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Treaty between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Member States of the European Union) and the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the accession of the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union including the Protocols and the Final Act with Declarations : Corfu, 24 June 1994 / Published: (1995)

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This document is a guide to some of the important elements of the UK's treaty practice and procedure. It provides a link to UK Treaties Online, an interactive database enabling users of this site to research details of bilateral and multilateral treaties applying to the UK, and contact details for an enquiry service which can help explain or clarify information on bilateral and multilateral treaties applying to the UK.

The UK Treaties Online database contains records of treaties published since 1834 and links to the texts of Command Papers published in the UK Treaty Series from 1892 to 2001. Treaties published since 2002 can be found on the archived version of our website (updated to 31 December 2012). The texts of published Command Papers can also be found on the Official Documents website.

Treaty Information Section maintains records of treaties involving the UK since the 1830s, stored on a database which supplies information to UK Treaties Online. Electronic treaty records were introduced in 1987, and prior to that date were stored in manual registers and other physical formats. The electronic database records are continually updated and provide the basis of a Treaty Enquiry Service which is able to provide advice on treaties which involve the UK, and its Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories. In addition to the database, the Treaty Information Section holds historical indexes and finding aids.

It should be noted that Treaty section staff are not able to provide an interpretation of a treaty, or advise on its applicability to a particular situation. Advice can however generally be given on whether a treaty has entered into force, details of the signatories and contracting parties, together with dates of signature, ratification, approval, acceptance, accession, succession and withdrawals or denunciations. Reservations, declarations or objections can usually be identified, and where applicable, the depositary

The responsibility for concluding treaties involving the United Kingdom lies with the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The FCO is responsible for Foreign and Commonwealth policy aspects of all treaties, as well as for dealing with questions of form and procedure. It must also consider points of international law. This remains the case even when the negotiation of the treaty is led by another government department, ie the department that will carry out the treaty's provisions.

Our Treaty procedures and publications staff produce original signature copies of treaties that are to be signed by the UK either in London or overseas. This involves advising officials, both within FCO and in other government departments, on the form the treaty should take and related matters such as the production of Full Powers and Instruments of Ratification. Once the terms of the treaty have been agreed, the original document is produced by Treaty Section staff on special treaty paper and is then bound and sealed into a binder.

Since 2010 it is a legal requirement in the UK for the Government to lay treaties which the UK has signed subject to ratification or its equivalent, or to which it intends to become party by accession, before both Houses of Parliament. Treaties laid before Parliament are in the form of a Command Paper, which is published in one of three FCO series:

Agreements entered into by the EU which are subject to national ratification or its equivalent and amendments to multilateral treaties which require new legislation are also laid before Parliament. Such treaties are required to be laid before the UK indicates its formal consent to be bound and therefore provides Parliament with an opportunity to scrutinise treaty provisions before this occurs. However, this practice does not apply to the following types of treaties:

Once a treaty has entered into force for the UK (ie become legally-binding in international law), it is our practice to publish the text in the form of a Command Paper in the Treaty Series. Where a treaty has been previously laid before parliament prior to ratification or accession, it is re-laid upon entering into force. Where a treaty has entered into force on signature alone, it is laid for the first and only time in the Treaty Series.

CRaG details the procedures for the ratification of treaties and puts parliamentary scrutiny of treaties on a statutory footing. The Act received Royal Assent on 8 April 2010 and was brought into force on 11 November 2010 by a Statutory Instrument that was laid before Parliament. Under the Act all treaties (except those listed above) which are subject to ratification, acceptance, approval, the mutual notification of completion of procedures, or to which the UK intends to accede, cannot be ratified unless they have been laid by a Minister of the Crown before parliament for 21 sitting days

without either House having resolved that it should not be ratified. The Act details the procedures required if either House resolves that a treaty should not be ratified.

Unless expressly authorised to do so by HMG in the UK, overseas territories (OTs) do not have the authority to become party to treaties in their own right. The UK must extend the territorial scope of its ratification of treaties to include them. This is normally done either at the time of ratification, or at some later date. When the UK is involved in the negotiation or signature of any treaty which could apply to the OTs it is important that they are fully consulted at the earliest stage. The OTs must then be allowed a proper length of time to consider the implications of having any treaty extended to them. Further guidance on this issue is produced by the Ministry of Justice.

As part of this function, Treaty Section is responsible for co-ordinating the UK's response to formal instruments of ratification or accession to these treaties which are deposited with the FCO by foreign governments. Part VII of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties contains provisions on the role of depositaries.

In most cases, treaties take effect for a new state party either on the day an instrument is deposited with the FCO, or after a pre-determined period of time has elapsed in accordance with the provisions of the treaty concerned. The date the instrument is received within the FCO is therefore crucial, as it determines the precise date from which a state is bound by international law to exercise the rights and obligations that the treaty provides.

It should be noted that while Treaty Section can provide publication references to treaties and links to texts of treaties for which the UK is depositary, it is unable to supply certified copies of treaty texts on demand. Texts can be accessed on UK Treaties Online or from the Official Documents website, or purchased from The Stationery Office Ltd. Older copies of treaties may be found in Library reference collections, and photocopies of out-of-print items can be purchased from the British Library. Original copies of treaties deposited at The National Archives (TNA) may be identified in the TNA's catalogue.

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