

## **Treaty Event – Focus 2002: Sustainable Development** **26 August to 4 September 2002**

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48 States and one international organization participated in the **Treaty Event - Focus 2002: Sustainable Development** held at Headquarters in conjunction with the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg from 26 August to 4 September 2002. 83 treaty actions relating to 39 treaties (**5** signatures and **78** ratifications, approvals, acceptances, accessions and other treaty actions) were undertaken.

During the treaty event, the following treaties attracted the most number of actions:

. Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (11 ratifications/accessions). The Protocol currently has 84 signatories and **93** parties (of which those included in Annex I currently account for **37.1** percent of the total carbon dioxide emissions for 1990). It will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date on which not less than **55** Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (incorporating Parties included in Annex I which accounted for at least **55** per cent of the total carbon dioxide emissions for 1990 of the Parties included in Annex I) have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity (11 ratifications/accessions). The Protocol currently has 103 signatories and **34** parties. It will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the deposit of the **fiftieth** instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

. Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedures for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (8 ratifications/accessions). The Convention currently has 73 signatories and **32** parties. It will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the **fiftieth** instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (5 ratifications/accessions). The Convention currently has 151 signatories and **21** parties. It will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the **fiftieth** instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

. Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties, Montreal, 17 September 1997 (3 ratifications/accessions). The Amendment, which entered into force on 10 November 1999, currently has **84** parties.

. Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Beijing, 3 December 1999 (4 ratifications/accessions). The Amendment, which entered into force on 25 February 2002, currently has **38** parties.

. Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (4 signatures). The Protocol currently has 41 signatories and **3** Parties.

Treaty actions were also received with regard to the following treaties: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification (3 accessions), Convention on Biological Diversity (1 accession), Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (1 accession), Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (1 ratification), Tampere Convention on the Provision on Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations (1 signature), Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (2 ratification/acceptance), Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (1 ratification), Amendment to article 43(2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1 acceptance), Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 accession), Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (1 accession), Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (1 ratification), United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (1 ratification), Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (1 ratification) and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (1 ratification).

Actions was undertaken with regard to the following treaties also:  
International Convention against the taking of hostages (1 accession),  
Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (1  
accession), Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against  
Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents (1  
accession), International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist  
Bombings (1 accession), International Convention for the Suppression of the  
Financing of Terrorism (1 ratification), Agreement on the Privileges and  
Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1  
ratification), Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International  
Seabed Authority (1 accession), 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 (with Protocols 1, II,  
and III) (1 accession), Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of  
Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996  
(Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the above Convention  
(1 consent to be bound )and Additional Protocol to the above Convention  
(Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons) (2 consents to  
be bound).