Overview of ratification status for the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol), as amended

The Protocol on Heavy Metals, as amended

- Currently 34 Parties to the original Protocol; 23 acceptances required in total; +5 acceptances needed for entry into force;
- No acceptances submitted in 2019, 18 Parties to the original protocol accepted amendments in 2015-2018: Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, the European Union, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, as amended

- Currently 33 Parties to the original Protocol: 22 acceptances required in total for entry into force;
- Amendments to annexes I and II (decision 2009/2): 17 Parties (Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, the European Union, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland) accepted amendments in 2011-2019. +5 acceptances required for entry into force;
- Amendments to annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VIII (decision 2009/1): 19 Parties (Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, the European Union, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) accepted amendments in 2011-2019; +3 acceptances required for entry into force.

The Gothenburg Protocol, as amended

- Entry into force on 7 October 2019;
- Out of 28 Parties to the original protocol, 23 accepted amendments in 2015-2019. Among them, 1 Party both acceded to the original protocol and accepted amendments in 2019.

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1 Source: https://treaties.un.org, accessed on 29 November 2019