

8. a) Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity

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Note: The above Protocol was adopted on 29 January 2000 by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at the resumed session of its first extraordinary meeting held in Montreal from 24 to 29 January 2000. The Protocol will be open for signature by States and by regional economic integration organizations in Nairobi at the United Nations Office from 15 to 26 May 2000, and at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5 June 2000 to 4 June 2001, in accordance with its article 36.

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Afghanistan.....		20 Feb 2013 a	Cambodia.....		17 Sep 2003 a
Albania.....		8 Feb 2005 a	Cameroon.....	9 Feb 2001	20 Feb 2003
Algeria.....	25 May 2000	5 Aug 2004	Canada.....	19 Apr 2001	
Angola.....		27 Feb 2009 a	Central African Republic.....	24 May 2000	18 Nov 2008
Antigua and Barbuda.....	24 May 2000	10 Sep 2003	Chad.....	24 May 2000	1 Nov 2006
Argentina.....	24 May 2000		Chile.....	24 May 2000	
Armenia.....		30 Apr 2004 a	China ²	8 Aug 2000	8 Jun 2005 AA
Austria.....	24 May 2000	27 Aug 2002	Colombia.....	24 May 2000	20 May 2003
Azerbaijan.....		1 Apr 2005 a	Comoros.....		25 Mar 2009 a
Bahamas.....	24 May 2000	15 Jan 2004	Congo.....	21 Nov 2000	13 Jul 2006
Bahrain.....		7 Feb 2012 a	Cook Islands.....	21 May 2001	
Bangladesh.....	24 May 2000	5 Feb 2004	Costa Rica.....	24 May 2000	6 Feb 2007
Barbados.....		6 Sep 2002 a	Côte d'Ivoire.....		12 Mar 2015 a
Belarus.....		26 Aug 2002 a	Croatia.....	8 Sep 2000	29 Aug 2002
Belgium.....	24 May 2000	15 Apr 2004	Cuba.....	24 May 2000	17 Sep 2002
Belize.....		12 Feb 2004 a	Cyprus.....		5 Dec 2003 a
Benin.....	24 May 2000	2 Mar 2005	Czech Republic.....	24 May 2000	8 Oct 2001
Bhutan.....		26 Aug 2002 a	Democratic People's Republic of Korea.....	20 Apr 2001	29 Jul 2003
Bolivia (Plurinational State of).....	24 May 2000	22 Apr 2002	Democratic Republic of the Congo.....		23 Mar 2005 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....		1 Oct 2009 a	Denmark ³	24 May 2000	27 Aug 2002
Botswana.....	1 Jun 2001	11 Jun 2002	Djibouti.....		8 Apr 2002 a
Brazil.....		24 Nov 2003 a	Dominica.....		13 Jul 2004 a
Bulgaria.....	24 May 2000	13 Oct 2000	Dominican Republic.....		20 Jun 2006 a
Burkina Faso.....	24 May 2000	4 Aug 2003	Ecuador.....	24 May 2000	30 Jan 2003
Burundi.....		2 Oct 2008 a	Egypt.....	20 Dec 2000	23 Dec 2003
Cabo Verde.....		1 Nov 2005 a			

