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Succession— Tonga	11 Nov., 1977	
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Accession— Uruguay	16 Sept., 1977	
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Succession— Tonga	11 Nov., 1977	
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Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles	New York, 4 June, 1954	1/1959 Cmd. 602
Succession— Tonga 10306	11 Nov., 1977	

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Denunciation— Netherlands	28 Jan., 1977 (effective date)	1978
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Accession— Senegal	14 Oct., 1977	
International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures	Kyoto, 18 May, 1973— 30 June, 1974	36/1975 Cmnd. 5938
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Accession— Chad	3 Nov., 1977	
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“The instruments of accession of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations contain a reservation, made by the Libyan Government in respect of paragraph 4, Article 27 of the said Convention, covering the legal regime of diplomatic mail.

In this connection the Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations wishes to inform the Secretary-General that the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic does not consider itself to be bound by the above-mentioned reservation.

The principle of the inviolability of diplomatic mail, as stated in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 27 of the Vienna Convention, is generally recognized in international law and is absolute and without exception in the sphere of its applicability.”

In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 7 November, 1977, the Government of the *Soviet Union* made the following declaration concerning the reservation by the Government of the *Libyan Arab Jamahiriya* in respect of Article 27 at the time of accession:

“The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not consider itself bound by the reservation made by the Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya concerning Article 27 of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.”

In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 11 October, 1977, the Government of the *Soviet Union* made the following objection concerning the reservations in respect of Article 37 of the Convention made by the Government of the *People’s Republic of China* on depositing their instrument of accession (see Treaty Series No. 162 (1975), Cmnd. 6454, page 12):

Translation—

The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not recognise the validity of the reservation expressed by the People’s Republic of China concerning paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 37 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 24 October, 1977, the Government of the *Ukraine* made the following objection to the reservations in respect of Article 37 of the Convention made by the Government of the *People’s Republic of China* on depositing their instrument of accession (see Treaty Series No. 162 (1975), Cmnd. 6454, page 12):

“The Government of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic does not recognize as valid the reservation to Article 37, paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations made by the People’s Republic of China.”

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS continued—		
<p>In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 2 November, 1977, the Government of <i>Byelorussia</i> made the following objection to the reservations in respect of Article 37 of the Convention made by the Government of the <i>People's Republic of China</i> on depositing their instrument of accession:</p>		
<i>Translation—</i>		
<p>... the Government of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic does not recognise the validity of the reservation made by the Chinese People's Republic to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 37 of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.</p>		
DISARMAMENT—		
Treaty banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water	Moscow, 5 Aug., 1963	3/1964 Cmnd. 2245
Ratification in Moscow—		
Bolivia	4 Aug., 1965	
Accession in Moscow—		
Guinea-Bissau	20 Aug., 1976	
Successions in Moscow—		
Bahamas	16 July, 1976	
Botswana	5 Jan., 1968	
Fiji	14 July, 1972	
Singapore	12 July, 1968	
Tonga	22 June, 1971	
	London, Moscow and Washington, 1 July, 1968	88/1970 Cmnd. 4474
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons		
Accession in London—		
Portugal	15 Dec., 1977	
Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof	London, Moscow and Washington, 11 Feb., 1971	13/1973 Cmnd. 5266
Ratification in Washington—		
Ethiopia	14 July, 1977	
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 Apr., 1972	11/1976 Cmnd. 6397
Ratification in London—		
Australia	5 Oct., 1977	
Ratifications in Moscow—		
Cuba	21 Apr., 1976	
Sierra Leone	29 June, 1976	
Switzerland (with declaration)*	4 May, 1976	

