

Procedural Information Related to the Treaties

General information

Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of a multilateral treaty by signatory States, as well as instruments of accession thereto by non-signatory States, must be issued and signed by the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs, and should include all declarations and reservations thereto. A valid instrument expressing a State's consent to be bound by a particular treaty must include the following:

- Title of the treaty;
- Full name and title of the person signing the instrument;
- Expression of the State's consent to be bound by the treaty concerned by ratification, acceptance or approval, or by accession, as appropriate;
- Text of reservations or declarations, if any;
- Date and place of signature;
- Signature of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Only originals of such instruments will be accepted.

Specific information relating to the featured treaties

All treaties are subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatory States and are open to accession by non-signatory States.

The Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM), which entered into force on 8 May 2016, is not in the nature of a separate treaty and is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the Contracting Parties to the CPPNM. Therefore, a State not yet party to the CPPNM wishing to join the Amendment is to deposit: (a) an instrument accession to the CPPNM (or, if it is a signatory State, an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval thereof); and (b) an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Amendment thereto. Alternatively, that State can deposit a single instrument expressing both (a) its consent to accede to the CPPNM (or, if it is a signatory State, to ratify, accept or approve it) and (b) its consent to ratify, accept or approve the Amendment thereto.

Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval of, or of accession to the Joint Protocol Relating to the Application of the Vienna Convention and the Paris Convention can only be accepted from States Party to either the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage or the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy.

Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval of, as well as instruments of accession to the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage can be accepted only from a State which is a Party to either the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage or the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy, or which declares that its national law complies with the provisions of the Annex to the Convention; in addition, in the case of a State having on its territory a nuclear installation as defined in the Convention on Nuclear Safety of 17 June 1994, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession can be accepted only from a State which is a Contracting State to that Convention.