

1944, 7 December, Chicago

Convention on International Civil Aviation (ICAO)

Entered into force 4 April 1947

Adhered to by the Cook Islands on 20 August 1986

Entered into force for the Cook Islands: 19 September 1986

Depositary: United States of America.

Superseded Convention, Paris, 13 October 1919. Established International civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) on a permanent basis, and replaced Interim Agreement, Chicago, 7 December 1944.

Amended by Protocol, Montreal, 27 May 1947, 14 June 1954 (2) and 21 June 1961; Rome, 15 September 1962; Buenos Aires, 24 September 1968; New York, 12 March 1971; Vienna, 7 July 1971 and Montreal, 16 October 1974. See also Protocols, Montreal, 30 September 1977 (2) and 6 October 1980.

For text of Convention incorporating amendments in force see latest (sixth) edition of “Convention on International Civil Aviation” – Doc. 7300/6 (ICAO, Montreal, 1980).

International Standards and Recommended Practices adopted by the ICAO Council in accordance with Convention Arts. 54, 57 and 90, are pursuant to Art. 54 designated, for convenience, as Annexes to the Convention. The Annexes are periodically amended, supplemented or corrected, the issue of these texts being announced regularly in the ICAO monthly Journal. The current Annexes (which with amendments, etc are available from ICAO’s Document Sales Unit) are numbered and titled as follows (some Annexes, however, consist of several parts separately issued): 1. Personnel Licensing; 2. Rules of the Air; 3. Meteorological Services for International Air Navigation; 4. Aeronautical Charts; 5. Units of Measurement to be used in Air and Ground Operations; 6. Operation of Aircraft; 7. Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks; 8. Airworthiness of Aircraft; 9. Facilitation; 10. Aeronautical Telecommunications; 11. Air Traffic Services; 12. Search and Rescue; 13. Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation; 14. Aerodromes; 15. Aeronautical Information Services; 16. Environmental Protection; 17. Security – Safeguarding International Civil Aviation against Acts of Unlawful Interference; 18. The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air.

1944, 7 December, Chicago

International Air Services Transit Agreement

Entered into force 30 January 1945.

Accepted by the Cook Islands 18 April 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 18 April 2005.

Depositary: United States of America.

1945, 16 October, Quebec

Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

Entered into force 16 October 1945.

Accepted by the Cook Islands 7 November 1984.

Cook Islands officially became member of FAO on 11 November 1985.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands:

Depositary: FAO

CM(85) 814, 22 October 1985, Cabinet approved pursuing Cook Islands FAO membership application.

Amended at FAO Conference Sessions in 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950 and every second year from 1951 to 1979. Further amended in November 1991.

For consolidated, up-to-date, text of Constitution as amended, see latest edition of periodic publication “Basic Texts” (FAO, Rome).

1945, 16 November, London

Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)

Entered into force 4 November 1946.

Accepted by the Cook Islands 25 October 1989.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands: 25 October 1989.

Depositary: United Kingdom.

Amended by Amendments adopted by UNESCO biennial General Conferences 1 December 1947; 10 December 1948; 5 October 1949; 15 June 1950; 11 July 1951; 5 December 1952; 22 November 1954; 8 December 1954; 10 November 1956; 3 December 1958; 15 November 1962; 4 November 1968; 24 and 30 October 1972; 8 November 1976; 4 October 1980.

There have been further amendments in 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1995. For consolidated, up to date, text of Constitution as amended, see latest edition of periodic publication “Basic Texts – Manual of the General Conference” (UNESCO, Paris).

1946, 22 July, New York

Constitution of the World Health Organisation (WHO)

Entered into force 7 April 1948.

Accepted by the Cook Islands 9 May 1984.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Modified by Amendment to Articles 24 and 25, Geneva, 28 May 1959; to Articles 24 and 25, Geneva, 23 May 1967; to Articles 34 and 55, Geneva, 22 May 1973; to Articles 24 and 25, Geneva, 17 May 1976; and to Articles 24 and 25, Geneva, 12 May 1986.

1947, 6 February, Canberra

Agreement establishing the South Pacific Commission (SPC)

Entered into force 29 July 1948.

Pursuant to Article 2, applied to all non-self-governing territories in the Pacific Ocean administered by New Zealand.

Accepted by the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands: 14 October 1980.

Depositary: Australia.

Amended by Agreements, Noumea, 7 November 1951; Canberra, 5 April 1954; London, 6 October 1964 and by Amendments, Noumea, 10-12 October 1978.

Amended in 1980 to provide for membership in the Commission of any government the territory of which is within the region “and which is either fully independent or in free association with a fully independent Government ...” Cook Islands accepted the Agreement under this amendment on 14 October 1980.

1947, 27 May, Montreal

Protocol relating to an amendment [Article 93 *bis*] to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, Chicago, 7 December 1944

Entered into force 20 March 1961.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Depositary: International Civil Aviation Organisation.

1947, 11 October, Washington

Convention of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), with Annexes

Entered into force 23 March 1950.

Acceded to by the Cook Islands: 14 August 1995.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: United States of America.

Amendments to Convention have been adopted by quadrennial WMO Congresses as follows:

- Third Session, 15 April 1959 (in force with effect 15 April 1959)
- Fourth Session, 1-27 April 1963 (in force with effect 11 and 27 April 1963 respectively)
- Fifth Session, 1-28 April 1967 (in force with effect 11, 26 and 28 April 1967 respectively)
- Seventh Session, 28 April – 23 May 1975 (in force with effect 20 May 1975)
- Eighth Session, 30 April – 25 May 1979 (in force with effect 14 May 1979)
- Ninth Session, 1983 (in force 11 and 28 May 1983 respectively)

Relevant Amendments are also shown in the “Abridged Report with Resolutions” issued after each WMO Congress, and published by WMO, Geneva.