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DISARMAMENT (continued)—		
Accession in Moscow— Guinea-Bissau	20 Aug., 1976	
* On depositing their instrument of ratification in Moscow the Government of Switzerland confirmed the reservations made at the time of signature, viz.:		
<p>“ 1. Du fait que la Convention s’applique aussi aux armes, à l’équipement ou aux vecteurs destinés à l’emploi des agents biologiques ou des toxines, la délimitation de son champ d’application peut donner lieu à des difficultés, vu qu’il n’y a guère d’armes, d’équipement ou de vecteurs typiques à cet emploi. La Suisse se réserve dès lors de décider elle-même quels moyens auxiliaires tombent sous cette définition.</p> <p>2. En raison des obligations résultant de son statut d’Etat perpétuellement neutre, la Suisse est tenue de faire la réserve de portée générale que sa collaboration dans le cadre de cette Convention ne peut aller au-delà de ce que ce statut lui impose. Cette réserve vise spécialement l’article VII de la Convention ainsi que toute clause analogue qui pourrait remplacer ou compléter cette disposition dans la Convention (ou dans un autre arrangement).”</p>		
<i>Unofficial translation—</i>		
<p>1. Owing to the fact that the Convention applies also to arms, equipment or means of delivery designed for the use of biological agents or toxins, the delimitation of its sphere of application may give rise to difficulties, since there are scarcely any arms, equipment or means of delivery designed for such use, Switzerland now reserves the right to decide for itself which auxiliary means come under this definition.</p> <p>2. Owing to the obligations resulting from its status as a perpetually neutral State, Switzerland is bound to make the general reservation that its co-operation within the framework of this Convention cannot go beyond what this status prescribes. This reservation relates especially to Article VII of the Convention as well as any analogous clause which may replace or complete this provision in the Convention (or in any other arrangement).</p>		
DISPUTES—		
Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of other States ...	Washington, 18 Mar., 1965	25/1967 Cmnd. 3255
Signatures—		
Australia	24 Mar., 1975	
The Gambia	1 Oct., 1974	
Mali	9 Apr., 1976	
Ratifications—		
Fiji	11 Aug., 1977	
The Gambia	27 Dec., 1974	
Romania	12 Sept., 1975	

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ECUADOR—		
Exchange of Notes concerning a Development Loan by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of Ecuador (United Kingdom/Ecuador Loan No. 1 1973)	Quito, 22 Mar., 1973	85/1973 Cmnd. 5378
Note—		
By an Exchange of Notes dated 15 April/10 June, 1977, the Governments of the United Kingdom and Ecuador agreed to the following amendments to the above Agreement, as amended in 1975 and 1976 (see Treaty Series No. 113 (1976), Cmnd. 6747, page 7 and Treaty Series No. 36 (1977), Cmnd. 6792):		
(i) Section B (3) (a) (iii). The date "22 September 1977" is substituted for "22 September 1976".		
(ii) Section B (5) (c). The date "22 September 1978" is substituted for "22 September 1977".		
Exchange of Notes concerning a Development Loan by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of Ecuador for Hydro-Electric Equipment (United Kingdom/Ecuador Loan No. 2 1973)	Quito, 2 Oct., 1973	126/1973 Cmnd. 5503
Note—		
By an Exchange of Notes dated 15 April/10 June, 1977, the Governments of the United Kingdom and Ecuador agreed to the following amendments to the above Agreement, as amended in 1976 (see Treaty Series No. 13 (1977), Cmnd. 6725):		
(i) Section B (3) (a) (iii). The date "2 October 1977" is substituted for "2 April 1976".		
(ii) Section B (5) (c). The date "2 October 1978" is substituted for "2 April 1977".		
EDUCATION—		
<i>See also HUMAN RIGHTS</i>		
European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities	Paris, 11 Dec., 1953	38/1954 Cmd. 9168
Accession— Yugoslavia	15 Sept., 1977	
European Convention on the Equivalence of Periods of University Study	Paris, 15 Dec., 1956	71/1957 Cmnd. 301
Accession— Yugoslavia	15 Sept., 1977	
European Convention on the Academic Recognition of University Qualifications	Paris, 14 Dec., 1959	7/1962 Cmnd. 1591
Accession— Yugoslavia	15 Sept., 1977	
Protocol to the European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities	Strasbourg, 3 June, 1964	8/1965 Cmnd. 2536
Accession— Yugoslavia	15 Sept., 1977	

