



# BASEL CONVENTION

*on the Control of Transboundary Movements  
of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal*



## Basel Convention Update

### Status of Ratification/Accession/Acceptance/Approval as of 2 March 2000

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#### List of Parties to the Basel Convention <sup>1</sup>

Africa	Asia and Pacific	Western Europe and Others	Central and Eastern Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean
Algeria 15.09.98 (a)	Bahrain 15.10.92 (r)	Andorra 23.7.99 (a)	Albania 29.06.99 (a)	Antigua and Barbuda 05.04.93 (a)
Benin 04.12.97 (a)	Bangladesh 01.04.93 (a)	Australia 05.02.92 (a)	Armenia 01.10.99 (a)	Argentina 27.06.91 (r)
Botswana 20.05.98 (a)	China 17.12.91 (r)	Austria 12.01.93 (r)	Belarus 10.12.99 (a)	Bahamas 12.08.92 (a)
Burkina Faso 04.11.99 (a)	India 24.06.92 (r)	Belgium 01.11.93 (r)	Bulgaria 16.02.96 (a)	Barbados 24.08.95 (a)
Burundi 06.01.97 (a)	Indonesia 20.09.93 (a)	Canada 28.08.92 (r)	Croatia 09.05.94 (a)	Belize 23.05.97 (a)
Cape Verde 02.07.99 (a)	Iran (Islamic Republic of) 05.01.93 (a)	Cyprus 17.09.92 (r)	Czech Republic 30.09.93 (d)	Bolivia 15.11.96 (r)
Comoros 31.10.94 (a)	Japan 17.09.93 (a)	Denmark 06.02.94 (AA)	Estonia 21.07.92 (a)	Brazil 01.10.92 (a)
Côte d'Ivoire 01.12.94 (a)	Jordan 22.06.89 (AA)	Finland 19.11.91 (A)	Georgia 20.05.99 (a)	Chile 11.08.92 (r)
Democratic Republic Of Congo 06.10.94 (a)	Kuwait 11.10.93 (r)	France 07.01.91 (AA)	Hungary 21.05.90 (AA)	Colombia 31.12.96 (r)
Egypt 08.01.93 (a)	Kyrgyzstan 13.08.96 (a)	Germany 21.04.95 (r)	Latvia 14.04.92 (a)	Costa Rica 07.03.95 (a)
Gambia 15.12.97 (a)	Lebanon 21.12.94 (r)	Greece 04.08.94 (r)	Lithuania 22.04.99 (a)	Cuba 03.10.94 (a)
		Iceland 28.06.95 (a)	Poland 22.03.92 (r)	

Key: Formal confirmation (c), Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a), Succession (d)

<sup>1</sup> The Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, was adopted on 22 March 1989 by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries which was convened at Basel from 20 to 22 March 1989. In accordance with its article 21, the Convention, which was open for signature at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland in Berne from 23 March 1989 to 30 June 1989, was open thereafter at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York until 22 March 1990, by all States, Namibia, and by political and-or economic integration organizations

