# TRACTATENBLAD

## VAN HET

# KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

# JAARGANG 2015 Nr. 122

## A. TITEL

## Verdrag inzake biologische diversiteit; (met bijlagen) Rio de Janeiro, 5 juni 1992

# B. TEKST

De Engelse en de Franse tekst van het Verdrag, met bijlagen, zijn geplaatst in *Trb.* 1992, 164. Voor een correctie in de Engelse tekst, zie *Trb.* 1994, 169.

In Trb. 1992, 164 dienen in de Engelse tekst nog de volgende correcties te worden aangebracht.

Op blz. 24, in artikel 16, vierde lid, vierde regel, dient het woord "paragaph" te worden vervangen door "paragraph".

Op blz. 28, in artikel 19, vierde lid, vijfde regel, dient "als well as" te worden vervangen door "as well as".

Op blz. 38, in artikel 25, tweede lid, onderdeel e, tweede regel, dient het woord "Confernce" te worden vervangen door "Conference" en dient in datzelfde artikel, derde lid, het woord "funtions" te worden vervangen door "functions".

Op blz. 44, in artikel 30, vierde lid, eerste regel, dient het woord "additonal" te worden vervangen door "additional".

Op blz. 50, in artikel 36, vijfde lid, eerste regel, dient het woord "paragaphs" te worden vervangen door "paragraphs".

Op blz. 60, in part 1, artikel 1, tweede regel, dient het woord "purusuant" te worden vervangen door "pursuant".

Op blz. 66, in part 2, artikel 1, eerste regel, dient het woord "commision" te worden vervangen door "commission".

# C. VERTALING

Zie Trb. 1993, 54 en Trb. 1994, 169.

## D. PARLEMENT

Zie Trb. 1994, 169.

## E. PARTIJGEGEVENS

Zie rubriek E van Trb. 1992, 164 en rubriek F van Trb. 1994, 169.

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Afghanistan	12-06-1992		19-09-2002	R	18-12-2002		
Albanië			05-01-1994	Т	05-04-1994		
Algerije	13-06-1992		14-08-1995	R	12-11-1995		
Andorra			04-02-2015	т	05-05-2015		
Angola	12-06-1992		01-04-1998	R	30-06-1998		
Antigua en Barbuda	05-06-1992		09-03-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Argentinië	12-06-1992		22-11-1994	R	20-02-1995		
Armenië	13-06-1992		14-05-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Australië	05-06-1992		18-06-1993	R	29-12-1993		