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FISHERIES—		
<i>See also</i> WHALING		
North-East Atlantic Fisheries Convention	London, 24 Jan., 1959	68/1963 Cmnd. 2190
Denunciation— Norway	1 July, 1978 (amended date)	
Note— In a communication dated 28 December, 1977 and received by the Government of the United Kingdom on 29 December, 1977, the Government of <i>Denmark</i> stated that their denunciation of the above Convention, which became effective on 29 December, 1977, does not apply to the <i>Faroe Islands</i> as they are not covered by the European Community Treaties. Denmark remains a member of the Commission as far as the <i>Faroe Islands</i> are concerned.		
HEALTH—		
Onchocerciasis Fund Agreement... ..	Washington, 7 May, 1975	54/1976 Cmnd. 6527
Acceptance— Federal Republic of Germany	21 July, 1977 (effective date)	
HUMAN RIGHTS—		
Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	Rome, 4 Nov., 1950	71/1953 Cmd. 8969
Renewal of Declaration made under Article 25— Switzerland	28 Nov., 1977 (for three years)	
Convention on the Political Rights of Women ...	New York, 31 Mar., 1953	101/1967 Cmnd. 3449
Accession— Zaire	12 Oct., 1977	
Convention against Discrimination in Education ...	Paris, 15 Dec., 1960	44/1962 Cmnd. 1760
Ratifications— Dominican Republic	30 Aug., 1977	
Iraq (with declaration)*	28 June, 1977	

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HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)—		
* The instrument of ratification of the Government of Iraq contains the following declaration:		
<i>Translation—</i>		
Ratification of this Convention by the Government of the Republic of Iraq shall, however, in no way signify recognition of Israel or entry into such dealings therewith as may be provided for in the Convention.		
Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages	New York, 10 Dec., 1962	102/1970 Cmnd. 4538
Accession—		
Iceland (with reservation)*	18 Oct., 1977	
*The instrument of accession of the Government of Iceland contains a reservation to the effect that Article 1, paragraph 2 of the Convention shall not apply to Iceland.		
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	New York, 7 Mar., 1966	77/1969 Cmnd. 4108
Ratification—		
Burundi	27 Oct., 1977	
<i>Note—</i>		
In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 28 October, 1977, the Government of <i>Tonga</i> referred to the reservations made at the time of deposit of their instrument of accession on 16 February, 1972 (<i>see</i> Treaty Series No. 118 (1972), Cmnd. 6218, page 11) and notified the Secretary-General that they had decided to withdraw the reservation relating to Article 5 (c) so far as it relates to elections, and their reservations relating to Articles 2, 3 and 5 (e) (v), so far as these articles relate to education and training. The notification took effect on 28 October, 1977.		
The reservations made by the Government of Tonga on acceding to the Convention were as follows:		
“To the extent, if any, that any law relating to elections in Tonga may not fulfil the obligations referred to in Article 5 (c), that any law relating to land in Tonga which prohibits or restricts the alienation of land by the indigenous inhabitants may not fulfil the obligations referred to in Article 5 (d) (v), or that the school system of Tonga may not fulfil the obligations referred to in Articles 2, 3 or 5 (e) (v), the Kingdom of Tonga reserves the right not to apply the Convention to Tonga.”		
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	New York, 19 Dec., 1966	6/1977 Cmnd. 6702
Signature—		
United States of America	5 Oct., 1977	
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ...	New York, 19 Dec., 1966	6/1977 Cmnd. 6702
Signature—		
United States of America	5 Oct., 1977	

