

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE LONDON CONVENTION 1972

OVERVIEW OF CONTRACTING STATES

(Status: 7 July 2010)

	STATE	Party to LC 1972?	Date of ratification accession or succession	Date of entry into force ¹
1	DENMARK	Yes	17 April 1997	24 March 2006
2	GERMANY	Yes	(r) 16 October 1998	“
3	UNITED KINGDOM	Yes	(r) 15 December 1998	“
4	SOUTH AFRICA	Yes	(a) 23 December 1998	“
5	VANUATU	Yes	(a) 18 February 1999	“
6	SPAIN	Yes	(r) 24 March 1999	“
7	NORWAY	Yes	(r) 16 December 1999	“
8	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	No	(a) 6 March 2000	“
9	GEORGIA	No	(a) 18 April 2000	“
10	CANADA	Yes	(a) 15 May 2000	“
11	SWITZERLAND	Yes	(r) 8 September 2000	“
12	SWEDEN	Yes	(r) 16 October 2000	“
13	AUSTRALIA	Yes	(r) 4 December 2000	“
14	IRELAND	Yes	(a) 26 April 2001	“
15	NEW ZEALAND	Yes	(r) 30 July 2001	“
16	ANGOLA	No	(a) 4 October 2001	“
17	ICELAND	Yes	(r) 21 May 2003	“
18	TONGA	Yes ²	(a) 18 October 2003	“
19	FRANCE	Yes	(a) 7 February 2004	“
20	EGYPT	Yes	(a) 26 May 2004	“
21	ST. KITTS & NEVIS	No	(a) 7 October 2004	“
22	LUXEMBOURG	Yes	(a) 21 November 2005	“
23	BULGARIA	Yes	(a) 25 January 2006	“
24	SAUDI-ARABIA	No	(a) 2 February 2006	“
25	BELGIUM	Yes	(r) 13 February 2006	“
26	MEXICO	Yes	(a) 22 February 2006	“
27	SLOVENIA	Yes	(a) 3 March 2006	02 April 2006
28	BARBADOS	Yes	(a) 24 July 2006	24 August 2006
29	CHINA	Yes	(r) 29 September 2006	29 October 2006
30	ITALY	Yes	(a) 13 October 2006	12 November 2006
31	SURINAME	Yes	(a) 11 February 2007	13 March 2007
32	JAPAN	Yes	(a) 2 October 2007	1 November 2007
33	KENYA	Yes	(a) 14 January 2008	13 February 2008

¹ Article 25 of the 1996 Protocol states that this Protocol shall enter into force on the 30th day following the date on which 26 States have ratified it, among which have to be at least 15 Contracting Parties to the London Convention 1972.

² This is the 15th Contracting Party to the Convention joining the Protocol, so that the requirement of Article 25.1.2 is met.

	STATE	Party to LC 1972?	Date of ratification accession or succession	Date of entry into force³
34	SIERRA LEONE	Yes	(a) 10 March 2008	09 April 2008
35	MARSHALL ISLANDS	No	(a) 09 May 2008	08 June 2008
36	NETHERLANDS ⁴	Yes	24 September 2008	24 October 2008
37	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	Yes	(a) 22 January 2009	21 February 2009
38	GHANA	No	(a) 02 June 2010	02 July 2010

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⁴ The Netherlands accepted the Protocol.

LIST OF THE 18 SIGNATORIES TO THE 1996 PROTOCOL

	STATE⁵	Party to LC 1972?	Remarks made	Date of signature
1	DENMARK	Yes	without reservation as to ratification	17 April 1997
2	SWEDEN	Yes	subject to ratification	9 Sept. 1997
3	GERMANY	Yes	subject to ratification	11 Sept. 1997
4	UNITED KINGDOM	Yes	subject to ratification	22 Sept. 1997
5	ARGENTINA	Yes	subject to ratification	6 Nov. 1997
6	NEW ZEALAND	Yes	subject to ratification	8 Dec. 1997
7	MOROCCO	Yes	subject to ratification	11 Dec. 1997
8	BRAZIL	Yes	subject to ratification	5 Febr. 1998
9	CHINA	Yes	subject to ratification	23 March 1998
10	AUSTRALIA	Yes	subject to ratification	25 March 1998
11	NETHERLANDS	Yes	subject to acceptance	27 March 1998
12	BELGIUM	Yes	subject to ratification	27 March 1998
13	SWITZERLAND	Yes	subject to ratification	30 March 1998
14	NORWAY	Yes	subject to ratification	30 March 1998
15	SPAIN	Yes	ad referendum	30 March 1998
16	FINLAND	Yes	subject to acceptance	31 March 1998
17	ICELAND	Yes	subject to ratification	31 March 1998
18	UNITED STATES	Yes	subject to ratification	31 March 1998

⁵ Signatories indicated in bold have also ratified/accepted the Protocol.