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Azerbeidzjan	12-06-1992		03-08-2000	R	01-11-2000		
Bahama's	12-06-1992		02-09-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Bahrein	09-06-1992		30-08-1996	R	28-11-1996		
Bangladesh	05-06-1992		03-05-1994	R	01-08-1994		
Barbados	12-06-1992		10-12-1993	R	10-03-1994		
Belarus	11-06-1992		08-09-1993	R	29-12-1993		
België	05-06-1992		22-11-1996	R	20-02-1997		
Belize	13-06-1992		30-12-1993	R	30-03-1994		
Benin	13-06-1992		30-06-1994	R	28-09-1994		
Bhutan	11-06-1992		25-08-1995	R	23-11-1995		
Bolivia	13-06-1992		03-10-1994	R	01-01-1995		
Bosnië en Herzegovina			26-08-2002	Т	24-11-2002		
Botswana	08-06-1992		12-10-1995	R	10-01-1996		
Brazilië	05-06-1992		28-02-1994	R	29-05-1994		
Brunei			28-04-2008	Т	27-07-2008		
Bulgarije	12-06-1992		17-04-1996	R	16-07-1996		
Burkina Faso	12-06-1992		02-09-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Burundi	11-06-1992		15-04-1997	R	14-07-1997		
Cambodja			09-02-1995	Т	10-05-1995		
Canada	11-06-1992		04-12-1992	R	29-12-1993		
Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek	13-06-1992		15-03-1995	R	13-06-1995		
Chili	13-06-1992		09-09-1994	R	08-12-1994		
China	11-06-1992		05-01-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Colombia	12-06-1992		28-11-1994	R	26-02-1995		
Comoren	11-06-1992		29-09-1994	R	28-12-1994		
Congo, Democrati- sche Republiek	11-06-1992		03-12-1994	R	03-03-1995		
Congo, Republiek	11-06-1992		01-08-1996	R	30-10-1996		
Cookeilanden	12-06-1992		20-04-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Costa Rica	13-06-1992		26-08-1994	R	24-11-1994		
Cuba	12-06-1992		08-03-1994	R	06-06-1994		
Cyprus	12-06-1992		10-07-1996	R	08-10-1996		
Denemarken	12-06-1992		21-12-1993	R	21-03-1994		
Djibouti	13-06-1992		01-09-1994	R	30-11-1994		
Dominica			06-04-1994	т	05-07-1994		
Dominicaanse Republiek	13-06-1992		25-11-1996	R	23-02-1997		
Duitsland	12-06-1992		21-12-1993	R	21-03-1994		
Ecuador	09-06-1992		23-02-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Egypte	09-06-1992		02-06-1994	R	31-08-1994		
El Salvador	13-06-1992		08-09-1994	R	07-12-1994		
Equatoriaal-Guinea			06-12-1994	т	06-03-1995		
Eritrea			21-03-1996	Т	19-06-1996		
Estland	12-06-1992		27-07-1994	R	25-10-1994		

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Ethiopië	10-06-1992		05-04-1994	R	04-07-1994		
EU (Europese Unie)	13-06-1992		21-12-1993	R	21-03-1994		
Fiji	09-10-1992		25-02-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Filipijnen	12-06-1992		08-10-1993	R	06-01-1994		
Finland	05-06-1992		27-07-1994	R	25-10-1994		
Frankrijk	13-06-1992		01-07-1994	R	29-09-1994		
Gabon	12-06-1992		14-03-1997	R	12-06-1997		
Gambia	12-06-1992		10-06-1994	R	08-09-1994		
Georgië			02-06-1994	Т	31-08-1994		
Ghana	12-06-1992		29-08-1994	R	27-11-1994		
Grenada	03-12-1992		11-08-1994	R	09-11-1994		
Griekenland	12-06-1992		04-08-1994	R	02-11-1994		
Guatemala	13-06-1992		10-07-1995	R	08-10-1995		
Guinee	12-06-1992		07-05-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Guinee-Bissau	12-06-1992		27-10-1995	R	25-01-1996		
Guyana	13-06-1992		29-08-1994	R	27-11-1994		
Haïti	13-06-1992		25-09-1996	R	24-12-1996		
Honduras	13-06-1992		31-07-1995	R	29-10-1995		
Hongarije	13-06-1992		24-02-1994	R	25-05-1994		
lerland	13-06-1992		22-03-1996	R	20-06-1996		
IJsland	10-06-1992		12-09-1994	R	11-12-1994		
India	05-06-1992		18-02-1994	R	19-05-1994		
Indonesië	05-06-1992		23-08-1994	R	21-11-1994		
Irak			28-07-2009	Т	26-10-2009		
Iran	14-06-1992		06-08-1996	R	04-11-1996		
Israël	11-06-1992		07-08-1995	R	05-11-1995		
Italië	05-06-1992		15-04-1994	R	14-07-1994		
lvoorkust	10-06-1992		29-11-1994	R	27-02-1995		
Jamaica	11-06-1992		06-01-1995	R	06-04-1995		
Japan	13-06-1992		28-05-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Jemen	12-06-1992		21-02-1996	R	21-05-1996		
Jordanië	11-06-1992		12-11-1993	R	10-02-1994		
Kaapverdië	12-06-1992		29-03-1995	R	27-06-1995		
Kameroen	14-06-1992		19-10-1994	R	17-01-1995		
Kazachstan	09-06-1992		06-09-1994	R	05-12-1994		
Kenia	11-06-1992		26-07-1994	R	24-10-1994		
Kirgistan			06-08-1996	Т	04-11-1996		
Kiribati			16-08-1994	т	14-11-1994		
Koeweit	09-06-1992		02-08-2002	R	31-10-2002		
Kroatië	11-06-1992		07-10-1996	R	05-01-1997		
Laos			20-09-1996	Т	19-12-1996		
Lesotho	11-06-1992		10-01-1995	R	10-04-1995		
Letland	11-06-1992		14-12-1995	R	13-03-1996		
Libanon	12-06-1992		15-12-1994	R	15-03-1995		