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY—		
European Convention relating to the Formalities required for Patent Applications	Paris, 11 Dec., 1953	43/1955 Cmd. 9526
Denunciation— Netherlands (including the Netherlands Antilles)	6 Dec., 1978 (effective date)	
International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Paris, 20 March 1883 (as revised) ...	Lisbon, 31 Oct., 1958	38/1962 Cmdnd. 1715
Succession— Bahamas	10 July, 1975 (effective date)	
International Convention further revising the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of 20 March, 1883	Stockholm, 14 July, 1967– 13 Jan., 1968	61/1970 Cmdnd. 4431
Ratification— Italy	24 Apr., 1977 (effective date)	
Accessions—	<i>Effective dates</i>	
Bahamas (except Articles 1–12)	10 Mar., 1977	
Burundi	3 Sept., 1977	
Ghana	28 Sept., 1976	
Libya (with reservation and declaration)* ...	28 Sept., 1976	
Malta (except Articles 1–12 and Article 28 (1)) ...	12 Dec., 1977	
Succession— Surinam	25 Nov., 1975 (effective date)	
Extension— Hong Kong	16 Nov., 1977 (effective date)	
* The instrument of accession of the Libyan Arab Republic was accompanied by the following reservation and declaration:		
<i>Translation—</i>		
The Government of the Libyan Arab Republic declares that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of paragraph (f) of Article 28 of the Paris Convention concerning the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.		
The Government of the Libyan Arab Republic also considers it necessary to declare that the provisions of Article 24 of the Paris Convention, providing for the possibility of the application of the said Convention to colonies and dependent territories, are in contradiction with the Charter of the United Nations and Resolution 1514 (XV) of December 14, 1960, of the General Assembly of the United Nations.		

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (continued)—		
Act additional to the Madrid Agreement for the Suppression of False or Misleading Indications of Origin on Goods of 14 April, 1891, as later revised	Stockholm, 14 July, 1967– 26 Apr., 1970	62/1970 Cmnd. 4426
Ratification— Italy	24 Apr., 1977 (effective date)	
Agreement revising the Nice Agreement of 15 June, 1957, concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the purpose of the Registration of Marks	Stockholm, 14 July, 1967– 13 Jan., 1968	71/1970 Cmnd. 4437
Ratification— Italy	24 Apr., 1977 (effective date)	
Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization	Stockholm, 14 July, 1967– 13 Jan., 1968	52/1970 Cmnd. 4408
Accession— Malta	7 Sept., 1977	
Strasbourg Agreement concerning the International Patent Classification	Strasbourg, 24 Mar.– 30 Sept., 1971	113/1975 Cmnd. 6238
Ratification— Japan	<i>Effective date</i> 18 Aug., 1977	
Accessions— Czechoslovakia (with declaration)*	<i>Effective dates</i> 3 Aug., 1978	
German Democratic Republic (with declaration)†	24 Aug., 1977	
Succession— Surinam	<i>Effective date</i> 25 Nov., 1975	

* The instrument of accession of the Government of Czechoslovakia contains the following declaration:

[Translation by the Government of Czechoslovakia]

Acceding to the present Agreement, the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic wishes to declare that the provision of Article 12, paragraph 3, of the Agreement concerning the validity of the provision of Article 24 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in relation to the present Agreement has been overcome and is in contradiction with the Declaration of the United Nations on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

† The instrument of accession of the Government of the German Democratic Republic contains the following declaration:

[Translation by the Government of the German Democratic Republic]

In its position on Article 12, paragraph (3) of the Agreement which says that the provisions of Article 24 of the Stockholm Act of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property shall apply to this.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (continued)—		
Agreement as far as such application concerns colonial areas and other dependent territories, the German Democratic Republic is guided by the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Res. 1514 (XV) of December 14, 1960) which proclaims the necessity to bring to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations.		
Universal Copyright Convention, as revised (with Protocols 1 and 2)	Paris, 24 July, 1971	9/1975 Cmnd. 5844
Acceptance of Convention—		
Japan	21 July, 1977	
Acceptance of Protocol 1—		
Japan	21 July, 1977	
Acceptance of Protocol 2—		
Japan	21 July, 1977	
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY—		
<i>See also PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES</i>		
Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as amended (<i>see</i> Treaty Series No. 38 (1963), Cmnd. 2053 and Treaty Series No. 92 (1973), Cmnd. 5393)	New York, 26 Oct., 1956	19/1958 Cmnd. 450
Acceptances—		
Nicaragua	25 Mar., 1977	
Qatar	27 Feb., 1976	
Tanzania	6 Jan., 1976	
United Arab Emirates	15 Jan., 1976	
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT—		
Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Washington, 27 Dec., 1945	21/1946 Cmnd. 6885
Signatures and acceptances—		
Guinea-Bissau	24 Mar., 1977	
Sao Tome and Principe	30 Sept., 1977	
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Constitution of the International Labour Organisation (as amended) (<i>see also</i> Treaty Series No. 59 (1961), Cmnd. 1428; Treaty Series No. 9 (1964), Cmnd. 2259 and Treaty Series No. 110 (1975), Cmnd. 6207)	Montreal, 9 Oct., 1946	47/1948 Cmnd. 7452
Withdrawal—		
United States of America	6 Nov., 1977 (effective date)	