For consolidated, up to date, text of Convention as amended, see latest edition of periodic publication “Basic Documents” (WMO, Geneva).

1949, 12 August, Geneva

Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field (First Geneva Convention)

Entered into force 21 October 1950.

Succeeded by the Cook Islands 11 June 2001.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 11 December 2001.

Depositary: Switzerland.

Superseded, as between the parties, Conventions, Geneva, 6 July 1906 and 27 July 1929.

Revised and supplemented by Additional Protocols I and II, Berne, 8 June 1977.
Supplemented by Convention, Geneva, 10 October 1980.

1949, 12 August, Geneva

Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea (Second Geneva Convention)

Entered into force 21 October 1950.

Succeeded by the Cook Islands 11 June 2001.

Entered into force for Cook Islands 11 December 2001.

Depositary: Switzerland.

Superseded, as between the parties, Convention, The Hague (X), 18 October 1907.

Revised and supplemented by Additional Protocols I and II, Berne, 8 June 1977.

Supplemented by Convention, Geneva, 10 October 1980.

1949, 12 August, Geneva

Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (Third Geneva Convention)

Entered into force 21 October 1950.

Succeeded by the Cook Islands 11 June 2001.

Entered into force for Cook Islands 11 December 2001.

Depositary: Switzerland.

Superseded, as between the parties, Convention, Geneva, 27 July 1929.

Revised and supplemented by Additional Protocols I and II, Berne, 8 June 1977.

Supplemented by Convention, Geneva, 10 October 1980.

1949, 12 August, Geneva

Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Fourth Geneva Convention)

Entered into force 21 October 1950.

Succeeded by the Cook Islands 11 June 2001.

Entered into force for Cook Islands 11 December 2001.

Depositary: Switzerland.

Revised and supplemented by Additional Protocols I and II, Berne, 8 June 1977.

Supplemented by Convention, Geneva, 10 October 1980.

1951, 7 November, Noumea

Agreement Extending the Territorial Scope of the South Pacific Commission

Entered into force 7 November 1951.

Accepted by the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.

Depositary: Australia.

1951, 6 December, Rome

International Plant Protection Convention

Entered into force 3 April 1952.

Adhered by the Cook Islands 2 December 2004.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 2 December 2004.
Amended by Amendments, Rome, 28 November 1979. See relevant entry below for text of Convention as so amended.
Supplemented by regional Agreement, Rome, 27 February 1956.
Depositary: FAO.

1954, 5 April, Canberra

Amendment Relating to the Frequency of Sessions of the South Pacific Commission

Entered into force 1 July 1954.
Accepted by the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.
Depositary: Australia.

1954, 14 June, Montreal

Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [Article 45]

Entered into force 16 May 1958.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Depositary: United States of America.

1954, 14 June, Montreal

Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [Articles 48(a), 49(e) and 61]

Entered into force 12 December 1956.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Depositary: ICAO.

1960, 14 December, Paris

Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)¹

Following the Intergovernmental Conference on Oceanographic Research held at Copenhagen in July 1960, the Commission was established as an autonomous body within UNESCO by resolution 2.31 of the above date adopted at the 11th session of the UNESCO General Conference which established the Statutes of this body.

The Cook Islands acquired membership of the Commission on 25 January 2006.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 25 January 2006.

For original Statutes see Records of 11th session, UNESCO General Conference (Resolutions), pp. 16 (footnote) and 36-38.

¹ Drafted in 1960, the Statutes of the Commission were revised in 1970 and 1987. In 1999, new proposed amendments to these Statutes were adopted by the IOC Assembly at its twentieth session and were approved unanimously in the same terms by the General Conference of UNESCO at its thirtieth session. The present statutes of the Commission came into force through adoption of 30 C/Resolution 22 on 16 November 1999.

1961, 21 June, Montreal

Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [Article 50(a)]

Entered into force 17 July 1962.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Depositary: ICAO.

1961, 5 October, The Hague

Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents

Entered into force 24 January 1965.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 13 July 2004.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 20 April 2005.

Cabinet Minute: CM(04)383, 6 July 2004.

Depositary: Kingdom of the Netherlands.

1962, 15 September, Rome

Protocol Relating to an Amendment [Article 48(a)] to the Convention on International Civil Aviation,

Entered into force 11 September 1975.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Depositary: ICAO.

1963, 14 September, Tokyo

Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft²

Entered into force 4 December 1969.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 12 April 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 11 July 2005.

Depositary: ICAO.

Cabinet Minute: CM(05) 30, 1 February 2005

1965, 15 July, London

² On 12 August 2005, the Government of New Zealand deposited the following declaration dated 20 July 2005: "... whereas the Government of New Zealand's accession [on 12 February 1974] implicitly extended to the Cook Islands; and whereas the Cook Islands is a self-governing State in a relationship of free association with New Zealand, and possesses in its own right the capacity to enter into treaties and other international agreements with governments and regional and international organisations; and whereas the Government of the Cook Islands acceded to the Convention in its own right on 11 July 2005; now therefore the Government of New Zealand declares that, by reason of the accession to the Convention by the Government of the Cook Islands, it regards the Government of the Cook Islands as having succeeded to the obligations under the Convention of the Government of New Zealand in respect of the Cook Islands, and further declares that, accordingly, as from the date of the accession to the Convention by the Government of the Cook Islands, the Government of New Zealand ceased to have State responsibility for the observance of the obligations under the Convention in respect of the territory of the Cook Islands."

Agreement Amending the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission of 6 February 1947, As Amended

Entered into force 15 July 1965.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.

Depositary: Australia.

1965, 4 December, Manila

Agreement establishing the Asian Development Bank (ADB)³

Entered into force 22 August 1966.

Pursuant to the procedure provided in article 3(3) of the Agreement, non-autonomous territories can become members of the Bank. In 1976, New Zealand presented the Cook Islands for admission. The date of the resolution by the Council of Governors was 8 April 1976, the date on which the resolution took effect was 20 April 1976.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1966, 5 April, London

International Convention on Load Lines

Entered into force 21 July 1968.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 21 December 2001.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 21 March 2002.

