PROTOCOL AMENDING THE PREAMBLE AND PARTS II AND III

Entry into Force

As a result of the signature by Finland on 7 October 1957 to the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III that Protocol entered into force in accordance with its paragraph 8 for the following contracting parties:

Australia
Austria
Burma
Canada
Cuba
Czechoslovakia
Denmark
Finland
France
Federal Republic of Germany
Greece
Haiti
India

Indonesia
Japan
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Norway
Pakistan
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland
Sweden
Union of South Africa
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America

The signatures of India, Sweden, South Africa and the United States were accompanied by statements, the texts of which are contained in the Executive Secretary's quarterly statement on the Status of Multilateral Protocols (PROT/1). The signature by Finland and the ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany were accompanied by statements, the texts of which are now being communicated by letter to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of contracting parties.

The Executive Secretary had to consider if these statements ought to be treated as reservations to the Protocol, in which case they would have to be approved by all the parties to the Protocol. After examination of the texts of the statements the Executive Secretary concluded that they did not go beyond the provisions embodied in the Protocol of Provisional Application, or in the Annecy Protocol of Terms of Accession, or in the Torquay Protocol, or in the Resolution of 7 March 1955 Expressing the Unanimous Agreement of the Contracting Parties to the Attaching of a Reservation on Acceptance Pursuant to Article XXVI, or in paragraph 6 of Article III (now Article IV) of the General Agreement, as the case may be.

Consequently the Executive Secretary has accepted as valid the signatures of the above mentioned contracting parties although they were accompanied by these statements, and these signatures were taken into account in determining the conditions for the entry into force of the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III.