



2. European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration

Geneva, 21 April 1961

Entry into force:	7 January 1964, in accordance with article X (8) , with the exception of paragraphs 3 to 7 of article IV which entered into force on 18 October 1965, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Annex to the Convention.
Registration:	7 January 1964, No. 7041.
Status:	Signatories: 16 ,Parties: 30.
Text:	United Nations, <i>Treaty Series</i> , vol. 484, p. 349 .

Note: The Convention was prepared and opened for signature on 21 April 1961 by the Special Meeting of Plenipotentiaries for the purpose of negotiating and signing a European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, which was convened in accordance with resolution 7 (XV)¹ of the Economic Commission for Europe, adopted on 5 May 1960. The Special Meeting was held at the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva from 10 to 21 April 1961. For the text of the Final Act of the Special Meeting, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, [vol. 484, p. 349](#).

PARTICIPANTS

Participant	Signature	Ratification, Accession (a), Succession (d)
Albania		27 Jun 2001 a

Austria	21 Apr 1961	6 Mar 1964
Azerbaijan		17 Jan 2005 a
Belarus	21 Apr 1961	14 Oct 1963
Belgium	21 Apr 1961	9 Oct 1975
Bosnia and Herzegovina ²		1 Sep 1993 d
Bulgaria	21 Apr 1961	13 May 1964
Burkina Faso		26 Jan 1965 a
Croatia ²		26 Jul 1993 d
Cuba		1 Sep 1965 a
Czech Republic ³		30 Sep 1993 d
Denmark ⁴	21 Apr 1961	22 Dec 1972
Finland	21 Dec 1961	
France	21 Apr 1961	16 Dec 1966
Germany ^{5,6}	21 Apr 1961	27 Oct 1964
Hungary	21 Apr 1961	9 Oct 1963
Italy	21 Apr 1961	3 Aug 1970
Kazakhstan		20 Nov 1995 a
Latvia		20 Mar 2003 a
Luxembourg		26 Mar 1982 a
Poland	21 Apr 1961	15 Sep 1964
Republic of Moldova		5 Mar 1998 a
Romania	21 Apr 1961	16 Aug 1963
Russian Federation	21 Apr 1961	27 Jun 1962
Serbia ²		12 Mar 2001 d
Slovakia ³		28 May 1993 d
Slovenia ²		6 Jul 1992 d
Spain	14 Dec 1961	12 May 1975
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ²		10 Mar 1994 d
Turkey	21 Apr 1961	24 Jan 1992
Ukraine	21 Apr 1961	18 Mar 1963

DECLARATIONS

Declarations and Reservations

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

Belgium

In accordance with article II, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Belgian Government declares that in Belgium only the State has, in the cases referred to in article I, paragraph 1, the faculty to conclude arbitration agreements.

Latvia

Declaration:

"In accordance with article II, paragraph 2, of the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, the Republic of Latvia declares that article II, paragraph 1, does not apply for state authorities and local government authorities."

Luxembourg

Except where otherwise expressly provided for in the arbitration agreement, the presiding judges of the local courts shall assume the functions entrusted to the presidents of the chambers of commerce under article IV of the Convention. The presiding judges shall hear the disputes in chambers.

Notifications made in accordance with article X (6) of the Convention

(Unless otherwise indicated, the notifications were made

upon ratification, accession or succession.)

Azerbaijan

"In connection with the requirement contained in Article X (6) of the above-mentioned Convention, the [...] the Republic of Azerbaijan would like to inform that the functions referred to in Article IV of the Convention are exercised by the Economic Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in accordance with Article 6 of the law on International Arbitration of the Republic of Azerbaijan."

Croatia

11 December 2001

"...the following institution in the Republic of Croatia has been designated to exercise the functions referred to in Article IV of the Convention.

Permanent Arbitration Court to the Croatian Chamber of

Commerce

Rooseveltov trg 2

10000 ZABREB

Croatia

tel: 385 1 4606-733

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Latvia

"In accordance with article X, paragraph 6, of the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, the Republic of Latvia communicates that functions conferred by article IV will exercise: Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Address: K. Valdemara street 35, Riga, LV-1010, Latvia Phone: + 371 7 225 595 Fax: + 371 7 820 092 e-mail: info@chamber.lv."

NOTES

1. Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/3349), p. 55.

2. The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Convention on 21 April 1961 and 25 September 1963, respectively. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", Croatia, "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

3. Czechoslovakia had signed and ratified the Convention on 21 April 1961 and 13 November 1963, respectively. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

4. The instrument of ratification contained a declaration to the effect that the Convention for the time being would not extend to the Faeroe Islands and Greenland.

In a communication received on 12 November 1975, the Government of Denmark declared that it had withdrawn the above-mentioned reservation, the decision to take effect on 1 January 1976.

5. The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Convention on 20 February 1975. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

6. See note 1 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.