

# MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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## VI.15: Narcotic Drugs — Single Convention, 1961

## 15. SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961

*Done at New York on 30 March 1961*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 13 December 1964, in accordance with article 41.  
**REGISTRATION:** 13 December 1964, No. 7515.  
**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151, vol. 557, p. 280 (corrigendum to the Russian text), vol. 570, p. 346 (procès-verbal of rectification of the authentic Russian text), and vol. 590, p. 325 (procès-verbal of rectification of the authentic Spanish text).  
**STATUS:** Signatories: 62. Parties: 139.

*Note:* The Convention was adopted and opened for signature by the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 24 January to 25 March 1961. The Conference was convened pursuant to resolution 689 J (XXVI)<sup>1</sup> of 28 July 1958 of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The Conference also adopted the Final Act and five resolutions for the text of which, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151. For the proceedings of the Conference, see *Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs* volumes I and II, United Nations publications, Sales Nos. 63.XI.4 and 63.XI.5.

<i>Participant</i> <sup>2</sup>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, accession (a), succession (d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, accession (a), succession (d)</i>
Afghanistan	30 Mar 1961	19 Mar 1963	Ghana	30 Mar 1961	15 Jan 1964
Algeria		7 Apr 1965 <i>a</i>	Greece		6 Jun 1972 <i>a</i>
Antigua and Barbuda		5 Apr 1993 <i>a</i>	Guatemala	26 Jul 1961	1 Dec 1967
Argentina	31 Jul 1961	10 Oct 1963	Guinea		7 Oct 1968 <i>a</i>
Australia	30 Mar 1961	1 Dec 1967	Guinea-Bissau		27 Oct 1995 <i>a</i>
Austria		1 Feb 1978 <i>a</i>	Haiti	3 Apr 1961	29 Jan 1973
Bahamas		13 Aug 1975 <i>d</i>	Holy See	30 Mar 1961	1 Sep 1970
Bangladesh		25 Apr 1975 <i>a</i>	Honduras		16 Apr 1973 <i>a</i>
Barbados		21 Jun 1976 <i>d</i>	Hungary	31 Jul 1961	24 Apr 1964
Belarus	31 Jul 1961	20 Feb 1964	Iceland		18 Dec 1974 <i>a</i>
Belgium	28 Jul 1961	17 Oct 1969	India	30 Mar 1961	13 Dec 1964
Benin	30 Mar 1961	27 Apr 1962	Indonesia	28 Jul 1961	3 Sep 1976
Botswana		27 Dec 1984 <i>a</i>	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	30 Mar 1961	30 Aug 1972
Brazil	30 Mar 1961	18 Jun 1964	Iraq	30 Mar 1961	29 Aug 1962
Brunei Darussalam		25 Nov 1987 <i>a</i>	Ireland		16 Dec 1980 <i>a</i>
Bulgaria	31 Jul 1961	25 Oct 1968	Israel		23 Nov 1962 <i>a</i>
Burkina Faso		16 Sep 1969 <i>a</i>	Italy	4 Apr 1961	14 Apr 1975
Cambodia	30 Mar 1961		Jamaica		29 Apr 1964 <i>a</i>
Cameroon		15 Jan 1962 <i>a</i>	Japan	26 Jul 1961	13 Jul 1964
Canada	30 Mar 1961	11 Oct 1961	Jordan	30 Mar 1961	15 Nov 1962
Chad	30 Mar 1961	29 Jan 1963	Kazakhstan		29 Apr 1997 <i>a</i>
Chile	30 Mar 1961	7 Feb 1968	Kenya		13 Nov 1964 <i>a</i>
China <sup>3</sup>			Kuwait		16 Apr 1962 <i>a</i>
Colombia		3 Mar 1975 <i>a</i>	Kyrgyzstan		7 Oct 1994 <i>a</i>
Congo	30 Mar 1961		Lao People's Democratic Republic		22 Jun 1973 <i>a</i>
Costa Rica	30 Mar 1961	7 May 1970	Latvia		16 Jul 1993 <i>a</i>
Côte d'Ivoire		10 Jul 1962 <i>a</i>	Lebanon	30 Mar 1961	23 Apr 1965
Croatia		26 Jul 1993 <i>d</i>	Lesotho		4 Nov 1974 <i>d</i>
Cuba		30 Aug 1962 <i>a</i>	Liberia	30 Mar 1961	13 Apr 1987
Cyprus		30 Jan 1969 <i>a</i>	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		27 Sep 1978 <i>a</i>
Czech Republic <sup>4</sup>		30 Dec 1993 <i>d</i>	Liechtenstein <sup>7</sup>	14 Jul 1961	31 Oct 1979
Democratic Republic of the Congo	28 Apr 1961	19 Nov 1973	Lithuania		28 Feb 1994 <i>a</i>
Denmark	30 Mar 1961	15 Sep 1964	Luxembourg	28 Jul 1961	27 Oct 1972
Dominica		24 Sep 1993 <i>a</i>	Madagascar	30 Mar 1961	20 Jun 1974
Dominican Republic		26 Sep 1972 <i>a</i>	Malawi		8 Jun 1965 <i>a</i>
Ecuador		14 Jan 1964 <i>a</i>	Malaysia		11 Jul 1967 <i>a</i>
Egypt	30 Mar 1961	20 Jul 1966	Mali		15 Dec 1964 <i>a</i>
El Salvador	30 Mar 1961		Marshall Islands		9 Aug 1991 <i>a</i>
Ethiopia		29 Apr 1965 <i>a</i>	Mauritius		18 Jul 1969 <i>d</i>
Fiji		1 Nov 1971 <i>d</i>	Mexico	24 Jul 1961	18 Apr 1967
Finland	30 Mar 1961	6 Jul 1965	Micronesia (Federated States of)		29 Apr 1991 <i>a</i>
France		19 Feb 1969 <i>a</i>			
Gabon		29 Feb 1968 <i>a</i>			
Gambia		23 Apr 1996 <i>a</i>			
Germany <sup>5,6</sup>	31 Jul 1961	3 Dec 1973			

