

# MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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UNITED NATIONS

## VI.16: Narcotic Drugs — Psychotropic Substances, 1971

## 16. CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

*Concluded at Vienna on 21 February 1971*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 16 August 1976, in accordance with article 26 (1).  
**REGISTRATION:** 16 August 1976, No. 14956.  
**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1019, p. 175 (including procès-verbal of rectification of the English and Russian authentic texts).  
**STATUS:** Signatories: 35. Parties: 153.

*Note:* The Convention was adopted and opened for signature by the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Protocol on Psychotropic Substances, held at Vienna from 11 January to 21 February 1971. The Conference was convened pursuant to resolution 1474 (XLVIII)<sup>1</sup> of 24 March 1970 of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature (s), ratification, accession (a), succession (d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature (s), ratification, accession (a), succession (d)</i>
Afghanistan		21 May 1985 <i>a</i>	Gambia		23 Apr 1996 <i>a</i>
Algeria		14 Jul 1978 <i>a</i>	Germany <sup>6, 7</sup>	23 Dec 1971	2 Dec 1977
Antigua and Barbuda		5 Apr 1993 <i>a</i>	Ghana	21 Feb 1971	10 Apr 1990
Argentina	21 Feb 1971	16 Feb 1978	Greece	21 Feb 1971	10 Feb 1977
Armenia		13 Sep 1993 <i>a</i>	Grenada		25 Apr 1980 <i>a</i>
Australia	23 Dec 1971	19 May 1982	Guatemala		13 Aug 1979 <i>a</i>
Austria		23 Jun 1997 <i>a</i>	Guinea		27 Dec 1990 <i>a</i>
Bahrain		7 Feb 1990 <i>a</i>	Guinea-Bissau		27 Oct 1995 <i>a</i>
Bahamas		31 Aug 1987 <i>a</i>	Guyana	21 Feb 1971	4 May 1977
Bangladesh		11 Oct 1990 <i>a</i>	Holy See	21 Feb 1971	7 Jan 1976
Barbados		28 Jan 1975 <i>a</i>	Hungary	30 Dec 1971	19 Jul 1979
Belarus	30 Dec 1971	15 Dec 1978	Iceland		18 Dec 1974 <i>a</i>
Belgium		25 Oct 1995 <i>a</i>	India		23 Apr 1975 <i>a</i>
Benin		6 Nov 1973 <i>a</i>	Indonesia		19 Dec 1996 <i>a</i>
Bolivia		20 Mar 1985 <i>a</i>	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 Feb 1971	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		1 Sep 1993 <i>d</i>	Iraq		17 May 1976 <i>a</i>
Brazil	21 Feb 1971	14 Feb 1973	Ireland		7 Aug 1992 <i>a</i>
Botswana		27 Dec 1984 <i>a</i>	Israel		10 Jun 1993 <i>a</i>
Brunei Darussalam		24 Nov 1987 <i>a</i>	Italy		27 Nov 1981 <i>a</i>
Bulgaria		18 May 1972 <i>a</i>	Jamaica		6 Oct 1989 <i>a</i>
Burkina Faso		20 Jan 1987 <i>a</i>	Japan	21 Dec 1971	31 Aug 1990
Burundi		18 Feb 1993 <i>a</i>	Jordan		8 Aug 1975 <i>a</i>
Cameroon		5 Jun 1981 <i>a</i>	Kazakhstan		29 Apr 1997 <i>a</i>
Canada		10 Sep 1988 <i>a</i>	Kyrgyzstan		7 Oct 1994 <i>a</i>
Cape Verde		24 May 1990 <i>a</i>	Kuwait		13 Jul 1979 <i>a</i>
Chad		9 Jun 1995 <i>a</i>	Lao People's Democratic Republic		22 Sep 1997 <i>a</i>
Chile	21 Feb 1971	18 May 1972	Latvia		16 Jul 1993 <i>a</i>
China <sup>2, 3</sup>		23 Aug 1985 <i>a</i>	Lebanon	21 Feb 1971	15 Dec 1994
Colombia		12 May 1981 <i>a</i>	Lesotho		23 Apr 1975 <i>a</i>
Costa Rica	2 Sep 1971	16 Feb 1977	Liberia	21 Feb 1971	
Côte d'Ivoire		11 Apr 1984 <i>a</i>	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		24 Apr 1979 <i>a</i>
Croatia		26 Jul 1993 <i>d</i>	Lithuania		28 Feb 1994 <i>a</i>
Cuba		26 Apr 1976 <i>a</i>	Luxembourg		7 Feb 1991 <i>a</i>
Cyprus		26 Nov 1973 <i>a</i>	Madagascar		20 Jun 1974 <i>a</i>
Czech Republic <sup>4</sup>		30 Dec 1993 <i>d</i>	Malawi		9 Apr 1980 <i>a</i>
Democratic Republic of the Congo		12 Oct 1977 <i>a</i>	Malaysia		22 Jul 1986 <i>a</i>
Denmark	21 Feb 1971	18 Apr 1975	Mali		31 Oct 1995 <i>a</i>
Dominica		24 Sep 1993 <i>a</i>	Malta		22 Feb 1990 <i>a</i>
Dominican Republic		19 Nov 1975 <i>a</i>	Marshall Islands		9 Aug 1991 <i>a</i>
Ecuador		7 Sep 1973 <i>a</i>	Mauritania		24 Oct 1989 <i>a</i>
Egypt	21 Feb 1971	14 Jun 1972	Mauritius		8 May 1973 <i>a</i>
Estonia		5 Jul 1996 <i>a</i>	Mexico		20 Feb 1975 <i>a</i>
Ethiopia		23 Jun 1980 <i>a</i>	Micronesia (Federated States of)		29 Apr 1991 <i>a</i>
Fiji		25 Mar 1993 <i>a</i>			
Finland	15 Oct 1971	20 Nov 1972			
France <sup>5</sup>	17 Dec 1971	28 Jan 1975			
Gabon		14 Oct 1981 <i>a</i>			