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Liberia	12-06-1992		08-11-2000	R	06-02-2001		
Libië	29-06-1992		12-07-2001	R	10-10-2001		
Liechtenstein	05-06-1992		19-11-1997	R	17-02-1998		
Litouwen	11-06-1992		01-02-1996	R	01-05-1996		
Luxemburg	09-06-1992		09-05-1994	R	07-08-1994		
Macedonië, de voormalige Joegosla- vische Republiek			02-12-1997	Т	02-03-1998		
Madagaskar	08-06-1992		04-03-1996	R	02-06-1996		
Malawi	10-06-1992		02-02-1994	R	03-05-1994		
Malediven	12-06-1992		09-11-1992	R	29-12-1993		
Maleisië	12-06-1992		24-06-1994	R	22-09-1994		
Mali	30-09-1992		29-03-1995	R	27-06-1995		
Malta	12-06-1992		29-12-2000	R	29-03-2001		
Marokko	13-06-1992		21-08-1995	R	19-11-1995		
Marshalleilanden	12-06-1992		08-10-1992	R	29-12-1993		
Mauritanië	12-06-1992		16-08-1996	R	14-11-1996		
Mauritius	10-06-1992		04-09-1992	R	29-12-1993		
Mexico	13-06-1992		11-03-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Micronesia	12-06-1992		20-06-1994	R	18-09-1994		
Moldavië	05-06-1992		20-10-1995	R	18-01-1996		
Monaco	11-06-1992		20-11-1992	R	29-12-1993		
Mongolië	12-06-1992		30-09-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Montenegro			23-10-2006	VG	03-06-2006		
Mozambique	12-06-1992		25-08-1995	R	23-11-1995		
Myanmar	11-06-1992		25-11-1994	R	23-02-1995		
Namibië	12-06-1992		16-05-1997	R	14-08-1997		
Nauru	05-06-1992		11-11-1993	R	09-02-1994		
Nederlanden, het Koninkrijk der	05-06-1992		12-07-1994	R	10-10-1994		
Nepal	12-06-1992		23-11-1993	R	21-02-1994		
Nicaragua	13-06-1992		20-11-1995	R	18-02-1996		
Nieuw-Zeeland	12-06-1992		16-09-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Niger	11-06-1992		25-07-1995	R	23-10-1995		
Nigeria	13-06-1992		29-08-1994	R	27-11-1994		
Niue			28-02-1996	т	27-05-1996		
Noord-Korea	11-06-1992		26-10-1994	R	24-01-1995		
Noorwegen	09-06-1992		09-07-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Oekraïne	11-06-1992		07-02-1995	R	08-05-1995		
Oezbekistan			19-07-1995	Т	17-10-1995		
Oman	10-06-1992		08-02-1995	R	09-05-1995		
Oostenrijk	13-06-1992		18-08-1994	R	16-11-1994		
Oost-Timor			10-10-2006	Т	08-01-2007		
Pakistan	05-06-1992		26-07-1994	R	24-10-1994		
Palau			06-01-1999	Т	06-04-1999		
Palestina			02-01-2015	т	02-04-2015		