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Monaco .....		14 Aug 1969 <i>a</i>	Slovakia <sup>4</sup> .....		28 May 1993 <i>d</i>
Mongolia .....		6 May 1991 <i>a</i>	Solomon Islands .....		17 Mar 1982 <i>d</i>
Morocco .....		4 Dec 1961 <i>a</i>	Somalia .....		9 Jun 1988 <i>a</i>
Myanmar .....	30 Mar 1961	29 Jul 1963	South Africa .....		16 Nov 1971 <i>a</i>
Netherlands <sup>8</sup> .....	31 Jul 1961	16 Jul 1965	Sri Lanka .....		11 Jul 1963 <i>a</i>
New Zealand .....	30 Mar 1961	26 Mar 1963	Spain .....	27 Jul 1961	1 Mar 1966
Nicaragua .....	30 Mar 1961	21 Jun 1973	Sudan .....		24 Apr 1974 <i>a</i>
Niger .....		18 Apr 1963 <i>a</i>	Suriname .....		29 Mar 1990 <i>d</i>
Nigeria .....	30 Mar 1961	6 Jun 1969	Sweden .....	3 Apr 1961	18 Dec 1964
Norway .....	30 Mar 1961	1 Sep 1967	Switzerland .....	20 Apr 1961	23 Jan 1970
Oman .....		24 Jul 1987 <i>a</i>	Syrian Arab Republic .....		22 Aug 1962 <i>a</i>
Pakistan .....	30 Mar 1961	9 Jul 1965	Thailand .....	24 Jul 1961	31 Oct 1961
Panama .....	30 Mar 1961	4 Dec 1963	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>9</sup>		13 Oct 1993 <i>a</i>
Papua New Guinea ..		28 Oct 1980 <i>d</i>	Togo .....		6 May 1963 <i>a</i>
Paraguay .....	30 Mar 1961	3 Feb 1972	Tonga .....		5 Sep 1973 <i>d</i>
Peru <sup>10</sup> .....	30 Mar 1961	22 Jul 1964	Trinidad and Tobago .		22 Jun 1964 <i>a</i>
Philippines .....	30 Mar 1961	2 Oct 1967	Tunisia .....	30 Mar 1961	8 Sep 1964
Poland .....	31 Jul 1961	16 Mar 1966	Turkey .....		23 May 1967 <i>a</i>
Portugal <sup>11</sup> .....	30 Mar 1961	30 Dec 1971	Turkmenistan .....		21 Feb 1996 <i>a</i>
Republic of Korea ...	30 Mar 1961	13 Feb 1962	Uganda .....		15 Apr 1988 <i>a</i>
Republic of Moldova .....		15 Feb 1995 <i>a</i>	Ukraine .....	31 Jul 1961	15 Apr 1964
Romania .....		14 Jan 1974 <i>a</i>	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ..	30 Mar 1961	2 Sep 1964
Russian Federation ...	31 Jul 1961	20 Feb 1964	United States of America .....		25 May 1967 <i>a</i>
Saint Kitts and Nevis .		9 May 1994 <i>a</i>	Uruguay .....		31 Oct 1975 <i>a</i>
Saint Lucia .....		5 Jul 1991 <i>d</i>	Venezuela .....	30 Mar 1961	14 Feb 1969
Sao Tome and Principe .....		20 Jun 1996 <i>a</i>	Yugoslavia .....	30 Mar 1961	27 Aug 1963
Saudi Arabia .....		21 Apr 1973 <i>a</i>	Zambia .....		12 Aug 1965 <i>a</i>
Senegal .....		24 Jan 1964 <i>a</i>			
Seychelles .....		27 Feb 1992 <i>a</i>			
Singapore .....		15 Mar 1973 <i>a</i>			

*Declarations and Reservations*

*(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)*

**ALGERIA**

The Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria does not approve the present wording of article 42 which might prevent the application of the Convention to "non-metropolitan" territories.

The Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 48, paragraph 2, which prescribe the compulsory referral of any dispute to the International Court of Justice.

The Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria declares that the agreement of all parties to a dispute shall in every case be necessary for the referral thereof to the International Court of Justice.

**ARGENTINA<sup>12</sup>**

*Reservation to article 48, paragraph 2:*

The Argentine Republic does not recognize the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.

**AUSTRIA**

"The Republic of Austria interprets article 36, paragraph 1, as follows: The obligation of the Party contained therein may also be implemented by administrative regulations providing adequate sanction for the offences enumerated therein."

**BANGLADESH**

"[Subject to the reservations] referred to in article 49 (1) (a), (d) and (e) of the Convention, namely, subject to the right of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to permit temporarily in its territory:

- (a) The quasi-medical use of opium,
- (d) The use of cannabis, cannabis resin, extracts and tinctures of cannabis for nonmedical purposes, and
- (e) The production and manufacture of and trade in the drugs referred to under (a) and (d) above for the purposes mentioned therein."

**BELARUS**

The Government of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic will not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 12, paragraphs 2 and 3, article 13, paragraph 2, article 14, paragraphs 1 and 2 and article 31, paragraph 1 (b) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs as applied to States not entitled to become Parties to the Single Convention on the basis of the procedure provided for in article 40 of that Convention.

The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic deems it essential to draw attention to the discriminatory character of article 40, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, under the terms of which certain States are not entitled to become Parties to the said Convention. The Single Convention concerns