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND—		
Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund	Washington, 27 Dec., 1945	21/1946 Cmd. 6885
Signatures and acceptances—		
Guinea-Bissau	24 Mar., 1977	
Sao Tome and Principe	30 Sept., 1977	
Seychelles	30 June, 1977	
LABOUR—		
International Labour Convention No. 100. Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951	Geneva, 29 June, 1951	88/1972 Cmdnd. 5039
Ratifications—		
Lebanon	1 June, 1977	
Mozambique	6 June, 1977	
International Labour Convention No. 120. Hygiene (Commerce and Offices) Convention, 1964	Geneva, 8 July, 1964	30/1968 Cmdnd. 3580
Ratification—		
Lebanon	1 June, 1977	
International Labour Convention No. 122. Employment Policy Convention, 1964	Geneva, 9 July, 1964	65/1967 Cmdnd. 3360
Ratifications—		
Lebanon	1 June, 1977	
Uruguay	2 June, 1977	
International Labour Convention No. 124. Medical Examination of Young Persons (Underground Work) Convention, 1965	Geneva, 23 June, 1965	105/1967 Cmdnd. 3478
Ratification—		
Belgium	6 May, 1977	
International Labour Convention No. 135. Workers Representatives' Convention, 1971	Geneva, 23 June, 1971	30/1974 Cmdnd. 5612
Ratifications—		
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International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading	Brussels, 25 Aug., 1924	17/1931 Cmnd. 3806
Denunciations—		
United Kingdom, in respect of the United Kingdom and Isle of Man	13 June, 1977	
United Kingdom in respect of Gibraltar	22 Sept., 1977	
Protocol to amend the International Convention for the Unification of certain Rules relating to Bills of Lading signed at Brussels on 25 August 1924	Brussels, 23 Feb., 1968	83/1977 Cmnd. 6944
Extension—		
Gibraltar	22 Sept., 1977	
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Convention on the Nationality of Married Women	New York, 20 Feb., 1957	59/1958 Cmnd. 601
Accession—		
Iceland	18 Oct., 1977	
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<i>See</i> INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY		
PLANTS—		
International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (for Additional Act amending the Convention <i>see</i> Miscellaneous No. 4 (1974), Cmnd. 5758)	Paris, 2 Dec., 1961– 2 Dec., 1962	74/1969 Cmnd. 4081
Accession—		
South Africa (Convention and Additional Act)	7 Oct., 1977	
POLLUTION—		
International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage	Brussels, 29 Nov., 1969– 31 Dec., 1970	106/1975 Cmnd. 6183
Accession—		
Chile	2 Aug., 1977	

