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STATUS OF CONVENTIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fourteenth session the Commission decided that the Secretariat should inform the Commission at its next session on the status of conventions that were the outcome of its work. 1/
2. The present note is submitted pursuant to that decision. The annex hereto sets forth the status of signatures, ratifications and accessions as at 15 May 1982 to the following Conventions: Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (New York, 1974); Protocol amending the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980); United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978 (Hamburg); and United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980).
3. The Commission agreed that in addition to the Commission noting, at each session, the status of the conventions, more effective action should be taken to promote earlier acceptance of the Conventions. 2/
4. On the recommendation of the Commission the General Assembly in paragraph 8 of its resolution 36/32 of 13 November 1981 requested the Secretary-General to bring those Conventions to the notice of all States which had not ratified or acceded to them, and to provide those States with appropriate information as to the mode of their entry into force and the current status of ratifications and accessions, and to draw the attention of those States to the view of the Commission that an early entry into force and a wide acceptance of the instruments mentioned would be of great value for the unification of international trade law. 3/ Pursuant to that resolution the Secretary-General by a note verbale transmitted information as to the mode of entry into force and the status of signatures, ratifications, and accessions to the Conventions.

1/ Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fourteenth session, Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/36/17) para. 117.

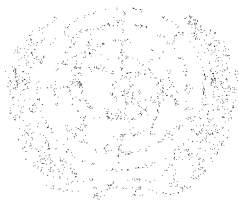
2/ Ibid., para. 114.

3/ Ibid., para. 118.



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ANNEX

1. Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods
(New York, 1974)

<u>State</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Ratification</u>	<u>Accession</u>
Argentina			9 October 1981
Brazil	14 June 1974		
Bulgaria	24 February 1975		
Byelorussian SSR	14 June 1974		
Costa Rica	30 August 1974		
Czechoslovakia	29 August 1975	26 May 1977	
Dominican Republic			23 December 1977
German Democratic Republic	14 June 1974		
Ghana	5 December 1974	7 October 1975	
Hungary	14 June 1974		
Mongolia	14 June 1974		
Nicaragua	13 May 1975		
Norway	11 December 1975	20 March 1980	
Poland	14 June 1974		
Ukrainian SSR	14 June 1974		
USSR	14 June 1974		
Yugoslavia			27 November 1978

Signatures only: 11; ratifications and accessions: 6

Declarations and reservations

Upon signature Norway declared that in accordance with article 34 the Convention would not govern contracts of sale where the seller and the buyer both had their relevant places of business within the territories of the Nordic States (i.e. Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and Sweden).

2. Protocol amending the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980)

No accession to date

3. United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978 (Hamburg):

<u>State</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Ratification</u>	<u>Accession</u>
Austria	30 April	1979	
Barbados			2 February 1981
Brazil	31 March	1978	
Chile	31 March	1978	
Czechoslovakia	6 March	1979	
Denmark	18 April	1979	
Ecuador	31 March	1978	
Egypt	31 March	1978	23 April 1979
Finland	18 April	1979	
France	18 April	1979	
Germany, Federal Republic of	31 March	1978	
Ghana	31 March	1978	
Holy Sea	31 March	1978	
Hungary	23 April	1979	
Madagascar	31 March	1978	
Mexico	31 March	1978	
Morocco			12 June 1981
Norway	18 April	1979	
Pakistan	8 March	1979	
Panama	31 March	1978	
Philippines	14 June	1978	
Portugal	31 March	1978	
Romania			7 January 1982
Senegal	31 March	1978	
Sierra Leone	15 August	1978	
Singapore	31 March	1978	
Sweden	18 April	1979	
Tunisia			15 September 1980
Uganda			6 July 1979
United Republic of Tanzania			24 July 1979
United States of America	30 April	1979	
Venezuela	31 March	1978	
Zaire	19 April	1979	

Signatures only: 26; ratification and accessions: 7

Declarations and reservations

Upon signing the Convention the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic declared in accordance with article 26 a formula for converting the amounts of liability referred to in paragraph 2 of that article into the Czechoslovak currency and the amount of the limits of liability to be applied in the territory of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic as expressed in the Czechoslovak currency.

4. United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of
Goods (Vienna, 1980)

<u>State</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Ratification</u>	<u>Accession</u>
Austria	11 April 1980		
Chile	11 April 1980		
China	30 September 1981		
Czechoslovakia	1 September 1981		
Denmark	26 May 1981		
Finland	26 May 1981		
France	27 August 1981		
German Democratic Republic	13 August 1981		
Germany, Federal Republic of	26 May 1981		
Ghana	11 April 1980		
Hungary	11 April 1980		
Italy	30 September 1981		
Lesotho	18 June 1981	18 June	1981
Netherlands	29 May 1981		
Norway	26 May 1981		
Poland	28 September 1981		
Singapore	11 April 1980		
Sweden	26 May 1981		
United States of America	31 August 1981		
Venezuela	28 September 1981		
Yugoslavia	11 April 1980		

Signatures only: 20; ratification: 1

Declaration and reservations

Upon signing the Convention the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden declared in accordance with Article 92 (1) that they would not be bound by Part II of the Convention (Formation of the Contract).