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Panama	13-06-1992		17-01-1995	R	17-04-1995		
Papoea-Nieuw- Guinea	13-06-1992		16-03-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Paraguay	12-06-1992		24-02-1994	R	25-05-1994		
Peru	12-06-1992		07-06-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Polen	05-06-1992		18-01-1996	R	17-04-1996		
Portugal	13-06-1992		21-12-1993	R	21-03-1994		
Qatar	11-06-1992		21-08-1996	R	19-11-1996		
Roemenië	05-06-1992		17-08-1994	R	15-11-1994		
Russische Federatie	13-06-1992		05-04-1995	R	04-07-1995		
Rwanda	10-06-1992		29-05-1996	R	27-08-1996		
Saint Kitts en Nevis	12-06-1992		07-01-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Saint Lucia			28-07-1993	Т	29-12-1993		
Saint Vincent en de Grenadines			03-06-1996	Т	01-09-1996		
Salomonseilanden	13-06-1992		03-10-1995	R	01-01-1996		
Samoa	12-06-1992		09-02-1994	R	10-05-1994		
San Marino	10-06-1992		28-10-1994	R	26-01-1995		
Sao Tomé en Principe	12-06-1992		29-09-1999	R	28-12-1999		
Saudi-Arabië			03-10-2001	т	01-01-2002		
Senegal	13-06-1992		17-10-1994	R	15-01-1995		
Servië	08-06-1992		01-03-2002	R	30-05-2002		
Seychellen	10-06-1992		22-09-1992	R	29-12-1993		
Sierra Leone			12-12-1994	Т	12-03-1995		
Singapore	10-03-1993		21-12-1995	R	20-03-1996		
Slovenië	13-06-1992		09-07-1996	R	07-10-1996		
Slowakije	19-05-1993		25-08-1994	R	23-11-1994		
Somalië			11-09-2009	т	10-12-2009		
Spanje	13-06-1992		21-12-1993	R	21-03-1994		
Sri Lanka	10-06-1992		23-03-1994	R	21-06-1994		
Sudan	09-06-1992		30-10-1995	R	28-01-1996		
Suriname	13-06-1992		12-01-1996	R	11-04-1996		
Swaziland	12-06-1992		09-11-1994	R	07-02-1995		
Syrië	03-05-1993		04-01-1996	R	03-04-1996		
Tadzjikistan			29-10-1997	Т	27-01-1998		
Tanzania	12-06-1992		08-03-1996	R	06-06-1996		
Thailand	12-06-1992		31-10-2003	R	29-01-2004		
Тодо	12-06-1992		04-10-1995	R	02-01-1996		
Tonga			19-05-1998	Т	17-08-1998		
Trinidad en Tobago	11-06-1992		01-08-1996	R	30-10-1996		
Tsjaad	12-06-1992		07-06-1994	R	05-09-1994		
Tsjechië	04-06-1993		03-12-1993	R	03-03-1994		
Tunesië	13-06-1992		15-07-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Turkije	11-06-1992		14-02-1997	R	15-05-1997		
Turkmenistan			18-09-1996	Т	17-12-1996		

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Tuvalu	08-06-1992		20-12-2002	R	20-03-2003		
Uganda	12-06-1992		08-09-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Uruguay	09-06-1992		05-11-1993	R	03-02-1994		
Vanuatu	09-06-1992		25-03-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Venezuela	12-06-1992		13-09-1994	R	12-12-1994		
Verenigd Koninkrijk	12-06-1992		03-06-1994	R	01-09-1994		
Verenigde Arabische Emiraten	11-06-1992		10-02-2000	R	10-05-2000		
Verenigde Staten van Amerika	04-06-1993						
Vietnam	28-05-1993		16-11-1994	R	14-02-1995		
Zambia	11-06-1992		28-05-1993	R	29-12-1993		
Zimbabwe	12-06-1992		11-11-1994	R	09-02-1995		
Zuid-Afrika	04-06-1993		02-11-1995	R	31-01-1996		
Zuid-Korea	13-06-1992		03-10-1994	R	01-01-1995		
Zuid-Sudan			17-02-2014	т	18-05-2014		
Zweden	08-06-1992		16-12-1993	R	16-03-1994		
Zwitserland	12-06-1992		21-11-1994	R	19-02-1995		