Guinea 26.04.95 (a)	Malaysia 08.10.93 (a)	Ireland 07.02.94 (r)	Republic of Moldova 02.07.98 (a)	Dominica 05.05.98 (a)
Madagascar 02.06.99 ((a)	Maldives 28.04.92 (a)	Israel 04.12.94 (r)	Romania 27.02.91 (a)	Ecuador (r) 23.02.93
Malawi 21.04.94 (a)	Micronesia (Federated States of) 06.09.95 (a)	Italy 07.02.94 (r)	Russian Federation 31.01.95 (r)	El Salvador 13.12.91 (r)
Mauritania 16.08.96 (a)	Mongolia 15.04.97 (a)	Liechtenstein 27.01.92 (r)	Slovakia 28.05.93 (a)	Guatemala 15.05.95 (r)
Mauritius 24.11.92 (a)	Nepal 15.10.96 (a)	Luxembourg 07.02.94 (r)	Slovenia 07.10.93 (a)	Honduras 27.12.95 (a)
Morocco 28.12.95 (a)	Oman 08.02.95 (a)	Monaco 31.08.92 (a)	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 16.02.97 (a)	Mexico 22.02.91 (r)
Mozambique 13.03.97 (a)	Pakistan 26.07.94 (a)	Netherlands 16.04.93 (A)	Ukraine 08.10.99 (a)	Nicaragua 03.06.97 (a)
Namibia 15.05.95 (a)	Papua New Guinea 01.09.95 (a)	New Zealand 20.12.94 (r)		Panama 22.02.91 (r)
Niger 17.06.98 (a)	Philippines 21.10.93 (r)	Norway 02.07.90 (r)		Paraguay 28.09.95 (a)
Nigeria 13.03.91 (r)	Qatar 09.08.95 (a)	Portugal 26.01.94 (r)		Peru 23.11.93 (a)
Senegal 10.11.92 (a)	Republic of Korea 28.02.94 (a)	Spain 07.02.94 (r)		Saint Kitts and Nevis 07.09.94 (a)
Seychelles 11.05.93 (a)	Saudi Arabia 07.03.90 (r)	Sweden 02.08.91 (r)		Saint Lucia 09.12.93 (a)
South Africa 05.05.94 (a)	Singapore 02.01.96 (a)	Switzerland 31.01.90 (r)		Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 02.12.96 (a)
Tunisia 11.10.95 (a)	Sri Lanka 28.08.92 (a)	Turkey 22.06.94 (r)		Trinidad and Tobago 18.02.94 (a)
Uganda 11.03.99 (a)	Syrian Arab Republic 22.01.92 (r)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 07.02.94 (r)		Uruguay 20.12.91 (r)
United Republic of Tanzania 07.04.93 (a)	Thailand 24.11.97 (r)			Venezuela 03.03.98 (r)
Zambia 15.11.94 (a)	Turkmenistan 25.09.96 (a)			
	United Arab Emirates 17.11.92 (r)			
	Uzbekistan 07.02.96 (a)			
	Viet Nam 13.03.95 (a)			
	Yemen 21.02.96 (a)			
<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Political and/or Economic Integration Organizations:</b> European Community 07.02.94 (AA)				

**Total number of Parties:** 134 Parties

**Amendment to Annex 1 of the Convention and adoption of two new Annexes, namely Annex VIII and Annex IX**  
On 6 November 1998 the Amendment to Annex I of the Basel Convention and the two additional annexes, namely Annex VIII and Annex IX became effective for 119 Parties to the Convention<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Austria and Germany could not accept the Amendment within the six-month time limit set out in the Convention. The amendment to Annex I, and the adoption of Annexes VIII and IX took effect for Austria on the date of deposit of its instrument, i.e. on 26 October 1999.

**Signatories of the Basel Convention:** Afghanistan, United States of America, Haiti.

**List of ratification/acceptances of the amendment to the Basel Convention**

<b>Africa</b>	<b>Asia and the Pacific</b>	<b>Western Europe and Others</b>	<b>Central and Eastern Europe</b>	<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b>
Tunisia 26.03.99	Sri Lanka 29.01.99	Andorra 23.07.99 (A) Austria 17.10.99 Denmark <sup>3</sup> 10.09.97 (AA) Finland 05.06.96 (A) Luxembourg 14.08.97 Norway 16.07.97 (A) Spain 07.08.97 (A) Sweden 10.09.97 (A) United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>4</sup> 13.10.97	Slovakia 11.09.98 Bulgaria 15.02.00 Czech Republic 28.02.00	Ecuador 06.03.98 Panama 07.10.98 Paraguay 28.08.98 Trinidad & Tobago 12.01.00 Uruguay 10.03.99
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Political and/or Economic Integration Organizations: European Community</b> <sup>5</sup> 30 Sep 1997 AA				

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**Total Number:** 20 ratifications of the Amendment to the Basel Convention

In accordance with article 17 of the Convention, the Amendment has to be ratified by three fourths of the Parties present at the time of the adoption of the amendment (62 Parties) in order to enter into force.

<sup>3</sup> With respect for the application to the Faroe Islands.

<sup>4</sup> In respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the British Antarctic Territory.

<sup>5</sup> The European Community has enacted legislation transposing the ban amendment which is binding for all fifteen Member States, i.e. Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.