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## CONVENTION ON NUCLEAR SAFETY

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## Convention on Nuclear Safety

Notes: The Convention, pursuant to Article 31.1, entered into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit with the Depositary of the twenty-second instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, including the instruments of seventeen States, each having at least one nuclear installation which has achieved criticality in a reactor core, i.e. 24 October 1996.

Parties: **54**  
Signatories: **65**

Last change of status: 12 April 2002

Country/Organization	Signature	Instrument	Date of deposit	Declaration etc. / Withdrawal	Entry into force
Algeria	20 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* Argentina	20 Oct 1994	ratification	17 Apr 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	16 Jul 1997
* Armenia	22 Sep 1994	ratification	21 Sep 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	20 Dec 1998
Australia	20 Sep 1994	ratification	24 Dec 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Mar 1997
<sup>a</sup> Austria	20 Sep 1994	ratification	26 Aug 1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Nov 1997
Bangladesh	21 Sep 1995	acceptance	21 Sep 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Belarus		accession	29 Oct 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	27 Jan 1999
* Belgium	20 Sep 1994	ratification	13 Jan 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	13 Apr 1997
* Brazil	20 Sep 1994	ratification	04 Mar 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	02 Jun 1997
* Bulgaria	20 Sep 1994	ratification	08 Nov 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Canada	20 Sep 1994	ratification	12 Dec 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Chile	20 Sep 1994	ratification	20 Dec 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	20 Mar 1997
* China	20 Sep 1994	ratification	09 Apr 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Croatia	10 Apr 1995	approval	18 Apr 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Cuba	20 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Cyprus		accession	17 Mar 1999	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	15 Jun 1999
* Czech Republic	20 Sep 1994	approval	18 Sep 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Denmark	20 Sep 1994	acceptance	13 Nov 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	11 Feb 1999
Egypt	20 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* Finland	20 Sep 1994	acceptance	22 Jan 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* France	20 Sep 1994	approval	13 Sep 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Germany	20 Sep 1994	ratification	20 Jan 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	20 Apr 1997
Ghana	06 Jul 1995			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Greece	01 Nov 1994	ratification	20 Jun 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	18 Sep 1997
* Hungary	20 Sep 1994	ratification	18 Mar 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Iceland	21 Sep 1995			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* India	20 Sep 1994			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Indonesia	20 Sep 1994	ratification	12 Apr 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	11 Jul 2002
Ireland	20 Sep 1994	ratification	11 Jul 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996

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Israel	22 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Italy	27 Sep 1994	ratification	15 Apr 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	14 Jul 1998
* Japan	20 Sep 1994	acceptance	12 May 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Jordan	06 Dec 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* Kazakhstan	20 Sep 1996			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* Korea, Republic of	20 Sep 1994	ratification	19 Sep 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Latvia		accession	25 Oct 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	23 Jan 1997
Lebanon	07 Mar 1995	ratification	05 Jun 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Lithuania	22 Mar 1995	ratification	12 Jun 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Luxembourg	20 Sep 1994	ratification	07 Apr 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Jul 1997
Mali	22 May 1995	ratification	13 May 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Mexico	09 Nov 1994	ratification	26 Jul 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Monaco	16 Sep 1996			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Morocco	01 Dec 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* <sup>b</sup> Netherlands	20 Sep 1994	acceptance	15 Oct 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	13 Jan 1997
Nicaragua	23 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Nigeria	21 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Norway	21 Sep 1994	ratification	29 Sep 1994	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Pakistan	20 Sep 1994	ratification	30 Sep 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	29 Dec 1997
Peru	22 Sep 1994	ratification	01 Jul 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	29 Sep 1997
Philippines	14 Oct 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Poland	20 Sep 1994	ratification	14 Jun 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Portugal	03 Oct 1994	ratification	20 May 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	18 Aug 1998
Republic of Moldova		accession	07 May 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Aug 1998
* Romania	20 Sep 1994	ratification	01 Jun 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Russian Federation	20 Sep 1994	acceptance	12 Jul 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Singapore		accession	15 Dec 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	15 Mar 1998
* Slovakia	20 Sep 1994	ratification	07 Mar 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Slovenia	20 Sep 1994	ratification	20 Nov 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	18 Feb 1997
* South Africa	20 Sep 1994	ratification	24 Dec 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Mar 1997
* Spain	15 Nov 1994	ratification	04 Jul 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
Sri Lanka		accession	11 Aug 1999	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	09 Nov 1999
Sudan	20 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
* Sweden	20 Sep 1994	ratification	11 Sep 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Switzerland	31 Oct 1995	ratification	12 Sep 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	11 Dec 1996