Depositary: IMO.

1968, 24 September, Buenos Aires

Protocol on the Authentic Trilingual Text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation

Entered into force 24 October 1968.

Accepted by the Cook Islands 19 September 1986.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 19 September 1986*.

* Acceptance of the Protocol is deemed by virtue of adherence to that Convention on International Civil Aviation, as provided by Article V of the Protocol. The date of entry into force of the Protocol corresponds to the date on which adherence to the Convention on International Civil Aviation becomes effective.

Depositary: United States of America.

1969, 23 June, London

International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships

Entered into force 18 July 1982.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 21 December 2001.

³ Consistent with its overall steady assumption of direct control and responsibility for its own international affairs as its capacity to do so increased, the Cook Islands was determined to assume direct responsibility for its loans from the ADB. On 10 June 1993, the ADB President responded substantively to the Cook Islands and New Zealand Governors. The Bank advised that it was “able to accept [the] position [of the Cook Islands and New Zealand] that in terms of the evolving relationship between the Cook Islands and New Zealand, the Cook Islands has now assumed responsibility for its own international relations within the meaning of Article 3.3 of the Charter of the Bank”. Accordingly, he confirmed that New Zealand would no longer be required to provide a guarantee for loans made by the Bank to the Cook Islands.

Entry into force for the Cook Islands 21 March 2002.
Depositary: IMO.

1970, 16 December, The Hague

Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft

Entered into force 14 October 1971.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 14 April 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 14 May 2005.
Depositary: Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and the Russian Federation.
Cabinet Minute: CM(05) 30, 1 February 2005

1971, 12 March, New York

Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [Article 50(a)]

Entered into force 16 January 1973.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Depositary: ICAO.

1971, 7 July, Vienna

Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [Article 56]

Entered into force 19 December 1974.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Depositary: ICAO.

1971, 23 September, Montreal

Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation (London version)

Entered into force 26 January 1973.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 14 April 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 14 May 2005.
Depositary: Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and the Russian Federation.
Cabinet Minute: CM(05) 30, 1 February 2005

1972, 20 October, London

Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended

Entered into force 15 July 1977.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 21 December 2001.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 21 December 2001.
Depositary: IMO.

1973, 17 April, Apia

Agreement establishing the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation (SPEC)

Entered into force 17 May 1973.

Signed by the Cook Islands 17 April 1973 .

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 17 May 1973.

Depositary: Fiji.

Amended by Amendments, Port Moresby, 31 August 1977 and Alofi, 16-20 September 1978.

Terminated and replaced by Agreement, Pohnpei, 29 July 1991.

1973, 2 November, London

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, as amended (MARPOL 73/78)

Entered into force

Acceded by the Cook Islands

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO

CM: (06) 548, 5 December 2006

1974, 16 October, Montreal

Protocol Relating to an Amendment [Article 50(a)] to the Convention on International Civil Aviation

Entered into force 15 February 1980.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Depositary: ICAO.

1974, 1 November, London

International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, as amended

Entered into force 25 May 1980.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 20 June 2003.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 30 September 2003.

Depositary: IMO.

1976, 27 March, Bangkok

Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity⁴

Entered into force 25 February 1979.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 21 July 1987.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 20 August 1987.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1976, 12 June, Apia

⁴ Cook Islands is an associate member of the Telecommunity

Convention on the Conservation of Nature in the South Pacific (Apia Convention)

Entered into force 26 June 1990.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 27 March 1987.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 26 June 1987.

Depositary: Western Samoa.

CM(86) 858, 12 August 1986.

1976, 13 June, Rome

Agreement establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), with Schedules

Entered into force 30 November 1977.

Acceded by the Cook Islands on 25 March 1993.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 25 March 1993.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Amended by Amendment, Rome, 11 December 1986. See also Amendments, Rome, 26 January 1995.

1976, 19 November, London

Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims

Entered into force

Acceded by the Cook Islands

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO

CM: (06) 548, 5 December 2006

1977, 8 June, Berne

Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), with Annexes I and II⁵

Entered into force 7 December 1978.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 7 May 2002.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 7 November 2002.

Depositary: Switzerland.

Amendments to Annex I, dated 30 November 1993, entered into force 1 March 1994.

CM(01) 417, 1 November 2001.

1977, 8 June, Berne

Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II)

Entered into force 7 December 1978.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 7 May 2002.

⁵ On accession Cook Islands made a special declaration, pursuant to Art. 90, recognising ipso facto and without special agreement, on a basis of reciprocity, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission provided for in that Article.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 7 November 2002.
Depositary: Switzerland.
CM(01) 417, 1 November 2001.

1977, 16 June, Suva

Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of the Pacific Forum Line Limited, with Schedule (PFL)

Entered into force 20 August 1978.
Signed by the Cook Islands 16 June 1977.*
Ratified by the Cook Islands 15 June 1978.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 20 August 1978.
Depositary: South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (now Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat).
* Forum members at the time the MOU was agreed to. Under Article XI(3) any Government which after 30 June 1977 becomes a member of the Forum may accede to the MOU.

1977, 30 September, Montreal

Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [Final paragraph, Russian Text]

Entered into force 17 August 1999.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.
Depositary: ICAO.

1978, 12 October, Noumea

Agreement Amending the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission of 6 February 1947, As Amended

Entered into force 4 June 1980.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 14 October 1980.
Depositary: Australia.

1979, 23 June, Bonn

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Entered into force 1 November 1983.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 8 May 2006.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 1 August 2006.
Depositary: Federal Republic of Germany.

1979, 10 July, Honiara

Convention on the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency, with Annex (FFA)

Entered into force 9 August 1979.
Signed by the Cook Islands 10 July 1979.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 9 August 1979.
Depositary: Solomon Islands.

