



Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses
and International Lakes

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**Progress in the ratification process, including the ratification of the amendments
to open the Convention to countries outside the region.**

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**RATIFICATION STATUS OF THE WATER CONVENTION,
THE AMENDMENTS TO ITS ARTICLES 25 AND 26
AND ITS PROTOCOLS**

Note by the secretariat

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present document sets out the ratification status of the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), the amendments to its articles 25 and 26, as well as its Protocols.
2. As of 21 November 2012, 37 ECE member countries and the European Union were Parties to the Water Convention. Turkmenistan acceded to the Convention on 29 August 2012 and will become a Party to the Convention on 27 November 2012.
3. As of 21 November 2012, 27 countries ratified or accepted the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention. On 8 November 2012 the necessary number of ratifications for the amendments to enter into force was reached, therefore **the amendments will enter into force on 6 February 2013.**
4. The 1999 Protocol on Water and Health to the Water Convention was signed by 36 countries and ratified, acceded, accepted or approved by 25 Parties, as of 21 November 2012.
5. The Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters to the Water Convention and to the 1992 Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents was signed in Kiev in 2003 and has not yet entered into force. As of 21 November 2012, 24 countries signed the Protocol and one country (Hungary) ratified it.

ANNEX

Ratification status of the Water Convention, the amendments to its articles 25 and 26 and its Protocol on Water and Health, as of 21 November 2012

	Country	Ratification/ Accession/ Acceptance/Approval of the Water Convention	Ratification/ Accession/ Acceptance/Approval of the amendments to articles 25 and 26	Ratification/Accession/ Acceptance/Approval or signature only of the Protocol on Water and Health
1.	Albania	5 Jan 1994		8 Mar 2002
2.	Andorra			
3.	Armenia			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
4.	Austria	25 Jul 1996	19 Nov 2012	
5.	Azerbaijan	3 Aug 2000		9 Jan 2003
6.	Belarus	29 May 2003		22 Apr 2009
7.	Belgium	8 Nov 2000		29 Jun 2004
8.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3 Dec 2009	27 Jan 2010	13 Oct 2011
9.	Bulgaria	28 Oct 2003	5 Nov 2012	17 Jun 1999 (signature)
10.	Canada			
11.	Croatia	8 Jul 1996	31 Jul 2008	28 Jul 2006
12.	Cyprus			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
13.	Czech Republic	12 Jun 2000	29 Jan 2008	15 Nov 2001
14.	Denmark	28 May 1997	5 Jan 2012	17 Jun 1999 (signature)
15.	Estonia	16 Jun 1995	11 Jun 2009	9 Sep 2003
16.	Finland	21 Feb 1996	11 Dec 2007	3 Mar 2005
17.	France	30 Jun 1998	27 Jul 2009	6 May 2005
18.	Georgia			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
19.	Germany	30 Jan 1995	15 Nov 2012	15 January 2007
20.	Greece	6 Sep 1996		17 Jun 1999 (signature)
21.	Hungary	2 Sep 1994	20 Jun 2005	7 Dec 2001
22.	Iceland			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
23.	Ireland			
24.	Israel			
25.	Italy	23 May 1996	29 Dec 2011	17 Jun 1999 (signature)
26.	Kazakhstan	11 Jan 2001		
27.	Kyrgyzstan			
28.	Latvia	10 Dec 1996	9 Mar 2009	24 Nov 2004
29.	Liechtenstein	19 Nov 1997	4 Jun 2012	
30.	Lithuania	28 Apr 2000	28 Mar 2012	17 Mar 2004
31.	Luxembourg	7 Jun 1994	10 May 2006	4 Oct 2001
32.	Malta			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
33.	Monaco			17 Jun 1999 (signature)
34.	Montenegro			
35.	Netherlands	14 Mar 1995	12 Jan 2006	25 Jun 2009
36.	Norway	1 Apr 1993	25 Jun 2012	6 Jan 2004
37.	Poland	15 Mar 2000	31 Jan 2005	17 Jun 1999 (signature)

	Country	Ratification/ Accession/ Acceptance/Approval of the Water Convention	Ratification/ Accession/ Acceptance/Approval of the amendments to articles 25 and 26	Ratification/Accession/ Acceptance/Approval or signature only of the Protocol on Water and Health
38.	Portugal	9 Dec 1994	8 Nov 2012	6 Sep 2006
39.	Republic of Moldova	4 Jan 1994	6 Feb 2007	16 Sep 2005
40.	Romania	31 May 1995	13 Jun 2006	5 Jan 2001
41.	Russian Federation	2 Nov 1993		31 Dec 1999
42.	San Marino			
43.	Serbia	27 Aug 2010	27 Aug 2010	
44.	Slovakia	7 Jul 1999		2 Oct 2001
45.	Slovenia	13 Apr 1999		17 Jun 1999 (signature)
46.	Spain	16 Feb 2000	24 Sep 2009	24 Sep 2009
47.	Sweden	5 Aug 1993	20 May 2004	17 Jun 1999 (signature)
48.	Switzerland	23 May 1995	12 May 2011	27 Oct 2006
49.	Tajikistan			
50.	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia			
51.	Turkey			
52.	Turkmenistan	29 Aug 2012		
53.	Ukraine	8 Oct 1999		26 Sep 2003
54.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	18 Mar 1992 (signature)		17 Jun 1999 (signature)
55.	United States of America			
56.	Uzbekistan	4 Sept 2007	28 Nov 2011	
57.	European Union	14 Sep 1995		