\* O=Ondertekening zonder voorbehoud of vereiste van ratificatie, R=Bekrachtiging, aanvaarding, goedkeuring of kennisgeving, T=Toetreding, VG=Voortgezette gebondenheid, NB=Niet bekend

# Uitbreidingen

# China

Uitgebreid tot	In werking	Buiten werking
Hongkong SAR	09-05-2011	
Macau SAR	20-12-1999	

# Portugal

Uitgebreid tot	In werking	Buiten werking
Macau (<20-12-1999)	28-06-1999	20-12-1999

# Verenigd Koninkrijk

Uitgebreid tot	In werking	Buiten werking
Britse Maagdeneilanden	01-09-1994	
Caymaneilanden	01-09-1994	
Gibraltar	01-09-1994	
Jersey	01-09-1994	
Man	06-08-2012	
Sint-Helena, Ascension en Tristan da Cunha	03-06-1994	
Zuid-Georgië en de Zuidelijke Sandwicheilanden	27-03-2015	

# Verklaringen, voorbehouden en bezwaren

## Argentinië, 22 november 1994

The Argentine Government considers that this Convention represents a step forward in that it establishes among its objectives the sustainable use of biological diversity. Likewise, the definitions contained in article 2 and other provisions of the Convention indicate that the terms "genetic resources", "biological resources" and "biological material" do not include the human genome. In accordance with the commitments entered into in the Convention, the Argentine Nation will pass legislation on the conditions of access to biological

resources and the ownership of future rights and benefits arising from them. The Convention is fully consistent with the principles established in the "Agreement on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights", including trade in counterfeit goods, contained in the Final Act of the Uruguay Round of GATT.

## Canada, 16 januari 2015

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Convention on Biologica I Diversity and the Secretary-General's communication of 6 January 2015, C.N.5.2015.TREATIESXXVII.8, relating to that treaty. The Permanent Mission of Canada notes that this communication was made pursuant to the Secretary-General's capacity as Depositary for the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Permanent Mission of Canada notes the technical and administrative role of the Depositary, and that it is for States Parties to a treaty, not the Depositary, to make their own determination with respect to any legal issues raised by instruments circulated by a depositary.

In that context, the Permanent Mission of Canada notes that "Palestine" does not meet the criteria of a state under international law and is not recognized by Canada as a state. Therefore, in order to avoid confusion, the Permanent Mission of Canada wishes to note its position that in the context of the purported Palestinian accession to the Convention on Biological Diversity, "Palestine" is not able to accede to this convention, and that the Convention on Biological Diversity does not enter into force, or have an effect on Canada's treaty relations, with respect to the "State of Palestine".

## Chili, 9 september 1994

The Government of Chile, on ratifying the Convention on Biological Diversity of 1992, wishes to place on record that the pine tree and other species that the country exploits as one of its forestry resources are considered exotic and are not taken to fall within the scope of the Convention.

## Cuba, 8 maart 1994

The Government of the Republic of Cuba declares, with respect to article 27 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, that as far as the Republic of Cuba is concerned, disputes that arise between Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this international legal instrument shall be settled by negotiation through the diplomatic channel or, failing that, by arbitration in accordance with the procedure laid down in Annex II on arbitration of the Convention.

## EU (Europese Unie), 21 december 1993

Within their respective competence, the European Community and its Member States wish to reaffirm the importance they attach to transfers of technology and to biotechnology in order to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. The compliance with intellectual property rights constitutes an essential element for the implementation of policies for technology transfer and co-investment.

For the European Community and its member States, transfers of technology and access to biotechnology, as defined in the text of the Convention on Biological Diversity, will be carried out in accordance with article 16 of the said Convention and in compliance with the principles and rules of protection of intellectual property, in particular multilateral and bilateral agreements signed or negotiated by the Contracting Parties to this Convention.