1979, 11 October, Papeete

Agreement on the Establishment of the South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment

Entered into force 4 November 1980

Signed by the Cook Islands 11 October 1979.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 31 July 1980.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 31 July 1980.

Depositary: Fiji.

1979, 28 November, Rome

Amendments to the International Plant Protection Convention of 6 December 1951

Entered into force 4 April 1991.

Adhered by the Cook Islands 2 December 2004.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 2 December 2004.

Depositary: FAO.

1979, 18 December, New York

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women⁶

Entered into force 3 September 1981.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 11 August 2006.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 10 September 2006.

Depositary: Secretary-General, United Nations.

1980, 20 May, Canberra

Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)

Entered into force 7 April 1982.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 20 October 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 19 November 2005.

Depositary: Australia.

⁶ Reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women:

"The Government of the Cook Islands reserves the right not to apply the provisions of Article 11 (2) (b).

The Government of the Cook Islands reserves the right not to apply the provisions of the Convention in so far as they are inconsistent with policies relating to recruitment into or service in:

- (a) The armed forces which reflect either directly or indirectly the fact that members of such forces are required to serve on armed forces aircraft or vessels and in situations involving armed combat; or
- (b) The law enforcement forces which reflect either directly or indirectly the fact that members of such forces are required to serve in situations involving violence or threat of violence.

The Government of the Cook Islands reserves the right not to apply Article 2 (f) and Article 5 (a) to the extent that the customs governing the inheritance of certain Cook Islands chiefly titles may be inconsistent with those provisions."

CM(05) 484, 28 September 2005.

1980, 14 July, Tarawa

South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement (SPARTECA), with Schedules

Entered into force 1 January 1981.

Signed by the Cook Islands 14 July 1980.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 12 November 1980.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 1 January 1981.

Depository: South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (now Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat).

1980, 6 October, Montreal

Protocol Relating to an Amendment (Article 83 *bis*) to the Convention on International Civil Aviation of 7 December 1944

Entered into force 20 June 1997.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 12 April 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 12 April 2005.

Depository: ICAO

Cabinet Minute: CM(05) 30, 1 February 2005

1982, 1 September, Bangkok

Charter of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre

Entered into force 1 July 1983.

Signed by the Cook Islands 29 March 1983.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 28 April 1983.

Depository: Secretary-General, United Nations.

1982, 10 December, Montego Bay, Jamaica

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), with Annexes I-IX

Entered into force on 16 November 1994.

Signed by the Cook Islands 10 December 1982.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 15 February 1995.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 14 March 1995.

Depository: Secretary-General, United Nations.

1984, 10 May, Montreal

Protocol Relating to an Amendment [Article 3 *bis*] to the Convention on International Civil Aviation of 7 December 1944

Entered into force 1 October 1998.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Depository: ICAO.

1985, 22 March, Vienna

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer

Entered into force 22 September 1988.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 22 December 2003.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 21 March 2004.

Depositary: Secretary-General, United Nations.

CM(03) 682, 4 November

Supplemented by Protocol, Montreal, 16 September 1987.

1985, 6 August, Rarotonga

South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, with Annexes (including map), and 3 Protocols of 8 August 1986

Entered into force 11 December 1986.

Signed by the Cook Islands 6 August 1985.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 28 October 1985.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 11 December 1986.

Depositary: South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (now Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat).

CM(85) 580, 2 August 1985 for signature.

CM(85) 810, 22 October 1985 for ratification.

Protocol 1 (adopted 8 August 1986) is open for signature and ratification by the French Republic, United Kingdom and United States of America, only.

Protocols 2 and 3 (similarly adopted 8 August 1986) are open for signature and ratification by the French Republic, the People's Republic of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United State of America, only.

1986, 24 November, Noumea

Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region with Annex (SPREP or Noumea Convention)

Entered into force 22 August 1990.

Signed by the Cook Islands 25 November 1986.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 9 September 1987.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 8 October 1987.

Depositary: South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (now Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat).

CM(87) 533, 9 June 1987.

Article 23 envisages that Protocols to the Convention may be adopted (see below).

See also Protocols (2), Noumea, 25 November 1986 and Agreement, Apia, 16 June 1993.

1986, 25 November, Noumea

Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the South Pacific Region by Dumping, with Annexes I-IV (Protocol on Dumping)

Entered into force 22 August 1990.

Signed by the Cook Islands 25 November 1986.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 9 September 1987.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 9 October 1987.

Concluded pursuant to Convention, Noumea, 24 November 1986.

Depositary: South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (now Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat).

1986, 25 November, Noumea

Protocol concerning Co-operation in combating Pollution Emergencies in the South Pacific Region (Protocol on Pollution Emergencies)

Signed by the Cook Islands 25 November 1986.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 9 September 1987.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 9 October 1987.

Concluded pursuant to Convention, Noumea, 24 November 1986.

Depositary: South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (now Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat).

1987, 2 April, Port Moresby

Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States, with Annexes

Entered into force 15 June 1988.

Signed by the Cook Islands 2 April 1987.

Notification date of ratification – Treaty 17 June 1987; Internal Agreement 17 June 1987

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 15 June 1988.

Depositary: Papua New Guinea.

CM(87) 537, 9 June 1987 for ratification.

For amendments to Annexes and Schedules to Treaty, see under Amendments, Port Moresby, 12 October 1992. Various subsequent corrections to the Annexes and Schedules made in 1994 were circulated to parties by depositary Notifications 270-24-/3/6 and 3/7 of 14 January and 15 April 1994 respectively.

For text of Treaty Annexes and Schedules amended/corrected as above, see “Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries”, revised ed. publ. By Forum Fisheries Agency, Honiara, 1994.

On 2 April 1987 with other Treaty signatories signed an Agreed Statement on Observer Programme, relating to Annex I, Part 6 of Treaty. For text see “see “Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries” (last citation above).