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POLLUTION (continued)—		
Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter	London, Mexico City, Moscow and Washington, 29 Dec., 1972– 31 Dec., 1973	43/1976 Cmnd. 6486
Ratifications in London—		
Federal Republic of Germany (also applies to Berlin (West))	18 Nov., 1977	
Netherlands (including Netherlands Antilles) ...	2 Dec., 1977	
Ratifications in Washington—		
Germany, Federal Republic of (also applies to Berlin (West))	8 Nov., 1977	
Morocco	18 Feb., 1977	
Accession in Washington—		
Cape Verde	26 May, 1977	
POSTAL CONVENTIONS—		
<i>See</i> UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION		
PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW—		
Statute of the Hague Conference on Private International Law	The Hague, 31 Oct., 1951	65/1955 Cmnd. 9582
Acceptance—		
Surinam	7 Oct., 1977	
Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance	New York, 20 June– 31 Dec., 1956	85/1975 Cmnd. 6084
Accession—		
Switzerland	5 Oct., 1977	
Note—		
In a communication received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 9 September, 1977, the Government of the <i>United Kingdom</i> notified the Secretariat that the entry concerning the designated authority in respect of England and Wales (<i>see</i> Treaty Series No. 85 (1975), Cmnd. 6084, page 14) should be modified to read:		
The Secretary of State, Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.		
Convention on the Conflicts of Laws relating to the form of Testamentary Dispositions	The Hague, 5 Oct., 1961	5/1964 Cmnd. 2250
Accession—		
Israel	11 Nov., 1977	
Convention abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents	The Hague, 5 Oct., 1961	32/1965 Cmnd. 2617
Ratification—		
Italy	13 Dec., 1977	

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PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)—		
Accession— Israel	15 June, 1978 (effective date)	
Note— In a communication dated 29 October, 1976, and received by the Government of the Netherlands on 11 November, 1976, the Government of <i>Surinam</i> declared that they consider themselves bound as from 25 November, 1975, the date of their independence, by the above Convention which was applied to their territory before the attainment of independence.		
European Convention on the Adoption of Children ...	Strasbourg, 24 Apr., 1967	51/1968 Cmnd. 3673
Extension— Isle of Man Bailiwick of Jersey Bailiwick of Guernsey (excluding Sark)	} 5 Sept., 1977	
European Convention on Information on Foreign Law	London, 7 June, 1968	117/1969 Cmnd. 4229
Ratifications— Greece Luxembourg (with declaration)*	5 Oct., 1977 14 Sept., 1977	
*On depositing their instrument of ratification the Government of Luxembourg made the following declaration: “The liability of the State in the case of an incomplete, false or mistaken reply to a request for information within the framework of the Convention, is limited to cases of fraud or inexcusable gross negligence.”		
Convention on the Taking of Evidence abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters	The Hague, 18 Mar., 1970	20/1977. Cmnd. 6727
Signature— Israel	11 Nov., 1977	
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES—		
Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency	Vienna, 1 July, 1959	27/1962 Cmnd. 1675
Acceptance— Nicaragua	17 Oct., 1977	
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION—		
<i>See</i> HUMAN RIGHTS		

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REFUGEES—		
Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness... ..	New York, 30 Aug., 1961– 31 May, 1962	158/1975 Cmnd. 6364
Accessions—		
Costa Rica	2 Nov., 1977	
Federal Republic of Germany (also applies to Berlin (West)) (with declaration)*	31 Aug., 1977	
*The instrument of accession of the Federal Republic of Germany was accompanied by the following declaration:		
<i>Translation—</i>		
The Federal Republic of Germany will apply the said Convention:		
(a) in respect of elimination of statelessness, to per- sons who are stateless under the terms of Article 1, paragraph 1, of the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 28 September, 1954 [Treaty Series No. 41 (1960), Cmnd. 1098];		
(b) in respect of prevention of statelessness and retention of nationality, to German nationals within the meaning of the Basic Law (Consti- tution) for the Federal Republic of Germany.		
ROAD TRANSPORT—		
Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR)	Geneva, 19 May, 1956	90/1967 Cmnd. 3455
Accession—		
Bulgaria (with reservation)*	20 Oct., 1977	
*The instrument of accession of the Government of Romania contains the following reservation:		
<i>Translation—</i>		
The People's Republic of Bulgaria does not con- sider itself bound by Article 47 which envisages obligatory jurisdiction by the International Court of Justice.		
Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Con- ditions of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts and Reciprocal Recognition thereof	Geneva, 20 Mar., 1958	7/1965 Cmnd. 2535
Regulation No. 14. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to safety-belt anchorage on private cars.		
Acceptance—		
United Kingdom	8 Nov., 1977 (effective date)	
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—		
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat	Adopted Ramsar, Iran, 2 Feb., 1971	34/1976 Cmnd. 6465
Accession—		
Senegal	11 July, 1977	

