

SAMPLE

Instrument of Accession¹

to the

Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material

and of [Ratification/Acceptance/Approval²]

of the

Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear
Material

I, [name], [official title³] of [name of State], declare that [name of State], hereby accedes to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material which was opened for signature in Vienna on 3 March 1980, in accordance with Article 18.3 of the said Convention.

I also declare that [name of State], hereby [ratifies/accepts/approves] the Amendment to the said Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material which was adopted on 8 July 2005, in accordance with Article 20.2 of the Convention.

In witness whereof, I have signed this instrument.

[Signature]

[Title^{***}]

[Seal]

¹ Since its entry into force, on 8 February 1987, the Convention is no longer open for signature. Pursuant to Article 18.3 thereof, "after its entry into force, [the] Convention will be open for accession by all States."

² The Amendment is not a separate treaty and, pursuant to Article 20.2 of the Convention, is subject to "ratification, acceptance or approval" by the States Parties to the Convention. Therefore, a State Party to the Convention is free to call the instrument "instrument of ratification", "instrument of acceptance" or "instrument of approval", in accordance with its internal requirements.

³ The Instrument must be signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.