See also related Agreement, Port Moresby, 2 April 1987.

1987, 2 April, Port Moresby

Agreement among Pacific Island States concerning the Implementation and Administration of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America, with Schedule (Internal Agreement)

Entered into force 15 June 1988.

Signed by the Cook Islands 2 April 1987.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 17 June 1987.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 17 July 1987.

Duration: ceases to have effect for a contracting party if the Treaty on Fisheries of same date ceases to have effect, upon the distribution of all accounts held. Expired 14 June 1993.

Depositary: Papua New Guinea.

CM(87) 537, 9 June 1987 for ratification.

Related to Treaty, Port Moresby, 2 April 1987 (above).
Schedule amended by Amendment, Nadi, 27-28 July 1992. For text as so revised see p. 41 “see “Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries” publ. By Forum Fisheries Agency, Honiara, 1994.

1987, 16 September, Montreal

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Entered into force 1 January 1989.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 22 December 2003.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 21 March 2004.
Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.
CM(03) 681, 4 November 2003 for accession.

Supplemented Convention, Vienna, 22 March 1985.
Adjustments, done at London, 29 June 1990, entered into force 7 March 1991.
New Annex D, done at Nairobi, 19-21 June 1991, entered into force 27 May 1992.
Adjustments, done at Copenhagen, 25 November 1992, entered into force 22 September 1993.
Adjustments done at Vienna, 7 December 1995, entered into force 5 August 1996.
See also Amendments, London, 29 June 1990 and Copenhagen 25 November 1992.

1988, 24 February, Montreal

Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September, 1971

Entered into force 6 August 1989.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 14 April 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 14 May 2005.
Depositary: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Russian Federation.
CM(05) 30, 1 February 2005

1988, 10 March, Rome

Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation

Entered into force
Acceded by the Cook Islands
Entered into force for the Cook Islands
Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO
CM: (06) 548, 5 December 2006

1988, 20 December, Beijing

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

Entered into force 11 November 1990.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 22 February 2005.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 23 May 2005.
Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.
CM(03 203, 25 March 2003.

1989 22 March, Basel

Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

Entered into force 5 May 1992.
Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 June 2004.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 27 September 2004.
Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.
CM(04) 354, 15 June 2004.⁷

1989, 6 October, Montreal

Protocol relating to an Amendment [Article 56] to the Convention on International Civil Aviation of 7 December 1944

Not yet entered into force
Ratified by the Cook Islands 12 April 2005.
Will enter into force for the Cook Islands on the date of entry into force.
Depositary: ICAO.
CM(05) 29, 1 February 2005.

1989, 20 November, New York

Convention on the Rights of the Child⁸

⁷ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration will serve as the National Focal Point for this Convention.

⁸ Reservations to the Convention on the Rights of the Child:

Article 2 Non Discrimination

"The Government of the Cook Islands reserves the right not to apply the provisions of article 2 in so far as those provisions may relate to the conferment of Cook Islands nationality, citizenship or permanent residency upon a child having regard to the Constitution and other legislation as may from time to time be in force in the Cook Islands.

Article 10 Family Reunification

With respect to article 10, the Government of the Cook Islands reserves the right to apply such legislation, in so far as it relates to the entry into, stay in and departure from the Cook Islands of those who do not have the right under the law of the Cook Islands to enter and remain in the Cook Islands, and to the acquisition and possession of citizenship, as it may deem necessary from time to time.

Article 37 Torture and Deprivation of Liberty

In acceding to the Convention, the Cook Islands made the following reservation. Given the practical impossibility due to limited space of separating juvenile inmates from adult inmates in the Arorangi Prison, on Rarotonga:

Entered into force 2 September 1990.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 6 June 1997.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 6 July 1997.

On accession, the Cook Islands made general declarations on the non-direct effect of the Convention in the Cook Islands and Art. 12-16; and reservations regarding Art. 10 and 37 and declaration regarding Art. 2 and 21.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

CM(97) 96, 6 May 1997.

1989, 24 November, Wellington

Convention for the Prohibition of Fishing with Long Driftnets in the South Pacific

Entered into force 17 May 1991.

Signed by the Cook Islands 29 November 1989.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 24 January 1990.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 17 May 1991.

Depositary: New Zealand .

The Convention is, pursuant to Art. 9, supplemented by Protocols I and II, done at Noumea, 20 October 1990, which are open for signature and ratification by states outside the Convention area. The Protocols enter into force for each ratifying state on the date of deposit of the instrument of ratification. Protocol I entered into force for the United States of America 28 February 1992, Protocol II entered into force for Chile 5 October 1993.

The Government of the Cook Islands accepts the general principles of article 37. In relation to the second sentence of paragraph (c), the obligation to separate children from adults in prison is accepted only to the extent that such imprisonment is considered by the responsible authorities to be feasible. The Cook Islands reserves the right not to apply article 37 in so far as those provisions require children who are detained to be accommodated separately from adults.

Declarations:

Domestically, the Convention does not apply directly. It establishes State obligations under international law that the Cook Islands fulfils in accordance with its national law.

Article 2 paragraph (1) does not necessarily imply the obligation of States automatically to guarantee foreigners the same rights as their nationals. The concept of non-discrimination on the basis of national origin should be understood as designed to rule out all arbitrary conduct but not differences in treatment based on objective and reasonable considerations, in accordance with the principles prevailing in democratic societies.

The Government of the Cook Islands will take the opportunity afforded by its accession to the Convention to initiate reforms in its domestic legislation relating to adoption that are in keeping with the spirit of the Convention and that it considers appropriate, in line with article 3 (2) of the Convention to ensure the well-being of the child. While all adoptions now permitted under Cook Islands law are based on the principle of the best interest of the child being of paramount consideration and authorised by the High Court in accordance with applicable law and procedures and on the basis of all pertinent and reliable information, the principal aim of the planned measures will be to remove vestigial discrimination provisions governing adoptions found in legislation enacted with respect to the Cook Islands prior to the acquisition of sovereignty by the Cook Islands in order to ensure non-discriminatory adoption arrangements for all Cook Islands nationals."

