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**Changes in the status of ratification of and accession to
conventions and protocols in the field of the environment**

Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The Executive Director has the honour to present, in the annex to the present note, information on the status of new and existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment, covering the period 1 February 2009–31 January 2011. The annex has been issued without formal editing.

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Annex

Status of conventions and protocols in the field of the environment

1. The present document is submitted in response to Governing Council decision 24 (III) of 30 April 1975, which requested the Executive Director to inform the Council at each session of the status of new and existing conventions in the field of the environment, and to General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, which requested the Governing Council to keep the General Assembly informed of any new conventions in that field and of the status of existing conventions. It covers the period from 1 February 2009 to 31 January 2011. It is based on the information received by the UNEP secretariat from depositary Governments and organizations.

A. Conventions and protocols that have entered into force during the reporting period

2. The secretariat has been informed that the following instruments entered into force during the reporting period:

- (a) Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, adopted in Kiev on 21 May 2003, entered into force on 8 October 2009;
- (b) Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, adopted in Kiev on 22 May 2003, entered into force on 28 April 2010;
- (c) Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, adopted in Kiev on 21 May 2003, entered into force on 11 July 2010;
- (d) Agreement on the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission, approved by the FAO Council at its Hundred and Thirty Seventh Session in October 2009, entered into force on 3 December 2010.

B. New conventions and protocols concluded during the reporting period

3. The secretariat has been informed that the following instruments have been concluded during the reporting period:

- (a) Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009, adopted in Hong Kong, China on 15 May 2009;
- (b) Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, approved on 22 November 2009 at the Thirty-sixth Session of the FAO Conference;
- (c) Agreement on the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission, approved by the FAO Council at its Hundred and Thirty Seventh Session in October 2009;
- (d) Amendments to the Text and to Annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VIII to the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants, adopted in Geneva on 18 December 2009;
- (e) Amendments to Annexes I and II to the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, adopted in Geneva on 18 December 2009;
- (f) Amended Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean, adopted in Nairobi on 1 April 2010;
- (g) Protocol for the Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean from Land-Based Sources and Activities, adopted in Nairobi on 1 April 2010;
- (h) Protocol of 2010 to Amend the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996, adopted in London on 30 April 2010;
- (i) Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, adopted in Nagoya, Japan on 15 October 2010;

(j) Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, adopted in Nagoya, Japan on 29 October 2010.

C. Changes to the status of ratification for the existing conventions and protocols during the reporting period

4. The appendix below provides information on recent changes to the status of ratification for the existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment.

Appendix

Changes to the status of ratification of/accession to conventions and protocols in the field of the environment

From 1 February 2009 to 31 January 2011

Title of the instrument/year of adoption	Total number of those ratified/acceded	Date of entry into force of the instrument	Countries/entities that had ratified/acceded to the instrument during the reporting period 1 February 2009–31 January 2011 (listing of new Parties only)
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, 1979	114	1 November 1983	Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Montenegro
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 1985	196	22 September 1988	San Marino, Timor-Leste
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 1987	196	1 January 1989	San Marino, Timor-Leste
London Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 1990	195	10 August 1992	Ethiopia, Lesotho, San Marino, Timor-Leste
Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 1992	192	14 June 1994	Brunei Darussalam, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Myanmar, San Marino, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste
Montreal Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 1997	182	10 November 1999	Cameroon, China, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, San Marino, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste
Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 1999	166	25 February 2002	Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, San Marino, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Yemen
Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, 1989	175	5 May 1992	Lao People's Democratic Republic, Somalia
Amendment to the Basel Convention, 1995	69	Not yet in force	Chile, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Kenya
Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes, 1999	10	Not yet in force	Yemen
Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992	193	29 December 1993	Iraq, Somalia
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2000	160	11 September 2003	Angola, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Malawi, Pakistan, Somalia
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992	194	21 March 1994	Iraq, Somalia
Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1997	192	16 February 2005	Brunei Darussalam, Chad, Kazakhstan, San Marino, Somalia, Zimbabwe