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Monaco	21 Feb 1971	6 Jul 1977	Somalia		2 Sep 1986 a
Morocco		11 Feb 1980 a	South Africa		27 Jan 1972 a
Myanmar <sup>8</sup>		21 Sep 1995 a	Spain <sup>12</sup>		20 Jul 1973 a
Netherlands <sup>9</sup>		8 Sep 1993 a	Sri Lanka		15 Mar 1993 a
New Zealand <sup>10</sup>	13 Sep 1971	7 Jun 1990	Sudan		26 Jul 1993 a
Nicaragua		24 Oct 1973 a	Suriname		29 Mar 1990 a
Niger		10 Nov 1992 a	Swaziland		3 Oct 1995 a
Nigeria		23 Jun 1981 a	Sweden	21 Feb 1971	5 Dec 1972
Norway		18 Jul 1975 a	Switzerland		22 Apr 1996 a
Oman		3 Jul 1997 a	Syrian Arab Republic		8 Mar 1976 a
Pakistan		9 Jun 1977 a	Tajikistan		26 Mar 1997 a
Panama		18 Feb 1972 a	Thailand		21 Nov 1975 a
Papua New Guinea		20 Nov 1981 a	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>13</sup>		13 Oct 1993 a
Paraguay <sup>11</sup>	28 Jul 1971	3 Feb 1972	Togo	21 Feb 1971	18 May 1976
Peru		28 Jan 1980 a	Tonga		24 Oct 1975 a
Philippines		7 Jun 1974 a	Trinidad and Tobago	21 Feb 1971	14 Mar 1979
Poland	30 Dec 1971	3 Jan 1975	Tunisia		23 Jul 1979 a
Portugal		20 Apr 1979 a	Turkey	21 Feb 1971	1 Apr 1981
Qatar		18 Dec 1986 a	Turkmenistan		21 Feb 1996 a
Republic of Korea		12 Jan 1978 a	Uganda		15 Apr 1988 a
Republic of Moldova		15 Feb 1995 a	Ukraine	30 Dec 1971	20 Nov 1978
Romania		21 Jan 1993 a	United Arab Emirates		17 Feb 1988 a
Russian Federation	30 Dec 1971	3 Nov 1978	United Kingdom <sup>3, 14</sup>	21 Feb 1971	24 Mar 1986
Rwanda	21 Feb 1971	15 Jul 1981	United States of America	21 Feb 1971	16 Apr 1980
Saint Kitts and Nevis		9 May 1994 a	Uruguay		16 Mar 1976 a
Saudi Arabia		29 Jan 1975 a	Uzbekistan		12 Jul 1995 a
Sao Tome and Principe		20 Jun 1996 a	Venezuela	21 Feb 1971	23 May 1972
Senegal		10 Jun 1977 a	Viet Nam		4 Nov 1997 a
Seychelles		27 Feb 1992 a	Yemen		25 Mar 1996 a
Sierra Leone		6 Jun 1994 a	Yugoslavia	21 Feb 1971	15 Oct 1973
Singapore		17 Sep 1990 a	Zambia		28 May 1993 a
Slovakia <sup>4</sup>		28 May 1993 d	Zimbabwe		30 Jul 1993 a
Slovenia		6 Jul 1992 d			

*Declarations and Reservations*

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

**AFGHANISTAN***Reservation:*

The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, while acceding to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, declares that it does not consider itself bound to the provision of the second paragraph of article 31, since this paragraph calls for the submission to the International Court of Justice upon the request of one of the Parties, of differences of opinion that may arise between two or several Parties to the Convention on its interpretation and implementation.

The Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, therefore, declares in this connection that in the event of a conflict of opinion on such cases, the issue at conflict shall be submitted to the International Court of Justice not at the request of one of the sides, but upon the agreement of all Parties concerned.

**ARGENTINA**

"With a reservation concerning the effects of the application of the Convention to non-metropolitan Territories whose sovereignty is in dispute, as indicated in our vote on article 27."

**AUSTRALIA**

"The Convention shall not apply to the non-metropolitan territories for the international relations of which Australia is responsible."

**AUSTRIA***Declaration:*

"The Republic of Austria interprets Art. 22 as follows: In cases of a minor nature, the obligations contained in this provision may also be implemented by the creation of administrative penal regulations providing adequate sanction for the offences enumerated therein."

**BAHRAIN<sup>15</sup>***Reservation:*

*With regard to article 31, paragraph 2:*

"The State of Bahrain does not recognise the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice."

*Declaration:*

"Moreover, the accession by the State of Bahrain to the said Convention shall in no way constitute recognition of Israel or be