1990, 29 June, London

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Entered into force 10 August 1992.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 22 December 2003.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1990, 10 October, Tarawa

Agreement establishing the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), with Schedule

Entered into force 18 November 1990.

Signed by the Cook Islands without reservation 10 October 1990.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 3 March 1992.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 3 April 1992

Depositary: Fiji

CM(90) 1237, 2 October 1990 approved signing.

Terminated Memorandum of Understanding, Rarotonga, 25 May 1984.

See also Amendments, Suva, 8 October 1993.

1990, 26 October, Montreal

Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [Article 50(a)]

Entered into force 28 November 2002.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 August 2005.

Depositary: ICAO.

1991, 29 July, Pohnpei

Agreement establishing the South Pacific Forum Secretariat, with Annex

Entered into force 23 April 1993.

Signed by the Cook Islands 29 July 1991.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 3 September 1991.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 23 April 1993.

Depositary: Fiji.

CM(91) 0864, 29 July 1991 approved the draft Agreement.

Terminated and replaced Agreement, Apia, 17 April 1973, as amended.

1991

Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility⁹

⁹ As noted in its Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility, May 2004, GEF or the Facility was established in the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD or World Bank) as a pilot program in order to assist in the protection of the global environment and promote thereby environmentally sound and sustainable economic development, by resolution of the Executive Directors of the World Bank and related interagency arrangements between the United Nations

Signed by the Cook Islands 6 May 1994.

CM(03) 368, 10 June 2003 for Environment Service to be the Operational Focal Point for the Cook Islands.

1992, 9 May, New York

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, with Annexes

Entered into force 21 March 1994.

Signed by the Cook Islands 12 June 1992.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 20 April 1993.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 21 March 1994.

Duration: withdrawal possible on 1 year's notice after Convention has been in force for 3 years for Party concerned.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Text of Convention is subject to various rectifications noted in 1994 UN Status, 944 (Multilateral Treaties deposited with the Secretary-General – status as at 31 December 1994. New York, United Nations, 1995.

1992, 5 June, Rio de Janeiro

Convention on Biological Diversity, with Annexes

Entered into force 29 December 1993.

Signed by the Cook Islands 12 June 1992.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 20 April 1993.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 19 July 1993.

Duration: withdrawal possible on 1 year's notice after Convention has been in force for 2 years for Party concerned.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1992, 9 July, Honiara

Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the South Pacific Region

Entered into force 20 May 1993.

Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Bank;

(b) In April 1992, Participants in the GEF agreed that its structure and modalities should be modified. Agenda 21 (the action plan of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity subsequently called for the restructuring of the Facility;

(c) It was requested that the Facility be restructured in order to take account of these developments, to establish the GEF as one of the principal mechanisms for global environment funding, to ensure a governance that is transparent and democratic in nature, to promote universality in its participation and to provide for full cooperation in its implementation among UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank (together referred to as the Implementing Agencies), and to benefit from the evaluation of experience with the operation of the Facility since its establishment;

(d) It was necessary to replenish the resources under a restructured Facility which includes a new GEF Trust Fund; and

(e) It was desirable to terminate the existing Global Environment Trust Fund (GET) and to transfer any funds, receipts, assets and liabilities held in it upon termination to the new GEF Trust Fund.

Signed by the Cook Islands 9 July 1992.
Ratified by the Cook Islands 15 February 1993.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands
Depositary: Niue.

1992, 27-28 July, Nadi

Amendments to Schedule 1 of the Agreement among Pacific Island States concerning the Implementation and Administration of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America of 2 April 1987

Provisionally in force from 15 June 1993, in terms of depositary note of 8 April 1993.

Accepted by Cook Islands

Text circulated to Parties by note of 8 April 1993 from depositary. For text of Agreement Schedule amended as above, see p. 41 "Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries: publ. By Forum Fisheries Agency, Honiara, 1994.

Depositary:

1992, 12 October, Port Moresby

Amendments to Annexes and Schedules to the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America of 2 April 1987

Provisionally in force from 15 June 1993, depositary Notification No. 270-24-3/1 of 16 June 1993.

Accepted by Cook Islands.

Text circulated to Parties by letter of 12 October 1992 from depositary, subsequently rectified (as to item "New Zealand" in Schedule 2) by depositary letter of 22 January 1993.

For text of Treaty Annexes and Schedules amended as above, see p. 12ff "Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries: publ. By Forum Fisheries Agency, Honiara, 1994. This version also incorporates various corrections to the Annexes and Schedules, made by depositary in 1994: see under 1987 Treaty.

Depositary:

1992, 25 November, Copenhagen

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Entered into force 14 June 1994.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 22 December 2003.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1992, 27 November, London

Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969

Entered into force

Acceded by the Cook Islands

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO

CM: (06) 548, 5 December 2006

1992, 27 November, London

Protocol of 1992 to amend the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971

Entered into force

Acceded by the Cook Islands

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO

CM: (06) 548, 5 December 2006

1993, 13 January, Paris

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, with Annexes

Entered into force 29 April 1997.

Signed by the Cook Islands 14 January 1993.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 15 July 1994.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 29 April 1997.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

CM(94) 587, 14 July 1994 for the ratification of the Convention.

1993, 16 June, Apia

Agreement establishing the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Entered into force 31 August 1995.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 30 August 1995.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 30 September 1995.

Depositary: Western Samoa.

See also Convention, Noumea, 24 November 1986. The 1993 Agreement established SPREP as an intergovernmental organization.

1993, 8 October, Suva

Amendments to the Agreement establishing the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) of 10 October 1990

Approved by SOPAC Governing Council 8 October 1993.