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Amendment to Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 2006	23	Not yet in force	China, Egypt, France, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, 1994	194	26 December 1996	Iraq
Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, 1998	140	24 February 2004	Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mozambique, Serbia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago
Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2001	172	17 May 2004	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ireland, Somalia
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982	161	16 November 1994	Chad, Dominican Republic, Malawi, Switzerland
Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, 1994	140	16 November 1994	Angola, Chad, Dominican Republic, Malawi, Switzerland
Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, 1995	78	11 December 2001	Indonesia, Nigeria, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tuvalu
Convention on the Law of Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, 1997	21	Not yet in force	Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Nigeria, Spain, Tunisia
Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas, 2003	7	3 February 2008	Poland, Sweden
International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006	56	Not yet in force	Austria, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Congo, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, 1976	74	5 October 1978	Honduras

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Convention on the Prohibition, Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, 1992	188	29 April 1997	Bahamas, Dominican Republic
Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, 1996	153	Not yet in force	Central African Republic, Liberia, Marshall Islands, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago
Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects, 2003	71	12 November 2006	Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Ecuador, Gabon, Honduras, Italy, Latvia, Mali, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, United Arab Emirates
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, 1971 (Ramsar Convention on Wetlands)	160	21 December 1975	Lao People's Democratic Republic, Turkmenistan
Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, 1972	187	17 December 1975	Equatorial Guinea
International Plant Protection Convention, 1951	177	3 April 1952	Benin, Botswana, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Montenegro, Singapore, Tajikistan
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, 2001	127	29 June 2004	Albania, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Slovakia
Agreement for the Establishment of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, 2004	27	21 October 2004	Slovakia
Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas, 1993	39	24 April 2003	Brazil, Senegal
Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, 1986	109	27 October 1986	Dominican Republic, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mozambique, Oman
Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, 1986	105	26 February 1987	Kazakhstan, Mozambique, Oman
Convention on Nuclear Safety, 1994	72	24 October 1996	Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam
Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, 1997	57	18 June 2001	Cyprus, Gabon, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan
Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972	86	30 August 1975	Syrian Arab Republic

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1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972, 1996	39	24 March 2006	Ghana, Nigeria
Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, 1978	150	2 October 1983	Turkmenistan
International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-Operation, 1990	102	13 May 1995	Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia
Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-Operation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, 2000	25	14 June 2007	China, Germany
Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971, 1992	105	30 May 1996	Benin, Syrian Arab Republic
Protocol of 2003 to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992, 2003	27	3 March 2005	Australia, Canada, Morocco, Republic of Korea
International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996	14	Not yet in force	Ethiopia
International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001	58	21 November 2008	Albania, Australia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Jordan, Kiribati, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Serbia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tuvalu, Vietnam
International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001	49	17 September 2008	Belgium, Canada, Ethiopia, Finland, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, Serbia, Singapore, Syrian Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004	27	Not yet in force	Brazil, Canada, Cook Islands, Croatia, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Sweden
Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007	1	Not yet in force	Nigeria
Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds, 1995	63	1 November 1999	Ethiopia

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Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, 1991	24	22 April 1998	Burkina Faso
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), 1984	43	28 January 1988	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent, 1985	25	2 September 1987	Albania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes, 1988	34	14 February 1991	Albania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes, 1991	24	29 September 1997	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, 1994	29	5 August 1998	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals, 1998	30	29 December 2003	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 1998	30	23 October 2003	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, 1999	26	17 May 2005	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 1991	45	10 September 1997	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Malta, Montenegro
Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 2001	19	Not yet in force	Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland
Protocol on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 2003	21	11 July 2010	Armenia, Austria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Montenegro, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain

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Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, 2004	16	Not yet in force	Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Spain
Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, 1992	38	6 October 1996	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia
Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, 1999	24	4 August 2005	Belarus, Netherlands, Spain
Amendments to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, 2003	16	Not yet in force	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, France, Latvia, Serbia, Spain
Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 1998	44	30 October 2001	Montenegro, Serbia
Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers, 2003	27	8 October 2009	Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Amendment to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, 2005	26	Not yet in force	Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity to the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, 2003	4	28 April 2010	Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine
European Landscape Convention, 2000	33	1 March 2004	Georgia, Sweden
European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport (Revised), 2003	11	14 March 2006	Cyprus
Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, 1995	18	12 December 1999	Lebanon, Morocco
Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean, 2008	5	Not yet in force	Albania, European Union, France, Slovenia, Spain