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Estonia	6 Sep	2000	24 Mar	2004		Lithuania.....	24 May	2000	7 Nov	2003	
Ethiopia.....	24 May	2000	9 Oct	2003		Luxembourg.....	11 Jul	2000	28 Aug	2002	
European Union.....	24 May	2000	27 Aug	2002	AA	Madagascar.....	14 Sep	2000	24 Nov	2003	
Fiji	2 May	2001	5 Jun	2001		Malawi.....	24 May	2000	27 Feb	2009	
Finland.....	24 May	2000	9 Jul	2004		Malaysia.....	24 May	2000	3 Sep	2003	
France	24 May	2000	7 Apr	2003	AA	Maldives			3 Sep	2002	a
Gabon.....			2 May	2007	a	Mali.....	4 Apr	2001	28 Aug	2002	
Gambia.....	24 May	2000	9 Jun	2004		Malta.....			5 Jan	2007	a
Georgia			4 Nov	2008	a	Marshall Islands.....			27 Jan	2003	a
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Ghana.....			30 May	2003	a	Mauritius.....			11 Apr	2002	a
Greece.....	24 May	2000	21 May	2004		Mexico	24 May	2000	27 Aug	2002	
Grenada.....	24 May	2000	5 Feb	2004		Monaco	24 May	2000			
Guatemala.....			28 Oct	2004	a	Mongolia.....			22 Jul	2003	a
Guinea.....	24 May	2000	11 Dec	2007		Montenegro ⁴			23 Oct	2006	d
Guinea-Bissau.....			19 May	2010	a	Morocco.....	25 May	2000	25 Apr	2011	
Guyana.....			18 Mar	2008	a	Mozambique	24 May	2000	21 Oct	2002	
Haiti	24 May	2000				Myanmar.....	11 May	2001	13 Feb	2008	
Honduras.....	24 May	2000	18 Nov	2008		Namibia	24 May	2000	10 Feb	2005	
Hungary	24 May	2000	13 Jan	2004		Nauru			12 Nov	2001	a
Iceland	1 Jun	2001				Nepal.....	2 Mar	2001			
India.....	23 Jan	2001	17 Jan	2003		Netherlands	24 May	2000	8 Jan	2002	A
Indonesia.....	24 May	2000	3 Dec	2004		New Zealand ⁵	24 May	2000	24 Feb	2005	
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	23 Apr	2001	20 Nov	2003		Nicaragua.....	26 May	2000	28 Aug	2002	
Iraq.....			3 Mar	2014	a	Niger	24 May	2000	30 Sep	2004	
Ireland.....	24 May	2000	14 Nov	2003		Nigeria	24 May	2000	15 Jul	2003	
Italy	24 May	2000	24 Mar	2004		Niue			8 Jul	2002	a
Jamaica	4 Jun	2001	25 Sep	2012		Norway	24 May	2000	10 May	2001	
Japan			21 Nov	2003	a	Oman			11 Apr	2003	a
Jordan.....	11 Oct	2000	11 Nov	2003		Pakistan.....	4 Jun	2001	2 Mar	2009	
Kazakhstan.....			8 Sep	2008	a	Palau	29 May	2001	13 Jun	2003	
Kenya.....	15 May	2000	24 Jan	2002		Panama.....	11 May	2001	1 May	2002	
Kiribati.....	7 Sep	2000	20 Apr	2004		Papua New Guinea			14 Oct	2005	a
Kyrgyzstan.....			5 Oct	2005	a	Paraguay	3 May	2001	10 Mar	2004	
Lao People's Democratic Republic			3 Aug	2004	a	Peru	24 May	2000	14 Apr	2004	
Latvia			13 Feb	2004	a	Philippines	24 May	2000	5 Oct	2006	
Lebanon			6 Feb	2013	a	Poland.....	24 May	2000	10 Dec	2003	
Lesotho			20 Sep	2001	a	Portugal.....	24 May	2000	30 Sep	2004	A
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						Republic of Korea.....	6 Sep	2000	3 Oct	2007	
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Romania.....	11 Oct 2000	30 Jun 2003	Tajikistan		12 Feb 2004 a
Rwanda	24 May 2000	22 Jul 2004	Thailand		10 Nov 2005 a
Samoa	24 May 2000	30 May 2002	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.....	26 Jul 2000	14 Jun 2005
Saudi Arabia		9 Aug 2007 a	Togo.....	24 May 2000	2 Jul 2004
Senegal.....	31 Oct 2000	8 Oct 2003	Tonga		18 Sep 2003 a
Serbia		8 Feb 2006 a	Trinidad and Tobago		5 Oct 2000 a
Seychelles	23 Jan 2001	13 May 2004	Tunisia	19 Apr 2001	22 Jan 2003
Slovakia	24 May 2000	24 Nov 2003	Turkey.....	24 May 2000	24 Oct 2003
Slovenia	24 May 2000	20 Nov 2002	Turkmenistan		21 Aug 2008 a
Solomon Islands		28 Jul 2004 a	Uganda.....	24 May 2000	30 Nov 2001
Somalia		26 Jul 2010 a	Ukraine		6 Dec 2002 a
South Africa.....		14 Aug 2003 a	United Arab Emirates		12 Sep 2014 a
Spain ^{6,7}	24 May 2000	16 Jan 2002	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ⁶	24 May 2000	19 Nov 2003
Sri Lanka.....	24 May 2000	28 Apr 2004	United Republic of Tanzania.....		24 Apr 2003 a
St. Kitts and Nevis		23 May 2001 a	Uruguay	1 Jun 2001	2 Nov 2011
St. Lucia.....		16 Jun 2005 a	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	24 May 2000	13 May 2002
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		27 Aug 2003 a	Viet Nam.....		21 Jan 2004 a
State of Palestine		2 Jan 2015 a	Yemen.....		1 Dec 2005 a
Sudan		13 Jun 2005 a	Zambia		27 Apr 2004 a
Suriname		27 Mar 2008 a	Zimbabwe	4 Jun 2001	25 Feb 2005
Swaziland.....		13 Jan 2006 a			
Sweden.....	24 May 2000	8 Aug 2002			
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Declarations