Not yet in force.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 19 June 1996.

Text circulated by depositary document of 8 December 1993.

Depositary:

1994, 17 June, Paris

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Entered into force 26 December 1996.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 21 August 1998.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 19 November 1998.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

CM(98) 219, 18 August 1998.

1994, 28 July, New York

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982

Entered into force provisionally on 16 November 1994, in accordance with article 7(1) and definitively on 28 July 1996, in accordance with article 6(1).

Acceded by the Cook Islands 15 February 1995.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 17 March 1996.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

CM(95) 119, 13 February 1995.

1995, 4 August, New York

Agreement Relating to the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, with Annexes

Entered in force 11 December 2001.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 1 April 1999.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 1 March 1999.

Duration: may be denounced on 1 year's (or more) notice. Agreement is subject to a review conference after 4 years from date of entry into force.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

CM(95) 1105, 27 November 1995.

Part XI ('The Area') of the Convention was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 July 1994.

1995, 16 September, Port Moresby

Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region¹⁰

Entered into force

Signed by the Cook Islands 17 September 1995.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 30 October 2000.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 30 November 2000.

Duration: withdrawal possible on 1 year's notice after Convention has been in force 3 years for Party concerned.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

CM(95) 837, 6 September 1995 to sign.

CM(00) 383, 24 October 2000 to ratify.

1995, 22 September, Geneva

¹⁰ The Convention is otherwise known as the Regional Convention on Hazardous Wastes (Waigani Convention).

Amendment to the Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

Not yet in force.

Signed by the Cook Islands 29 June 2004.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1996, 2 May, London

Protocol of 1996 relating to the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1976

Entered into force

Acceded by the Cook Islands

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO

CM: (06) 548, 5 December 2006

1996, 24 September, New York

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, with Annexes

Not yet in force.

Signed by the Cook Islands 5 December 1997.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 6 September 2005.¹¹

Duration: unlimited; but a review conference to be held ten years after date of entry into force.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1996, 3 December, Suva

Amendments to the MOU Establishing the Pacific Forum Line

Not yet in force.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 26 January 2001.

Depositary: The Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

1997, 7 March, Nadi

Constitution of the Tourism Council of the South Pacific

Entered into force 6 April 1997.

Signed by the Cook Islands 7 March 1997.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands .

Depositary: Fiji.

1997, 17 September, Montreal

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties

Entered into force 10 November 1999.

¹¹ Agreement between the Preparatory Commission for the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation and the Government of the Cook Islands on the Conduct of Activities, including Post-Certification Activities, relating to International Monitoring Facilities for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty – CM (00) 01, 7 March 2000 agreed to the signing of the Facility Agreement.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 22 December 2003
Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1997, 18 September, Oslo

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and on their Destruction

Entered into force 1 March 1999.
Signed by the Cook Islands December 3 1997.
Ratified by the Cook Islands 16 March 2006.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands September 15 2006.
Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.
UN Ref: LA 41 TR/221/1(26-5)

1997, 26 September, London

Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto,

Entered into force
Acceded by the Cook Islands
Entered into force for the Cook Islands
Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO
CM: (06) 548, 5 December 2006

1997, 11 December, Kyoto

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change¹²

Entered into force 16 February 2005.
Signed by the Cook Islands 16 September 1998.
Ratified by the Cook Islands 27 August 2001.
Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.
CM(01) 253, 3 July 2001.

1997, November, Rome

Amendments to the International Plant Protection Convention of 6 December 1951

Not yet entered into force
Adhered by the Cook Islands 2 December 2004.
Not yet entered into force for the Cook Islands.

¹² **Declaration to the Kyoto Protocol:**

The Government of the Cook Islands declares its understanding that signature and subsequent ratification of the Kyoto Protocol shall in no way constitute a renunciation of any rights under international law concerning State responsibility for the adverse effects of the climate change and that no provision in the Protocol can be interpreted as derogating from principles of general international law.

In this regard, the Government of the Cook Islands further declares that, in light of the best available scientific information and assessment on climate change and its impacts, it considers the emissions reduction obligation in Article 3 of the Kyoto Protocol to be inadequate to prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with climate system.

Depositary: FAO.

1998, 25 February

Notification of membership of Codex Alimentarius Commission

1998, 10 September, Rotterdam

Convention on Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade

Entered into force 24 February 2004.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 June 2004.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 27 September 2004.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

CM(04) 354, 15 June 2004.¹³

1999, 3 December, Beijing

Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Entered into force 25 February 2002.

Signed by the Cook Islands 22 December 2003.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

1999, 9 December

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism¹⁴

¹³ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration will serve as the National Focal Point for this Convention.

¹⁴ **Declaration to the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism:**

In accordance with the provisions of article 2, paragraph 2, subparagraph (a) of the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, the Government of the Cook Islands declares:

That in the application of this Convention, the treaties listed in the annex, referred to in article 2, paragraph 1, subparagraph (a) shall be deemed not to be included, given that the Cook Islands is not yet a party to the following Conventions:

- (i) Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted at Vienna on 3 March 1980;
- (ii) Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 24 February 1988;
- (iii) Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, done at Rome on 10 March 1988;
- (iv) Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10 March 1988;
- (v) International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December 1997.

Entered into force 10 April 2002.
Signed by the Cook Islands 24 December 2001.
Ratified 4 March 2004.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 3 April 2004.
Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations.
CM(01) 499, 20 December 2001.

2000, 29 January, Montreal

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Entered into force 11 September 2003.
Signed by the Cook Islands 21 May 2001.
Not yet ratified.
Has not entered into force for the Cook Islands.
Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.
CM(01) 197, 22 May 2001.

2000, 23 June, Cotonou

Partnership Agreement between the Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the One Part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the Other Part

Entered into force
Signed by the Cook Islands 23 June 2000.
Ratified by the Cook Islands 23 June 2003.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands.
Depositary: Council for the European Union.
CM(00) 160, 12 June 2000, for signing the Agreement.

