



Status of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority

The Protocol entered into force on 31 May 2003 in accordance with article 18 which reads as follows:

- “1. The Protocol shall enter into force 30 days after the date of deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession.
2. For each member of the Authority which ratifies, approves or accepts this Protocol or accedes thereto after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession, this Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the deposit of its instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or accession.”

Registration: 31 May 2003, No. 39357.

Status: Signatories: 28; Parties: 22.

Text: United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 2214, p. 133.

The Protocol was adopted by consensus at the fifty-fourth meeting of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, on 26 March 1998, during the first part of the fourth session. In accordance with its article 15, the Protocol was opened for signature by all Members of the Authority at the Headquarters of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, from 17 to 28 August 1998. The formal signing ceremony was held on 26-27 August 1998. Subsequently, it was opened for signature through 16 August 2000 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Member of the Authority	Signature	Ratification, Approval (AA), Acceptance (A), Accession (a)
Argentina ¹		20 October 2006 (a)
Austria		25 September 2003 (a)
Bahamas	26 August 1998	
Brazil	27 August 1998	
Cameroon		28 August 2002 (a)
Chile ²	14 April 1999	8 February 2005
Côte d'Ivoire	25 September 1998	
Croatia		8 September 2000 (a)
Czech Republic	1 August 2000	26 October 2001
Denmark		16 November 2004 (a)

Egypt	26 April 2000	20 June 2001
Finland	31 March 1999	
Germany		8 June 2007 (a)
Ghana	12 January 1999	
Greece	14 October 1998	
India		14 November 2005 (a)
Indonesia	26 August 1998	
Italy	18 May 2000	19 July 2006
Jamaica	26 August 1998	25 September 2002
Kenya	26 August 1998	
Malta	26 July 2000	
Mauritius		22 December 2004 (a)
Namibia	24 September 1999	
Netherlands	26 August 1998	21 November 2002 (A)
Nigeria		1 May 2003 (a)
Norway		10 May 2006 (a)
Oman	19 August 1999	12 March 2004
Pakistan	9 September 1999	
Portugal	6 April 2000	2 February 2007
Saudi Arabia	11 October 1999	
Senegal	11 June 1999	
Slovakia	22 June 1999	20 April 2000
Spain	14 September 1999	9 January 2001
Sudan	6 August 1999	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 September 1998	
Trinidad and Tobago	26 August 1998	10 August 2005
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	19 August 1999	2 November 2000
Uruguay	21 October 1998	6 July 2006 (a)

¹ Argentina made the following declaration upon accession: "The Republic of Argentina will accord such privileges and immunities as are specified in the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority, adopted in Kingston on 27 March 1998, to members of the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority who are nationals or permanent residents in its territory to the extent necessary for the adequate fulfillment of their duties. With regard to fiscal and customs matters those members will be subject to the national norms applied in its territory."

¹ Chile made the following reservation upon ratification: "The Government of Chile expresses a reservation with respect to article 8, paragraph 2 (d) of the Protocol, as that provision will not exempt its nationals from national service obligations."

As at 10 June 2007