 28/09/2012) was published as Treaty Series No.7 (2017) Cm 9406.

**Convention between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital** (Montevideo, 24/02/2016) was published as Treaty Series No.8 (2017) Cm 9414.

**Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation on the termination of the Agreement of 6 October 2011 between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation in the area of Taxation, as amended by the Protocol of 20 March 2012 (hereinafter "Termination Agreement")** (London, 14/11/2016) was published as Treaty Series No.9 (2017) Cm 9424.

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**Exchange of Notes to amend the Convention between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Canada for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital Gains, signed at London on 8 September 1978, as amended by the Protocol signed at Ottawa on 15 April 1980, by the Protocol signed at London on 16 October 1985, by the Protocol signed at London on 7 May 2003 and the Protocol signed at London on 21 July 2014** (London, 27/07/2015 and 11/08/2015) was published as Treaty Series No.10 (2017) Cm 9425.

**Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization adopted by the Third Extraordinary International Hydrographic Conference, held at Monaco, 14 April 2005, with consolidated version** was published as Treaty Series No.11 (2017) Cm 9427.

**Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America to Improve International Tax Compliance and to Implement FATCA** (London, 12 September 2012) [and] **Exchange of Notes between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America Updating and Amending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America to Improve International Tax Compliance and to Implement FATCA done at London on 12 September 2012** (Washington, 3 and 7 July 2013) were published as Treaty Series No.12 (2017) Cm 9428.

### **MULTILATERAL TREATIES: UK ACTIONS**

**Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice** (San Francisco, 26 June 1945): Declarations recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court of Justice under Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court

#### **Action: UK declaration**

Communicated by the depositary, the UN, on 22 February 2017:

“Dear Secretary-General,

I have the honour, by directions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, to notify you, on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, that the United Kingdom's declaration under paragraph 2 of Article 36 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice dated 30 December 2014 is hereby replaced, with immediate effect, by the attached declaration.

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(Signed) Matthew Rycroft

### Declaration of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under Article 36(2) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice

1. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland accept as compulsory ipso facto and without special convention, on condition of reciprocity, the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, in conformity with paragraph 2 of Article 36 of the Statute of the Court, until such time as notice may be given to terminate the acceptance, over all disputes arising after 1 January 1987, with regard to situations or facts subsequent to the same date, other than:

(i) any dispute which the United Kingdom has agreed with the other Party or Parties thereto to settle by some other method of peaceful settlement;

(ii) any dispute with the government of any other country which is or has been a Member of the Commonwealth;

(iii) any dispute in respect of which any other Party to the dispute has accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice only in relation to or for the purpose of the dispute; or where the acceptance of the Court's compulsory jurisdiction on behalf of any other Party to the dispute was deposited or ratified less than twelve months prior to the filing of the application bringing the dispute before the Court;

(iv) any claim or dispute which is substantially the same as a claim or dispute previously submitted to the Court by the same or another Party;

(v) any claim or dispute in respect of which the claim or dispute in question has not been notified to the United Kingdom by the State or States concerned in writing, including of an intention to submit the claim or dispute to the Court failing an amicable settlement, at least six months in advance of the submission of the claim or dispute to the Court;

(vi) any claim or dispute that arises from or is connected with or related to nuclear disarmament and/or nuclear weapons, unless all of the other nuclear-weapon States Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons have also consented to the jurisdiction of the Court and are party to the proceedings in question.

2. The Government of the United Kingdom also reserves the right at any time, by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with effect as from the moment of such notification, either to add to, amend or withdraw any of the foregoing reservations, or any that may hereafter be added.

22 February 2017"

Confirmation can be found on the depositary's site:

<https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/CN/2017/CN.105.2017-Eng.pdf>