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Syrian Arab Republic	23 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tunisia	20 Sep 1994			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
Turkey	20 Sep 1994	ratification	08 Mar 1995	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* Ukraine	20 Sep 1994	ratification	08 Apr 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	07 Jul 1998
* <sup>c</sup> United Kingdom	20 Sep 1994	ratification	17 Jan 1996	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Oct 1996
* United States of America	20 Sep 1994	ratification	11 Apr 1999	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	10 Jul 1999
Uruguay	28 Feb 1996			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
EURATOM		accession	31 Jan 2000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	30 Apr 2000

\* Indicates that the State has at least one nuclear installation which has achieved criticality in a reactor core; sources: Table 1 "Nuclear Power Reactors in Operation and Under Construction, 31 Dec. 1997", April 1998 Edition of "Nuclear Power Reactors in the World", Reference Data Series No. 2, IAEA, Vienna; Government notification.

**a** On 9 April 1999, Austria deposited an objection to reservation by Ukraine.

**b** for the Kingdom in Europe

**c** for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiwick of Jersey and the Isle of Man

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**Austria****ratified 26 Aug 1997**

9 April 1999

"Austria has examined the reservation made by Ukraine when ratifying the Convention on Nuclear Safety. From Austria's viewpoint, this reservation jeopardizes object and purpose of the Convention. Austria is of the opinion that the applicability of the Convention between Austria and Ukraine remains unaffected."

**Denmark****accepted 13 Nov 1998**

13 November 1998

"Until further notice the Convention shall not apply to Greenland and the Faroe Islands".

**EURATOM****acceded 31 Jan 2000**

Declaration by the European Atomic Energy Community according to the provisions of Article 30 (4)(iii) of the Convention on Nuclear Safety

The following States are presently members of the European Atomic Energy Community: the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Community declares that Articles 15 and 16 (2) of the Convention apply to it. Articles 1 to 5, Article 7 (1), Article 14 (ii) and Articles 20 to 35 also apply to it only in so far as the fields covered by Articles 15 and 16 (2) are concerned.

The Community possesses competence, shared with the above-mentioned Member States, in the fields covered by Articles 15 and 16 (2) of the Convention as provided for by the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community in Article 2 (b) and the relevant Articles of Title II, Chapter 3 entitled "Health and Safety".

**Ukraine****ratified 08 Apr 1998**

8 April 1998

"1. The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has taken the responsible decision to ratify the Convention on Nuclear Safety, confirming its commitment to the principles of the nuclear safety culture and ensuring their practical implementation, and trusting that the world community and Member States of the IAEA realize the uniqueness of the "Shelter" remaining in Ukraine as a result of the global consequences of the Chernobyl catastrophe.

At present no technologies exist for transforming the "Shelter" into an ecologically safe system, nor has the set of necessary measures been defined for achieving the high level of nuclear safety of the facility in accordance with the requirements of the Convention.

Under these circumstances, Ukraine is not able by itself to resolve this large-scale problem in the shortest possible time and is counting on the assistance of the IAEA, international organizations and individual States in tackling the scientific and technological issues involved in ensuring the safety of the "Shelter", which will in turn help achieve the objectives of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.

2. The provision of Article 3 of the Convention shall not apply to the "Shelter"."

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**India****20 Sep 1994**

20 September 1994

"India continues to believe that a Convention on Nuclear Safety should cover all nuclear power plants, civil and military. We note, however, that the present convention covers only civilian nuclear power plants. We hope that the safety aspects of nuclear power plants in the military domain would also be given attention, to achieve comprehensive nuclear safety worldwide."