2000, 5 September, Honolulu

Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

Entered into force 19 June 2004.
Signed by the Cook Islands 5 September 2000.
Ratified by the Cook Islands 1 October 2003.
Entered into force for the Cook Islands 19 June 2004.
Depositary: New Zealand.
CM(03) 609, 26 September 2003 for ratification.

2000, 9 October, Guam

Amendments to the Convention on the Conservation of Nature in the South Pacific

Entered into force
Signed by the Cook Islands
Ratified by the Cook Islands

AND the Government of the Cook Islands makes the following notification that pursuant to article 7, paragraph 3 of the Convention, the Cook Islands establishes its jurisdiction in relation to all cases referred to in article 7, paragraph 2 of the Convention.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary:

CM(02A) 144, 22 February 2002.

2000 30 October, Tarawa

Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Entered into force: 25 August 2005.

Signed by the Cook Islands 30 October 2000.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 21 March 2001.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands: 25 August 2005.

Depositary: Fiji.

CM(00) 379, 24 October 2000.

2000, 15 November, New York

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Entered into force 29 September 2003.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 4 March 2004.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 3 April 2004.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

CM(03) 201, 25 March 2003.

2001, 1 May, Washington

Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalization of International Air Transportation

Entered into force 21 December 2001.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 28 February 2006.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 23 July 2006.

Depositary: Government of New Zealand.

CM(05) 601 30 November 2005

2001, 1 May, Washington

Protocol to the Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalization of International Air Transportation

Entered into force 21 December 2001.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 28 February 2006.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 23 July 2006.

Depositary: Government of New Zealand.

2001, 22 May, Stockholm

Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Entered into force 17 May 2004.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 29 June 2004.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 27 September 2004.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

CM(04) 355, 15 June 2004.¹⁵

2001, 18 August, Nauru

Pacific Islands Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA)

Entered into force: 13 April 2003.

Signed by the Cook Islands 18 August 2001.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 28 August 2001.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 13 April 2003.

Depositary: Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

2001, 18 August, Nauru

Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (PACER)

Entered into force: 3 October 2002.

Signed by the Cook Islands 18 August 2001.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 28 August 2001.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 27 September 2001.

Depositary: Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

CM (01) 140, 24 April 2001.

2001, 5 October, London

International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001

Entered into force

Acceded by the Cook Islands

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO

CM (06) 548, 5 December 2006

2001, 3 November, Rome

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Entered into force 29 June 2004.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 2 December 2004.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 2 March 2005.

Depositary: FAO

2002, March, Kiribati

Amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of 2 April 1987

Not yet in force .

Ratified by the Cook Islands 2 April 2003.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Papua New Guinea.

2003, 24 March, Kiribati, Kiribati,

¹⁵ The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration will serve as the Focal Point and the Environment Service will become the National Competent Authority for this Convention.

Amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of 2 April 1987 (Consequential Amendment)

Not yet in force.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 3 February 2006.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands.

Depositary: Papua New Guinea.

CM (03) 122, 25 February 2003.

2003, May, Geneva

World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Entered into force 27 February 2005.

Signed by the Cook Islands 14 May 2004.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 14 May 2004.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 12 June 2004.

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2003, 24 July, Townsville

Agreement between Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Tonga concerning the operations and status of the Police and Armed Forces and Other Personnel deployed to Solomon Islands to assist in the restoration of law and order and security

Entered into force 24 July 2003.

Signed by the Cook Islands 15 August 2003.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 15 May 2007.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 15 May 2007.

Depositary: Australia.

CM (07) 184, 11 April 2007 - ratification

2003, 16 August, Auckland

Pacific Islands Air Services Agreement (PIASA)

Not yet in force.

Signed by the Cook Islands 16 August 2003.

Ratified by the Cook Islands 13 April 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

2005, 25 June, Luxembourg

Revised Text of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States

Entered into force

Signed by the Cook Islands 25 June 2005.

Ratified by the Cook Islands.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands.

Depositary: Council for the European Union.

CM (05) 116, 5 April 2005 – Cabinet accepted the invitation to become a founding member of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly.

2005, 7 August, Apia

Pacific Islands Civil Aviation Safety and Security Treaty

Entered into force: 11 June 2005.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 15 November 2005.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 15 December 2005.

Depositary: Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

2005, 14 October, London

Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation

Entered into force

Acceded by the Cook Islands

Entered into force for the Cook Islands

Depositary: Secretary-General, IMO

CM: (06) 548, 5 December 2006

2005, 19 October, Paris

International Convention against Doping in Sport

Entered into force: 1 February 2007.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 15 February 2006.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands: 1 February 2007.

Depositary: Director General, UNESCO.

2005, 27 October,

Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum

Has yet to enter into force.

Signed by the Cook Islands 27 October 2005.

Ratified by the Cook Islands

Not yet entered into force for the Cook Islands.

Depositary: Fiji.

CM(05) 418, 25 August 2005 signing and ratification.

2005, 20 December,

Amending Protocol to the Pacific Islands Civil Aviation Safety and Security Treaty

Entered into force 20 July 2006.

Acceded by the Cook Islands 21 February 2006.

Entered into force for the Cook Islands 20 July 2006.

Amendments proposed by Vanuatu, received by the Depositary 20 December 2005, circulated to all Parties 24 January 2005.

2006, 10 September, Noumea

Protocol on Hazardous and Noxious Substances Pollution, Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in the Pacific Region

Not yet entered into force.

Signed by the Cook Islands 14 September 2006.

Not yet entered into force for the Cook Islands.

Depositary: Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

2006, 10 September, Noumea

Protocol on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation in the Pacific Region

Not yet entered into force.

Signed by the Cook Islands 14 September 2006.

Not yet entered into force for the Cook Islands.

Depositary: Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.