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SHIPPING—		
<i>See</i> MARITIME LAW POLLUTION		
SOCIAL SECURITY—		
European Code of Social Security	Strasbourg, 16 Apr., 1964	10/1969 Cmnd. 3871
Ratification— Switzerland (with declaration)*	16 Sept., 1977	
*On depositing their instrument of ratification the Government of the Swiss Confederation made the following declaration:		
<i>Translation—</i>		
Availing itself of its right under paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the said Code, the Swiss Confederation declares not to apply:		
—the provisions of Part II	Medical care	
—the provisions of Part III	Sickness benefit	
—the provisions of Part IV	Unemployment benefit	
—the provisions of Part VIII	Maternity benefit	
The Swiss Confederation accepts the obligations of the European Code of Social Security in respect of the following Parts from among Parts II to X:		
Part V	Old age benefit	
—Part VI	Employment injury benefit	
—Part VII	Family benefit	
—Part IX	Invalidity benefit	
—Part X	Survivors' benefit	
SPACE—		
Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects launched into Outer Space	London, Moscow and Washington, 22 Apr., 1968	56/1969 Cmnd. 3997
Ratification in Washington— Belgium	15 Apr., 1977	
STATELESSNESS—		
<i>See</i> REFUGEES		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS—		
International Telecommunication Convention (with Final Protocol, Additional Protocols I to VI and Optional Additional Protocol)	Malaga- Torremolinos, 25 Oct., 1973	104/1975 Cmnd. 6219
Ratifications of Convention—		
Mongolia	18 Oct., 1977	
Pakistan	26 Sept., 1977	
Ratifications of Optional Additional Protocol—		
Mali	22 Sept., 1977	
Nicaragua	18 Oct., 1977	

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UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION—		
Constitution of the Universal Postal Union	Vienna, 10 July, 1964	70/1966 Cmnd. 3141
Accession— Seychelles (with declaration)*	7 Oct., 1977 (effective date)	
Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union	Tokyo, 14 Nov., 1969	72/1973 Cmnd. 5358
Accession— Seychelles (with declaration)*	7 Oct., 1977 (effective date)	
Second Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union (with Declarations, General Regulations, Final Protocol and Rules of Procedure of Congresses)	Lausanne, 5 July, 1974	56/1976 Cmnd. 6539
Ratifications of Second Additional Protocol—		
Bulgaria	28 Oct., 1977	
China, People's Republic of	30 Nov., 1977	
Czechoslovakia	22 Aug., 1977	
Greece	26 Sept., 1977	
Indonesia	31 Aug., 1977	
Iran	31 Aug., 1977	
New Zealand (with declaration)†	26 Sept., 1977	
Pakistan	13 Sept., 1977	
Poland	4 Feb., 1977	
Romania	22 Aug., 1977	
Syria (with declaration)†	22 Aug., 1977	
Accession to Second Additional Protocol— Seychelles (with declaration)*	7 Oct., 1977 (effective date)	
Ratifications and Approvals (A) of General Regu- lations—		
Bulgaria (A)	28 Oct., 1977	
China, People's Republic of (A)	30 Nov., 1977	
Czechoslovakia (A)	22 Aug., 1977	
Greece	26 Sept., 1977	
Indonesia (A)	31 Aug., 1977	
Iran	31 Aug., 1977	
New Zealand (A) (with declaration)†	26 Sept., 1977	
Pakistan	13 Sept., 1977	
Romania (A)	22 Aug., 1977	
Syria (with declaration)†	22 Aug., 1977	
Accession to General Regulations— Seychelles (with declaration)*	7 Oct., 1977 (effective date)	
Universal Postal Convention (with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations)	Lausanne, 5 July, 1974	57/1976 Cmnd. 6538
Ratifications and Approvals (A)—		
Bulgaria (A)	28 Oct., 1977	
China, People's Republic of (A)	30 Nov., 1977	
Czechoslovakia (A)	22 Aug., 1977	
Greece	26 Sept., 1977	
Indonesia (A)	31 Aug., 1977	
Iran	31 Aug., 1977	
New Zealand (A) (with declaration)†	26 Sept., 1977	
Pakistan	13 Sept., 1977	
Romania (A)	22 Aug., 1977	
Syria (with declaration)†	22 Aug., 1977	