The European Community and its Member States will encourage the use of the financial mechanism established by the Convention to promote the voluntary transfer of intellectual property rights held by European operators, in particular as regards the granting of licences, through normal commercial mechanisms and decisions, while ensuring adequate and effective protection of property rights.

# Frankrijk, 1 juli 1994

Upon ratification:

With reference to article 3, that it interprets that article as a guiding principle to be taken into account in the implementation of the Convention;

The French Republic reaffirms its belief in the importance of the transfer of technology and biotechnology in guaranteeing the protection and long-term utilization of biological diversity. Respect for intellectual property rights is an essential element of the implementation of policies for technology transfer and co-investment.

The French Republic affirms that the transfer of technology and access to biotechnology, as defined in the Convention on Biological Diversity, will be implemented according to article 16 of that Convention and with respect for the principles and rules concerning the protection of intellectual property, including multilateral agreements signed or negotiated by the Contracting Parties to the present Convention.

The French Republic will encourage recourse to the financial mechanism established by the Convention for the purpose of promoting the voluntary transfer of intellectual property rights under French ownership, inter alia, as regards the granting of licences, by traditional commercial decisions and mechanisms while ensuring the appropriate and effective protection of property rights.

With reference to article 21, paragraph 1, the French Republic considers that the decision taken periodically by the Conference of the Parties concerns the "amount of resources needed" and that no provision of the Convention authorizes the Conference of the Parties to take decisions concerning the amount, nature or frequency of the contributions from Parties to the Convention.

## Georgië, 2 juni 1994

The Republic of Georgia will use both means for dispute settlement referred to in the Convention:

- 1. Arbitral consideration in accordance with the procedure given in the enclosure II, Part I.
- 2. Submitting of disputes to the International Court.

## lerland, 22 maart 1996

Ireland wishes to reaffirm the importance it attaches to transfers of technology and to biotechnology in order to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. The compliance with intellectual property rights constitutes an essential element for the implementation of policies for technology transfer and co-investment.

For Ireland, transfers of technology and access to biotechnology, as defined in the text of the Convention on Biological Diversity and in compliance with the principles and rules of protection of intellectual property, in particular multilateral and bilateral agreements signed or negotiated by the contracting parties to this Convention.

Ireland will encourage the use of the financial mechanism established by the Convention to promote the voluntary transfer of intellectual property rights held by Irish operators, in particular as regards the granting of licences, through normal commercial mechanisms and decisions, while ensuring adequate and effective protection of property rights.

# Israël, 16 januari 2015

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as depositary to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and refers to the communication by the depositary, dated 6 January 2015, regarding the Palestinian request to accede to this Convention (Reference number C.N.5.2015.TREATIES-XXVII.8).

"Palestine" does not satisfy the criteria for statehood under international law and lacks the legal capacity to join the aforesaid convention both under general international law and the terms of bilateral Israeli-Palestinian agreements.

The Government of Israel does not recognize "Palestine" as a State, and wishes to place on record, for the sake of clarity, its position that it does not consider "Palestine" a party to the Convention and regards the Palestinian request for accession as being without legal validity and without effect upon Israel's treaty relations under the Convention.

## Italië, 15 april 1994

Declaration made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification:

The Italian Government [...] declares its understanding that the decision to be taken by the Conference of the Parties under article 21.1 of the Convention refers to the "amount of resources needed" by the financial mechanism, not to the extent or nature and form of the contributions of the Contracting Parties.

## Letland, 14 december 1995

The Republic of Latvia declares in accordance with article 27 paragraph 3 of the Convention that it accepts both the means of dispute settlement mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory.

## Liechtenstein, 19 november 1997

The Principality of Liechtenstein wishes to reaffirm the importance it attaches to transfers of technology and to biotechnology in order to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. The compliance with intellectual property rights constitutes an essential element for the implementation of policies for technology transfer and co-investment.

