International Agreement regarding the Maintenance of Certain Lights in the Red Sea, (signed at London, 20 February to 19 August, 1962)

This Agreement entered into force on 28 October 1966 and ceased to be in force on 31 March 1990.

The Agreement was published in the UK Treaty Series as No. 08 (1967).

State	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of acceptance	Notes
Denmark	3 August 1962	Not required	
Federal Republic of Germany	16 August 1962	14 September 1965	1, 2
Italy	14 August 1962	26 October 1966	
Netherlands	16 August 1962	15 January 1964	3, 6
Norway	17 August 1962	25 October 1966	
Sweden	2 August 1962	Not required	
United Kingdom	20 February 1962	Not required	7
United States of America	2 March 1962	6 April 1964	

Non-signatory Acceptances

State	Date of deposit of instrument of	Notes
	acceptance	
Arab Republic of Egypt	3 October 1963	4
Greece	17 July 1986	1
Kuwait	17 December 1979	
Liberia	5 July 1967	
Pakistan	27 October 1965	
People's Republic of China	6 June 1979	5
Portugal	16 September 1982	
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	16 December 1966	

Denunciation of the Agreement and cessation of financial contributions

State	Date of notification	Effective date of denunciation under Article 12 (1)	Effective date of cessation of contributions under Article 5 (1)
Arab Republic of Egypt	Not denounced a	is at 31 March 1990	
Denmark	30 March 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Federal Republic of Germany	11 March 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Greece	17 July 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Italy	18 May 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Kuwait	14 June 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990

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State	Date of notification	Effective date of denunciation under Article 12 (1)	Effective date of cessation of contributions under Article 5 (1)
Liberia	29 July 1988	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Netherlands	29 March 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Norway	31 July 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Pakistan	Not denounced a	s at 31 March 1990	
People's Republic of China	3 February 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Portugal	31 March 1987	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Sweden	6 March 1990	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1 March 1990	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
United Kingdom	12 September 1989	31 March 1990	31 March 1990
United States of America	27 September 1988	31 March 1990	31 March 1990

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	Notes		
1	See table of reservations and declarations below.		
2	Also applies to Berlin (West).		
3	The Netherlands accepted for the Kingdom in Europe, for Suriname and for the Netherlands Antilles.		
	Note: On 1 January 1986 the Island of Aruba, which was a part of the Netherlands Antilles, obtained internal autonomy as a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Consequently the Kingdom consists of three countries, namely the Netherlands (Kingdom in Europe), the Netherlands Antilles (without Aruba) and Aruba.		
4	Accepted as United Arab Republic.		
5	China withdrew from the Agreement effective from 31 March 1990.		
6	The Netherlands denounced the Agreement for the Kingdom in Europe, for the Netherlands Antilles and for Aruba. In addition the Netherlands made the following declaration:		
	"This denunciation does not diminish the importance the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands attaches to the safety of navigation in the Red Sea area. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands therefore urges the other states, also with a view to safeguarding the marine environment, to continue to ensure the safety of navigation for ships under their jurisdiction."		
7	In a Note dated 17 March 1989, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office gave notice to all Contracting Governments that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland intended to exercise its right under Article 6(1) of the Agreement to discontinue its obligation to be managing Government and would cease to be managing Government with effect from 31 March 1990.		

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Declarations and reservations

Federal Republic of Germany

Statement on acceptance:

- "1. The signing of the aforementioned Agreement by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany shall not prejudice the principle according to which the maintenance of lights on islands is the responsibility of the State to whose territory the islands in question belong. Furthermore, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, with reference to paragraphs (2) and (3) of Article 3, will not be in a position to agree to expenditure which would result in the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany having to make a contribution in excess of DM 30,000 in any one year.
- 2. The agreement shall also apply to Land Berlin with effect from the date on which it enters into force for the Federal Republic of Germany."

Communication dated 23 July 1980:

"The reservation made by the Federal Republic of Germany on 15 September 1965 when depositing its instrument of acceptance of the International Agreement regarding the Maintenance of Certain Lights in the Red Sea, which referred to the maximum annual contribution shall be withdrawn with effect from 1 April 1981. Payment of the full contribution for the accounting period from 1 April 1980 to 31 March 1981 is, however, still subject to adequate budget funds being appropriated by the legislative bodies. Apart from this, the Federal Republic of Germany expects the efforts to attract additional contracting States to be continued."

Statement dated 3 December 1981:

"The reservation made by the Federal Republic of Germany, which referred to the maximum annual contribution, has been withdrawn with effect from 1 April 1981. The full contribution for the accounting period from 1 April 1980 to 31 March 1981 will be paid."

Greece

Declaration on Acceptance:

"In accordance with paragraph (4) of Article 9 of the Agreement, the acceptance shall not take effect until 1 April 1987."

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