(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations were made upon ratification, accession, acceptance, approval or succession.)

EUROPEAN UNION

"The European Community declares that, in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 175(l) thereof, it is competent for entering into international agreements, and for implementing the obligations resulting therefrom, which contribute to the pursuit of the following objectives:

- preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment;
- protecting human health;
- prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources;
- promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems.

Moreover, the European Community declares that it has already adopted legal instruments, binding on its Member States, covering matters governed by this Protocol, and will submit and update, as appropriate, a list

of those legal instruments to the Biosafety Clearing House in accordance with Article 20(3)(a) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

The European Community is responsible for the performance of those obligations resulting from the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety which are covered by Community law in force.

The exercise of Community competence is, by its nature, subject to continuous development."

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

[The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic] affirms, however, that the accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to the said Protocol in no way signifies recognition of Israel nor shall it be conducive to entry into any dealings therewith in respect of matters governed by that Protocol.

Notes:

¹ For the purpose of entry into force of the [Convention/Protocol], any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited by a regional economic integration organization shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by member States of that Organization.

² With the following declaration in respect of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Macao Special Administrative Region:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 153 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Article 138 of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that the Protocol shall not apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China until the Government of the People's Republic of China notifies otherwise.

Subsequently, the Secretary-General received the following communication from the People's Republic of China:

China (Declaration of 9 May 2011):

In accordance with the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that the Protocol applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

³ With a territorial exclusion in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

⁴ See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

⁵ With the following territorial exclusion:

"... consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this ratification shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depositary on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

⁶ On 30 May 2014, the Government of the United Kingdom informed the Secretary-General of the Territorial Application of the Protocol in respect of Gibraltar as follows:

"... the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland wishes the United Kingdom's Ratification of the Protocol be extended to the territory of Gibraltar for

whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland considers the extension of the aforesaid Protocol to Gibraltar to take effect on the date that this notification is received for deposit ...".

⁷ On 9 July 2014, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Spain the following communication with regard to the Territorial Application by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Gibraltar:

1. Gibraltar is a Non-Self-Governing Territory for whose international relations the Government of the United Kingdom is responsible and which is subject to a process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly.

2. The authorities of Gibraltar are local in character, and exercise competences exclusively over internal affairs that originate in and are based on the powers allocated to and conferred on them by the United Kingdom, in accordance with its domestic legislation and in its capacity as the sovereign State upon which depends the said Non-Self-Governing Territory.

3. Consequently, any involvement by the Gibraltarian authorities in the implementation of this Convention shall be understood to take place exclusively within the framework of the internal affairs of Gibraltar and shall not be considered to affect in any way the content of the two preceding paragraphs.

4. The procedure envisaged in the Arrangements relating to Gibraltar authorities in the context of certain international treaties, which were agreed to by Spain and the United Kingdom on 19 December 2007 (together with "Agreed Arrangements relating to Gibraltar authorities in the context of European Union and European Community Instruments and Related Treaties" of 19 April 2000) applies to the present Convention.

5. The application to Gibraltar of the present Convention cannot be interpreted as recognition of any rights or situations involving matters not included in Article 10 of the Treaty of Utrecht of 13 July 1713, signed by the crowns of Spain and Great Britain.