For the Principality of Liechtenstein, transfers of technology and access to biotechnology, as defined in the text of the [said] Convention, will be carried out in accordance with article 16 of the said Convention and in compliance with the principles and rules of protection of intellectual property, in particular multilateral and bilateral agreements signed or negotiated by the Contracting Parties to this Convention.

The Principality of Liechtenstein will encourage the use of the financial mechanism established by the Convention to promote the voluntary transfer of intellectual property rights held by Liechtenstein operators, in particular as regards the granting of licenses, through normal commercial mechanisms and decisions, while ensuring adequate and effective protection of property rights.

# Nederland, het Koninkrijk der, 12 juli 1994

The Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 27 of the Convention of Biological Diversity, that it accepts both means of dispute settlement referred to in that paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting one or both means of dispute settlement.

## Oostenrijk, 18 augustus 1994

The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with article 27, paragraph 3 of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement.

## Palestina, 6 februari 2015

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as Depositary, and has the honor to refer to depositary notification C.N.51.2015.TREATIES-XXVII.8, dated 23 January 2015, conveying a communication of Canada regarding the accession of the State of Palestine to the Convention on Biological Diversity, dated 5 June 1992.

The Government of the State of Palestine regrets the position of Canada and wishes to recall United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 according Palestine 'non-member observer State status in the United Nations'. In this regard, Palestine is a State recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the international community.

As a State Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which enters into force on 2 April 2015, the State of Palestine will exercise its rights and honor its obligations with respect to all States Parties. The State of Palestine trusts that its rights and obligations will be equally respected by its fellow States Parties.

## Palestina, 6 februari 2015

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as Depositary, and has the honor to refer to depositary notification C.N.43.2015.TREATIES-XXVII.8, dated 23 January 2015, conveying a communication of Israel regarding the accession of the State of Palestine to the Convention on Biological Diversity, dated 5 June 1992. The Government of the State of Palestine regrets the position of Israel, the occupying Power, and wishes to recall United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 according Palestine 'non-member observer State status in the United Nations'. In this regard, Palestine is a State recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the international community.

As a State Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which enters into force on 2 April 2015, the State of Palestine will exercise its rights and honor its obligations with respect to all States Parties. The State of Palestine trusts that its rights and obligations will be equally respected by its fellow States Parties.

## Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea, 16 maart 1993

The Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea declares its understanding that ratification of the Convention shall in no way constitute a renunciation of any rights under International Law concerning State responsibility for the adverse effects of Biological Diversity as derogating from the principles of general International Law.

Spanje, 9 juli 2014

- 1. Gibraltar is a Non-Self-Governing Territory for whose international relations the Government of the United Kingdom is responsible and which is subject to a process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly.
- 2. The authorities of Gibraltar are local in character, and exercise competences exclusively over internal affairs that originate in and are based on the powers allocated to and conferred on them by the United Kingdom, in accordance with its domestic legislation and in its capacity as the sovereign State upon which depends the said Non-Self-Governing Territory.
- 3. Consequently, any involvement by the Gibraltarian authorities in the implementation of this Convention shall be understood to take place exclusively within the framework of the internal affairs of Gibraltar and shall not be considered to affect in any way the content of the two preceding paragraphs.
- 4. The procedure envisaged in the Arrangements relating to Gibraltar authorities in the context of certain international treaties, which were agreed to by Spain and the United Kingdom on 19 December 2007 (together with "Agreed Arrangements relating to Gibraltar authorities in the context of European Union and European Community Instruments and Related Treaties" of 19 April 2000) applies to the present Convention.
- 5. The application to Gibraltar of the present Convention cannot be interpreted as recognition of any rights or situations involving matters not included in Article 10 of the Treaty of Utrecht of 13 July 1713, signed by the crowns of Spain and Great Britain.

# Sudan, 30 oktober 1995

## Understanding:

With respect to the principle stipulated in article 3, the Government of the Sudan agrees with the spirit of the article and interprets it to mean that no state is responsible for acts that take place outside its control even if they fall within its judicial jurisdiction and may cause damage to the environment of other states or of areas beyond the limits of national judicial jurisdiction.

