



***2023 Treaty Event:
Towards Universal Participation in Multilateral Environmental
Agreements for a Healthy Planet
Daily Report***

Friday, 22 September 2023

Today ten (12) **treaty actions** were effected with the Secretary-General by ten (10) States; one (1) State participated at the level of **Head of State**; one (1) State participated at the level of **Head of Government**; six (6) States participated at the **ministerial level**, and two (2) States participated at the **ambassadorial level**.

There were a total of three (3) accessions, two (2) acceptances, one (1) ratification and six (6) signatures. A breakdown of the treaty actions is provided below:

Law of the Sea

- **Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (New York, 19 June 2023)**
(Signature by Belize, Cook Islands, Italy, Mauritania, Nauru, and Togo)

Environment

- **Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Kigali, 15 October 2016)**
(Acceptance by Kenya and Republic of Moldova)
- **Minamata Convention on Mercury (Kumamoto, 10 October 2013)**
(Ratification by Kenya)

Health

- **Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Seoul, 12 November 2012)**
(Accession by Poland)

Human Rights

- **Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (New York, 10 December 2008)**
(Accession by Serbia)
- **Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)**
(Accession by Republic of Moldova)

