

***Treaty Event – Focus 2007: Towards Universal Participation and Implementation***

***Daily Report and Cumulative Report***

***Daily Report  
Tuesday, 2 October 2007***

8 States undertook 11 treaty actions today. Of that number, 4 States participated at the level of **Minister for Foreign Affairs**. There were a total of 2 signatures, and 9 ratifications, approvals, acceptances, accessions or like actions. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

**Human Rights**

- Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002 (1 signature by Ireland and 1 accession by Thailand).
- Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, 1989 (1 accession by France).

**Terrorism, Organized Crime and Corruption**

- International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, 1979 (1 accession by Thailand).
- United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003 (1 ratification by Canada).
- International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, 2005 (1 ratification by Kyrgyzstan).

**Disarmament**

- 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 (Protocol V), 2003 (1 consent to be bound by New Zealand).

**Recently Adopted Treaties**

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006 (1 signature by Maldives).

### Other Treaties

- Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961 (1 accession by Maldives).
- Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, 1997 (1 accession by Poland).
- Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority, 1998 (1 accession by Poland).



### *Cumulative Report 25 to 27 September and 1 and 2 October 2007\**

**47 States\*\*** undertook **79 treaty actions** from 25 to 27 September, and 1 to 2 October 2007. Of that number, 9 States participated at the level of **Head of State or Government** and 26 States participated at the level of **Minister for Foreign Affairs**. There were a total of 40 signatures, and 39 ratifications, approvals, acceptances, accessions or like actions. A breakdown of the actions by treaty appears below.

### Human Rights

- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966) (1 accession by Bahrain).
- Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 (1 signature by Kazakhstan and 1 ratification by Vanuatu).
- Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, 1989 (2 accessions by France and Mexico).
- Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 2002 (2 signatures by Ireland and Kazakhstan, and 1 accession by Thailand).
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, 2000 (1 ratification by Gabon and 1 accession by Iran (Islamic Republic of)).

### Terrorism, Organized Crime and Corruption

- International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, 1979 (1 accession by Thailand).
- 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, 2001 (1 accession by Paraguay).

- United Nations Convention against Corruption, 2003 (5 ratifications by Canada, Gabon, Moldova, Portugal and Sweden).
- International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, 2005 (4 ratifications by Gabon, Kyrgyzstan, Sri Lanka and Ukraine).

### **Environment**

- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2001 (1 ratification by Ukraine).

### **Disarmament**

- 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 I, II and III), 1980 (1 accession with consent to be bound by Protocol I and III by Gabon).
- Amendment of 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, 2001 (1 acceptance by Chile).
- 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 (Protocol V), 2003 (2 instruments of consent to be bound by Austria and New Zealand).

### **International Trade**

- United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts, 2005 (5 signatures by Colombia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Montenegro, Panama and the Philippines).

### **Recently Adopted Treaties**

- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, 2005 (2 ratifications by Austria and Spain).
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006 (15 signatures by Bulgaria, Cambodia, the Comoros, Estonia, Japan, Malawi, Maldives, Madagascar, Mauritius, Montenegro, the Philippines, Romania, Slovakia, Swaziland and Trinidad and Tobago, 2 ratifications by Gabon and India).
- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006 (7 signatures by Cambodia, Gabon, Madagascar, Mauritius, Montenegro, Slovakia and Swaziland).

- International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, 2006 (10 signatures by Colombia, Denmark, Gabon, Germany, Liechtenstein, Panama, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Swaziland).

### **Other Treaties**

- Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961 (1 accession by Maldives).
- Slavery Convention, 1926 (1 accession by Paraguay).
- Protocol amending the Slavery Convention, 1953 (1 accession by Paraguay).
- Slavery Convention as amended by the Protocol, 1953 (1 participation by Paraguay).
- Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery, 1956 (1 accession by Paraguay).
- Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court, 2002 (1 accession by Mexico).
- United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978 (1 accession by the Dominican Republic).
- Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) of 1991, 1997 (1 approval by Hungary).
- International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006 (1 ratification by Malaysia).
- Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, 1997 (2 accessions by Chile and Poland).
- Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority, 1998 (1 accession by Poland).

\*Also includes 5 treaty actions undertaken by the Dominican Republic, Hungary, Japan, Malaysia and Portugal on 28 September 2007.

\*\*Gabon undertook treaty actions on 25 September, and on 1 October 2007 and are counted only once for purposes of the cumulative and final reports.