The Sudan also sees as regards article 14 (2), that the issue of liability and redress for damage to biological diversity should not form a priority to be tackled by the Agreement as there is ambiguity regarding the essence and scope of the studies to be carried out, in accordance with the above-mentioned article. The Sudan further believes that any such studies on liability and redress should shift towards effects of areas such as biotechnology products, environmental impacts, genetically modified organisms and acid rains.

Syrië, 3 mei 1993 Upon signature: It is being understood that the signing of this Convention shall not constitute recognition of Israel or leading to any intercourse with it.

## Verenigd Koninkrijk, 3 juni 1994

Declaration made upon signature and confirmed upon ratification:

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland declare their understanding that article 3 of the Convention sets out a guiding principle to be taken into account in the implementation of the Convention.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland also declare their understanding that the decisions to be taken by the Conference of the Parties under paragraph 1 of article 21 concern "the amount of resources needed" by the financial mechanism, and that nothing in article 20 or 21 authorises the Conference of the Parties to take decisions concerning the amount, nature, frequency or size of the contributions of the Parties under the Convention.

## Zwitserland, 21 november 1994

The Swiss Government wishes to emphasize particularly the progress made in establishing standard terms for cooperation between States in a very important field: research activities and activities for the transfer of technology relevant to resources from third countries.

The important provisions in question create a platform for even closer cooperation with public research bodies or institutions in Switzerland and for the transfer of technologies available to governmental or public bodies, particularly universities and various publicly-funded research and development centres.

It is our understanding that genetic resources acquired under the procedure specified in article 15 and developed by private research institutions will be the subject of programmes of cooperation, joint research and the transfer of technology which will respect the principles and rules for the protection of intellectual property.

These principles and rules are essential for research and private investment, in particular in the latest technologies, such as modern biotechnology which requires substantial financial outlays. On the basis of this interpretation, the Swiss Government wishes to indicate that it is ready, at the opportune time, to take the appropriate general policy measures, particularly under articles 16 and 19, with a view to promoting and encouraging cooperation, on a contractual basis, between Swiss firms and the private firms and governmental bodies of other Contracting Parties.

With regard to financial cooperation, Switzerland interprets the provisions of articles 20 and 21 as follows: the resources to be committed and the management system will have regard, in an equitable manner, to the needs and interests of the developing countries and to the possibilities and interests of the developed countries.

Switzerland wishes to reaffirm the importance it attaches to transfers of technology and to biotechnology in order to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity The compliance with intellectual property rights constitutes an essential element for the implementation of policies for technology transfer and co-investment.

For Switzerland, transfers of technology and access to biotechnology, as defined in the text of the Convention on Biological Diversity, will be carried out in accordance with article 16 of the said Convention and in compliance with the principles and rules of protection of intellectual property, in particular multilateral and bilateral agreements signed or negotiated by the Contracting Parties to this Convention.

Switzerland will encourage the use of the financial mechanism established by the Convention to promote the voluntary transfer of intellectual property rights held by Swiss operators, in particular as regards the granting of licences, through normal commercial mechanisms and decisions, while ensuring adequate and effective protection of property rights.

# G. INWERKINGTREDING

Zie Trb. 1994, 169 en Trb. 2000, 54.

## Koninkrijk der Nederlanden

Land	Voorlopige toepassing	In werking	Terugwerkende kracht	Buiten werking
Nederland (in Europa)		10-10-1994		
Nederland (Bonaire)		10-10-2010		
Nederland (Sint Eustatius)		10-10-2010		
Nederland (Saba)		10-10-2010		
Aruba		04-06-1999		
Curaçao		10-10-2010		
Sint Maarten		10-10-2010		

	Land	Voorlopige toepassing	In werking	Terugwerkende kracht	Buiten werking
Het Verdrag, met bijlagen, gold sinds 04-06-1999 voor de Nederlandse Antillen.					

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