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UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (continued)—		
Accession— Seychelles (with declaration)*	7 Oct., 1977 (effective date)	
Insured Letters Agreement (with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations)...	Lausanne, 5 July, 1974	58/1976 Cmnd. 6534
Ratifications and Approvals (A)—		
Bulgaria (A)	28 Oct., 1977	
China, People's Republic of (A)	30 Nov., 1977	
Czechoslovakia (A)	22 Aug., 1977	
Greece	26 Sept., 1977	
Indonesia (A)	31 Aug., 1977	
Iran	31 Aug., 1977	
New Zealand (A) (with declaration)‡	26 Sept., 1977	
Pakistan	13 Sept., 1977	
Poland (A)	31 Aug., 1977	
Romania (A)	22 Aug., 1977	
Syria (with declaration)†	22 Aug., 1977	
Accession— Seychelles	7 Oct., 1977 (effective date)	
Postal Parcels Agreement (with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations)	Lausanne, 5 July, 1974	59/1976 Cmnd. 6536
Ratifications and Approvals (A)—		
Bulgaria (A)	28 Oct., 1977	
China, People's Republic of (A)	30 Nov., 1977	
Czechoslovakia (A)	22 Aug., 1977	
Greece	26 Sept., 1977	
Indonesia (A)	31 Aug., 1977	
Iran	31 Aug., 1977	
New Zealand (A) (with declaration)‡	26 Sept., 1977	
Pakistan	13 Sept., 1977	
Poland (A)	31 Aug., 1977	
Romania (A)	22 Aug., 1977	
Syria (with declaration)†	22 Aug., 1977	
Accession— Seychelles (with declaration)*	7 Oct., 1977 (effective date)	
Giro Agreement (with Detailed Regulations)	Lausanne, 5 July, 1974	60/1976 Cmnd. 6537
Ratification— Greece	26 Sept., 1977	
<p>* The Government of the Seychelles declared that they wish to benefit from the reservations which were up to now applicable to them as a constituent part of the Overseas Territories of the United Kingdom, <i>i.e.</i>, the reservations stipulated in Articles I and II of the Final Protocol of the Universal Postal Convention in Article II, table 1, serial number 41, and table II, serial number 22, as well as in Articles IV and X of the Final Protocol of the Postal Parcels Agreement.</p>		

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UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (continued)—		
<p>As regards its contribution to the expenses of the International Bureau of the Union, the Republic of the Seychelles is placed, in accordance with its request received by the Swiss Federal Political Department on 12 September 1977, in the class of one unit in conformity with Article 21, paragraph 4 of the amended Constitution of the Universal Postal Union.</p>		
<p>† The instrument of ratification of the Syrian Arab Republic was accompanied by a declaration to the effect that the ratification of the Acts of the Union by Syria in no way implies recognition of Israel nor will it involve the establishment of any relations with it.</p>		
<p>‡ The instruments of ratification and approval of the Government of New Zealand contain the following declaration:</p>		
<p>“The Government of New Zealand declares, pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 23 of the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union that its acceptance of the Acts of the Union so listed above includes the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau, being Territories for whose international relations it is responsible.”</p>		
WETLANDS—		
<i>See</i> SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY		
WHALING—		
<p>International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (for amending Protocol <i>see</i> Treaty Series No. 68 (1959), Cmnd. 849)</p>	<p>Washington, 2 Dec., 1946</p>	<p>5/1949 Cmd. 7604</p>
<p>Withdrawal— Panama</p>	<p>30 June, 1978 (effective date)</p>	
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION—		
<i>See</i> INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY		