

# **LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION**

## **MULTILATERAL TREATY REGISTER**

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**AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC GROUP OF COUNTRIES (ACP) AND THE  
EUROPEAN UNION (EU) CONVENTIONS OF LOME**

**African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of Countries (ACP) and the European Union  
(EU) Conventions of Lome**

**LOME IV**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Signed:            | 15 December 1989  |
| Adopted:           | 1 September 1991  |
| Source of Funding: | European Development Fund (EDF) for Grants and Risk Capital European Investment Bank (EIB) for loans. |
| Allocation:        | ECU 12 Billion (total)  |

**Agreement Amending the Fourth ACP-EU Convention of LOME**

**Agreement Amending the Fourth ACP-EU Convention of LOME  
(Second Financial Protocol)**

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Signed:                                     | Mauritius, November 1995           |
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 26 June 1996 (formal ratification) |

**Cotonou Agreement**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Date of Deposit<br>of Instrument: | 26 April 2001   |
| Depositary:                       | African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of Countries (ACP) |

**AGRICULTURE**

**Agreement on Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International (CABI) 8 July  
1986**

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Date of Deposit of Instrument:           | 18 May 1989             |
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 18 May 1989 (accession) |
| Depositary:                              | UK Government           |

### **Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 28 February 2008 (accession)            |
| Depositary:                              | Secretary-General of the United Nations |

## ARBITRATION

### **Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes Between States and Nationals of Other States, Submitted to Governments by the Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 18 November 1995 (ratified)            |
| Signed:                                  | October 19 1995                        |
| Depositary:                              | Security General of the United Nations |

### **Convention on Foreign Arbitral Awards, 1958**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Date of accession: | 20 March 2007                           |
| Depositary:        | Secretary General of the United Nations |

## ASTRONAUTS

### **Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts, and the Return of Objects Launched Into Outer Space. Done at Washington, London, Moscow on 22 April 1968**

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Date of succession: | 10 August 1976 |
|---------------------|----------------|

MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositories: Governments of the United States and  
the United Kingdom

**AUTOMOTIVE TRAFFIC**

**Convention on Road Traffic 1949**

Date of succession: 14 May 1992  
Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**AVIATION**

**International Civil Aviation Organization established by Chicago Convention of 7 December, 1944 and Amended in 1947, 1954, 1961 and 1968**

Date of succession: 26 June 1975  
Depositary: United States of America  
Department of State

**Protocol on the Authentic Trilingual Text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation Done at Chicago 1944**

Date of succession: 26 June 1975  
Depositary: United States of America  
Department of State

**International Air Services Transit Agreement, Done at Chicago 7 December 1944**

Date of succession: 26 June 1975  
Depositary: United States of America  
Department of State

**Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air, Concluded at Warsaw October 12, 1949**

Date of succession: 26 June 1975

MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: Government of Poland

**Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air, Guatemala City, 28 September, 1955**

Date of succession: 26 June 1975

Depositary: Government of the United Mexican States

**Convention on Damage Caused by a Foreign Aircraft to Third Parties on the Surface, Done at Rome 7 October 1952**

Date of succession: 26 June 1975

Depositary: International Civil Aviation Organization

**Convention, Supplementary to the Warsaw Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air Performed by Persons Other than the Contracting Carrier, Guadalajara, 18 September, 1961**

Date of succession: 26 June 1975

Depositary: Government of the United Mexican States

**CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) & ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)**

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Council of Legal Education<sup>1</sup>**

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 20 November 1971 (accession)

Depositary: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Supplemental Agreement in Relation To the Council of Legal Education, Chaguaramas, 13 October 1972**

Date of Signature: 13 October 1972

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<sup>1</sup> A supplemental agreement in relation to the Council of Legal Education entered into force on 12 October 1984

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Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**The Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community CARICOM  
Signed at Chaguaramus, Trinidad and Tobago, 4 July 1973**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 4 July 1983

Depository: Secretariat of the Caribbean Community

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development  
Institute (CARDI), Georgetown, Guyana, 5 December 1974**

Date of Accession: 7 July 2016

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Regional Drug Testing Laboratory,  
Georgetown, Guyana, 16 December 1974**

Date of Accession: 18 May 1988

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Georgetown Agreement on the Organization of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific  
Group of States, 6 June 1975**

Date of Signature: 23 May 1979

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute,  
Georgetown, Guyana, 10 July 1980**

Date of Signature: 1 March 1988

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Supplemental Agreement in Relation to the Council of Legal Education, 1984**

Date of Signature: 23 September 1984

Place of Signature: Florida, USA

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat



**Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the Caribbean Community, Georgetown, Guyana, 14 January 1985**

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of Signature:    | 12 April 1985                   |
| Date of Ratification: | 18 May 1988                     |
| Depository:           | Caribbean Community Secretariat |

**Agreement for the Establishment of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union, Nassau, Bahamas, 28 April 1989**

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of Signature:    | 28 April 1989                   |
| Date of Ratification: | 2 July 1989                     |
| Depository:           | Caribbean Community Secretariat |

**Agreement Instituting the Order of the Caribbean Community, Done at Nassau, 26 February 1991<sup>2</sup>**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 28 May 1991 (ratification)                        |
| Depository:                                 | Secretariat of the Caribbean Community<br>CARICOM |

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 26 February 1991**

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of Signature:    | 2 July 1991                     |
| Date of Ratification: | 2 July 1991                     |
| Place of Signature:   | Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis |
| Depository:           | Caribbean Community Secretariat |

**Agreement Instituting the Order of the Caribbean Community Reservations by the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica**

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Reservation - 'The Bahamas does not consider itself bound by the provisions of paragraph 1 (c) of Article VII of the Agreement having regard to its national laws.'

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MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Date of Notification (By Dominica): 28 May 1991

**Agreement for the Establishment of an Assembly of Caribbean Community Parliamentarians, Kingston, Jamaica, 31 July 1992**

Date of Signature: 23 March 1993

Date of Ratification: 30 August 1993

Place of Signature: Roseau, Dominica

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Action Plan for Cooperation Among the Caribbean Community and The Group of Three, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 13 October 1993**

Date of Signature: 13 October 1993

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Investment Fund, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 13 October 1993**

Date of Signature: 17 February 1995

Place of Signature: Belize City, Belize

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 24 July 1994**

Date of Signature: 1994

Date entered into force: 1994

**CARICOM Agreement on Social Security, Georgetown, Guyana, 1 March 1996**

Date of Signature: 27 October 1999

Date of Ratification: 14 September 2001

Place of Signature: Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Supplemental Agreement to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Investment Fund, 1996**

Date of Signature: 9 July 1996

Place of Signature: Nassau, The Bahamas

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Charter of Civil Society for the Caribbean Community, Antigua and Barbuda, 19 February 1997**

Date of Signature: 21 February 1997

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Resolution – Charter of Civil Society for the Caribbean Community, St. Johns, Antigua and Barbuda, 19 February 1997**

Date of Signature: 21 February 1997

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Caribbean / United States Partnership for Prosperity and Security in the Caribbean, Bridgetown, Barbados, 10 May 1997**

Date of Signature: 10 May 1997

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Protocol amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community Signed At Chaguaramas on 4 July 1973, Antigua and Barbuda, 19 February 1997**

Date of Signature: 30 June 1997

Place of Signature: Montego Bay, Jamaica

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Caribbean Postal Union - Convention-, 11 August 1998**

Date of Signature: 11 August 1998  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement concerning the Caribbean Investment Fund, St. Johns, Antigua and Barbuda, 24 August 1998**

Date of Signature: 8 September 1998  
Place of Signature: Nassau, The Bahamas  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Association of Caribbean States Convention establishing the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Caribbean**

Date of Signature: 12 December 2001  
Date of Ratification: 4 July 2007  
Depository: Republic of Colombia

**Agreement Establishing the CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ), Belize City Belize, 4 February 2002**

Date of Signature: 4 July 2006  
Place of Signature: St. Kitts and Nevis  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions, Saint Lucia, 13 November 2003**

Date of Signature: 25 March 2004  
Place of Signature: Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**China-Caribbean Economic and Trade Cooperation Forum Ministerial Conference 2005 Guiding Framework of Economic and Trade Cooperation**

**Agreement to enable the Entry into Force of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, 21 December 2005**

Date of Signature: 9 February 2006  
Place of Signature: Trinidad and Tobago  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Between the Caribbean Community and the Government of The Bahamas**

Date of Signature: 10 February 2006  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS), St. Kitts and Nevis, 6 July 2006**

Date of Accession: 22 May 2015  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Memorandum of Understanding for the Sharing of Intelligence among Member States of the Caribbean Community, St. Kitts and Nevis, 6 July 2006**

Date of Accession: 22 May 2015  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Memorandum of Intent between the Government of the United States of America and Member States of the Caribbean Community on Co-operation regarding the development of an Advance Passenger Information System (APIS), St. Kitts and Nevis, 16 October 2006**

Date of Accession: 22 May 2015  
Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), St. Johns, Antigua and Barbuda, 2 July 2008**

Date of Signature: 3 July 2008

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Date of Ratification: 17 October 2008

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Protocol Amending the CARICOM Agreement on Social Security, Barbados, 9 October 2009**

Date of Signature: 23 July 2010

Place of Signature: Nassau, The Bahamas

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), Roseau, Dominica, 12 March 2010**

Date of Signature: 12 March 2010

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Knowledge and Learning Network Agency (CKLNA), Roseau, Dominica 11 March 2010**

Date of Signature: 12 March 2010

Date of Ratification: 14 September 2010

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Revised Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), Grand Anse, Grenada, 26 February 2011**

Date of Signature: 25 February 2011

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

**Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), Georgetown Guyana, 1 June 2011**

Date of Signature: 2 July 2011

Place of Signature: St. Kitts and Nevis

Depository: Caribbean Community Secretariat

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**Amendment to the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Knowledge and Learning Network Agency (CKLNA), Castries, Saint Lucia, 4 July 2012**

|                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of Signature:  | 10 December 2012                |
| Place of Signature: | Georgetown, Guyana              |
| Depository:         | Caribbean Community Secretariat |

**Instrument of Accession to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Sharing of Intelligence Among Member States of the Caribbean Community**

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Date of Signature: | 22 May 2015 |
|--------------------|-------------|

*Note: Labelled as APIS (MOV, MOI, Accession Instruments)*

**CARICOM Arrest Warrant Treaty, Grenada, 5 July 2017**

|                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of Signature:  | 27 February 2018                |
| Place of Signature: | Port-au-Prince, Haiti           |
| Depository:         | Caribbean Community Secretariat |

**Agreement establishing the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE), Grenada, 5 July 2017**

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of Signature:    | 15 January 2018                 |
| Date of Ratification: | 17 May 2018                     |
| Place of Signature:   | Georgetown, Guyana              |
| Depository:           | Caribbean Community Secretariat |

**Agreement Between the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) on the Privileges and Immunities of the Institute (Host Country Agreement)**

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Date of Signature:    | 9 December 2019     |
| Date of Ratification: | 9 December 2019     |
| Place of Signature:   | Nassau, The Bahamas |

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Depository:        | Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) |
| Date of Signature: | 2 February 2005   |

### COLLECTIVE SECURITY

**Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio-Treaty) Signed at Rio de Janeiro September 2, 1947 at the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 24 November 1982 (ratification)  |
| Depository:                              | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil (Original Instrument) OAS General Secretariat (Ratification) |

### CONSULAR RELATIONS

**Vienna Convention on Consular Relations Done at Vienna on 24 April 1963**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Date of succession: | 17 March 1977                           |
| Depository:         | Secretary General of the United Nations |

### COPYRIGHT, CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

**Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property Paris Convention (1883)<sup>3</sup>**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 10 July 1973 (succession) |
| Depository:                              | Secretary General of WIPO |

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<sup>3</sup> 'The Commonwealth of The Bahamas expressly reaffirms its submission to the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under Article 19.'



## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Latest Act of the Convention to which State is party and date on which State became party to that act: Stockholm, 10 March 1977

### **Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, Done 9 September 1886, Completed at Paris on May 1889, Revised at Rome (1928) at Brussels (1848), at Stockholm (1967) and at Paris (1971), and Amended in 1979**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 8 January 1977 (accession)   |
| Depositary:                                 | World Intellectual Property Organization   |
| Declaration:                                | (1) Accession to this convention shall not apply to Article 1-21.<br>(2) That in respect of Article 33 the Commonwealth of The Bahamas does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 33(1) |

Latest Act of the Convention to which The Bahamas is Party and date on which The Bahamas became a party to that Act-- Brussels; 10<sup>th</sup> July 1973 Paris; Articles 22 to 38, 8 January 1977.

### **Universal Copyright Convention with Three Protocols Annexed Thereto Done at Geneva 6 September 1952**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 13 July 1976 (succession)                                       |
| Depositary:                                 | United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization |

### **Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO Convention (1967) amended in 1979<sup>4</sup>**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 4 January 1977 (accession) |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of WIPO  |

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<sup>4</sup> The Bahamas is a member of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Union), founded by the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

The Bahamas is also a member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Berne Union) founded by the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

**Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, 1970**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 9 October, 1997 (ratification)

Depositary: Director-General of UNESCO

**Universal Copyright Convention as Revised at Paris on 24 June 1971**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 27 September 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Government of the French Republic

**COUNTERFEITING CURRENCY**

**International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency with Protocol, Done at Geneva 20 April 1929<sup>5</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 9 July 1975 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**CORRUPTION AND CRIME**

**Inter-American Convention Against Corruption 1996**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 14 March 2000

Date of signature: 2 June 1998

Depositary: Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS)

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<sup>5</sup> 'The Commonwealth of The Bahamas expressly reaffirms its submission to the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under Article 19.'

**Act of Signature by the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas of the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials, Adopted on November 14, 1997**

Date of Signature: 15 April 1998  
Depositary: Organization of American States (OAS)

**United Nations Convention Against Corruption**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 9 April 2008  
Date of accession: 10 January 2008  
Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>6</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 26 October 2008  
Date of signature: 9 April 2001  
Date of ratification: 26 September 2008  
Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Protocol Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime**

Date of signature: 11 September 2008  
Date of accession: 26 September 2008  
Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

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- <sup>6</sup> Reservation - "In accordance with Article 35 paragraph 3, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas enters a specific reservation to the procedure established under Article 35 paragraph 2 of the Convention on the basis that referral of a dispute concerning the application or interpretation of the provisions of the Convention to arbitration or to the International Court must be by consent of all the parties to the dispute"

**Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 26 October 2008                         |
| Date of signature:                       | 9 April 2001                            |
| Date of ratification:                    | 26 September 2008                       |
| Depositary:                              | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 26 October 2008                         |
| Date of signature:                       | 9 April 2001                            |
| Date of ratification:                    | 26 September 2008                       |
| Depositary:                              | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**CUSTOMS**

**Convention Establishing a Customs Cooperation Council with Annex and Protocol Done at Brussels 15 December 1950**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 16 August 1974 (accession)               |
| Depositary:                              | Customs Co-operation Council Secretariat |

**DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

**Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations Done at Vienna on 18 April 1961<sup>7</sup>**

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<sup>7</sup> In a communication received by the Secretary General on 8 June 1977, The Government of The Bahamas declared that they wish to maintain the objections made by the Government of the United Kingdom. This document is property of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and is for reference purposes only. This list is not definitive, it represents a work in progress. It would be appreciated if any information on amendments, additions or deletions to this list is communicated in writing addressed to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Date Entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 17 March 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations Concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, Done at Vienna on 18 April 1961**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 17 March 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

## ENVIRONMENT

### **Convention on Wetlands (RAMSAR) 1971**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 7 June 1997

Depositary: Director-General of UNESCO

### **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Wild Fauna and Flora with Appendices (CITES) done at Washington on 3 March 1973<sup>8</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 18 September 1979 (accession)

Depositary: Switzerland

### **Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer Concluded at Vienna on 22 March 1985**

Date entered into

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Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland prior to the Independence of The Bahamas. United Kingdom's reservation is as follows: 'The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland do not regard as valid the reservation to paragraph 2 of Article 37 of the Vienna Convention Diplomatic Relations made by the United Arab Republic. Further, the Government of the United Kingdom does not regard the statement concerning paragraph 1 of article 11 of the convention made by the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as modifying any rights and obligations under that paragraph.

<sup>8</sup> The Bahamas has not accepted the Amendment of 30 April 1983.

MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Force for The Bahamas: 1 April 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Concluded at Montreal on 16 September 1987**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 4 May 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989**

Date entered into  
Force For The Bahamas: 12 August 1992 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer Adopted at the Second Meeting of the Parties Done at London 20 June 1990**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 4 May 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) Concluded at New York on 9 May 1992**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 29 March 1994 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General of The United Nations

**Convention on Biological Diversity Opened For Signature at Rio De Janiero on 5 June 1992**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 2 September 1993 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25 November 1992**

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|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 4 May 1993 (accession)                  |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the United Nations |

### **UNFCCC Kyoto Protocol December 1997**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 9 April 1999 (accession)                |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the United Nations |

### **The United Nations Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of UNCLOS Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 16 January 1997 (accession)             |
| Date Agreement<br>Entered into force:       | 11 December 2001                        |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the United Nations |

### **International Plant Protection Convention**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Date of Deposit: | 19 September 1997 (adherence)   |
| Depositary:      | Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |

### **Cartegena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, 29 January 2000**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 14 April 2004                           |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the United Nations |

### **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 8 February 2001 |
|---|-----------------|

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Date of Accession: 10 November 2000

Depositary: United Nations Secretary General

### **London & Beijing Amendments to Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone layer**

Date of Deposit: 16 March 2005

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 13 June 2005

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **STOCKHOLM Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 January 2006

Date of Signature: 20 March 2002

Date of Ratification: 3 October 2005

Depositary: United Nations Secretary General

### **UNFCCC Paris Agreement, Conference of the Parties (COP) 21 Paris, 12 December 2015**

Date of Signature: 22 April 2016

Date of Ratification: 22 August 2016

### **Minimata Convention on Mercury, adopted at Kumamoto, Japan on 10 October 2013**

Date of Ratification: 2020

### **The Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, adopted on 29 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan**

Date of Accession: 30 December 2021

Depositary: United Nations



## **FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MONETARY INSTITUTIONS**

### **The Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) done at Bretton Woods on 27 December 1945**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 21 August 1973 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Done at Bretton Woods on 27 December 1945**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 21 August 1973 (accession)

Depositary: International Monetary Fund

### **Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Development Bank opened for signature 8 April 1959 at the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 15 December 1977 (accession)

Depositary: Organization of American States (OAS)  
General Secretariat

### **Amendments to the International Monetary Fund Agreement**

Approved: 1 September 1961

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 21 August 1973 (accession)

Depositary: International Monetary Fund

### **The Amendment to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Agreement Approved on 26 August 1965**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 21 August 1973

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

### **Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Development Bank with Protocol to Provide for Procedure for Amendments of Article 36 of the Agreement at the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Governors Done on 18 October 1969<sup>9</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 28 January 1970 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: September 1992 – Application for Membership  
December, 1992 – Multilateral Investment Guarantee Act, 1992  
25 March 1992 – Subscription

Subscription Value: \$1,080,000.00

Depositary: World Bank, Washington DC

### **Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF)**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: December 1993 Window I Technical Cooperation 20 July 1995 – Instrument of Acceptance (Donor Country).

Subscription Value: \$600,000.00

Depositary: Inter American Development Bank (IDB), Washington DC

### **Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 18 November 1995 (ratification)

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<sup>9</sup> A declaration was made by the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in accordance with the first provision of the second part of paragraph 3 of article 63 of the Agreement to the effect that the privilege conferred by article 53 shall be restricted in its territory to treatment not less favourable than the Government concerned accords international financial institutions of which it is a member.  
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MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: Secretary General, International Centre  
for Settlement of Investment Disputes,  
Washington DC

**HEALTH**

**Pan American Sanitary Code, Havana 14 November 1924, As Amended by Additional Protocol 1952**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 April 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Pan American Health Organization  
(PAHO)

**Agreement Respecting Facilities to be Given to Merchant Seamen for the Treatment of Venereal Disease, Brussels, 1 December 1924**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 April 1974

Depositary: Government of Belgium

**Constitution of the World Health Organization, Signed at New York on 22 July 1946**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 April 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**The International Sanitary Regulations (WHO Regulation No. 2) 1951 and as amended in 1955, 1956, 1960, 1963 and 1965**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 April 1974 (accession)

Depositary: World Health Organization Secretariat

**The International Sanitary Regulations (WHO Regulation No. 2) 1951 and as amended in 1955, 1956, 1960, 1963 and 1965**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 April 1974 (accession)

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: World Health Organization Secretariat

### **The Nomenclature Regulations (WHO) Regulations No. 1967, 1950 and as amended in 1958 and 1968**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 April 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization as Amended 24 May 1969**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 8 October 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Pan American Health Organization  
(PAHO)

### **Amendments to Articles 34 and 55 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization Adopted by the Twenty Sixth World Health Assembly by Resolution WHA 26.37 of 22 May 1973**

Entry into Force: 3 February 1977

Date of Acceptance  
by The Bahamas: 14 December 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization Adopted by the Twenty Ninth World Health Assembly by Resolution WHA 29.33 of 17 May 1976**

Entry Into Force: 20 July 1984

Date of Acceptance  
by The Bahamas: 29 May 1980 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Amendment to Articles 4, 6, 9 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 14 December 1976

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization Adopted by the Thirty – Ninth World Assembly by Resolution WHA 39.6 of 12 May 1986**

Entry Into Force: 11 July 1994

Date of Acceptance  
by The Bahamas: 2 June 1987 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **International Health Regulations (2005)**

Date of Entry into  
Force for The Bahamas: 15 June 2007

Depositary: World Health Organization

## HUMAN RIGHTS

### **International Agreement for the Suppression of White Slave Traffic Signed at Paris on 18 May 1904 and Amended by the Protocol Signed at Lake Success New York on 4 May 1949**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 10 June 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **International Convention for the Suppression of White Slave Traffic, Signed at Paris on 4 May 1910, and amended by the Protocol, Signed at Lake Success, New York on 4 May 1949**

Entry into force: 4 May 1949, in accordance with article 5 of the Convention

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 10 June 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Slavery Convention Signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926 and Amended by the Protocol Done at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York on 7 December 1953**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 10 June 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention on the Prevention of the Crime of Genocide Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1948**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 5 August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, Geneva on 28 July 1951<sup>10</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 15 September 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention on the Political Rights of Women, New York 31 March 1953**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 16 August 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institution and Practices Similar to Slavery, Done at Geneva on 7 September 1956**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 10 June 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention on the Nationality of Married Women, New York 20 February 1957**

Date entered into

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<sup>10</sup> Reservations: 'Refugees and their Dependents would normally be subjected to the same laws and regulations relating generally to the employment of non-Bahamians within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, so long as they have not acquired status in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.'

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## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Force for The Bahamas: | 10 June 1976 (succession)               |
| Depositary:            | Secretary General of the United Nations |

### **Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination Opened for Signature at New York on 7 March 1966<sup>11</sup>**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Date entered into      |   |
| Force for The Bahamas: | 5 August 1975 (succession)              |
| Depositary:            | Secretary General of the United Nations |

### **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Opened for Signature at New York, on 19 December 1966<sup>12</sup>**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Date of Signature:        | 4 December 2008  |
| Date of Ratification:     | 23 December 2008 |
| Date of Entry into Force: | 23 March 2009    |

### **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Opened for Signature at New York, on 19 December 1966<sup>13</sup>**

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Date of Signature: | 4 December 2008 |
|--------------------|-----------------|

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<sup>11</sup> Declaration: "Firstly the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas wishes to State its understanding of Article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. It interprets Article 4 as requiring a party to the Convention to adopt further legislative measures in the fields covered by sub paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of that article only in so far as it may consider with due regard to the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration set out in Article 5 of the Convention, in particular to freedom of opinion and expression and the right of freedom of peaceful assembly and association that some legislative addition to, or variation of existing law and practice in these fields is necessary for the attainment of the ends specified in article 4. Lastly the Constitution of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas entrenches and guarantees to every person in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas the fundamental rights and freedoms irrespective of his race or place of origin. The Constitution prescribes judicial process to be observed in the event of the violation of any of these rights whether by the State or by a private individual. Acceptance of this Convention by the Commonwealth of The Bahamas does not imply the acceptance of obligations beyond the constitutional limits nor the acceptance of any obligations to introduce judicial process beyond these prescribed under the Constitution.

<sup>12</sup> Declaration – "The Government of The Bahamas interprets non-discrimination as to national origin as not necessarily implying an obligation on States automatically to guarantee to foreigners the same rights as to their nationals. This term should be understood to refer to the elimination of any arbitrary behaviour but not of differences in treatment based on objective and reasonable considerations, in conformity with principles prevailing in democratic societies"

<sup>13</sup> Reservation – "The Government of The Bahamas recognizes and accepts the principle of compensation for wrongful imprisonment contained in paragraph 6 of article 14, but the problems of implementation are such that the right not to apply that principle is presently reserved"

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Date of Ratification: 23 December 2008

Date of Entry into Force: 23 March 2009

### **Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, New York 31 January 1967**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas 15 September 1993 (accession)

Depositary Secretary General of the United Nations

### **International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 30 November 1973**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 31 March 1981 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women Adopted by the General Assembly of the U.N. on 18 December 1979<sup>14</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 8 October 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 October 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Kingdom of the Netherlands

(See Bilateral Register for individual countries that Convention applies to for The Bahamas)

### **International Convention Against Apartheid in Sports Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1985**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 13 November 1986 (ratification)

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<sup>14</sup> Reservations: 'The Bahamas does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 2(a), article 9 paragraph 2, article 16(h), and article 29, paragraph 1 of the convention.'



## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Convention on the Rights of the Child Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 November 1989<sup>15</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas 20 February 1991 (ratification)

Depositary Secretary General of The United Nations

### **Amendment to Article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on 15 January 1992**

(Not yet in force- see paragraph 4 of the Decision of the State Parties)

Date of Acceptance  
by The Bahamas: 31 March 1994 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Inter American Convention on the Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against 'Women Convention of Belem do Para'<sup>16</sup>**

Dated entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 3 May 1995 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS)

### **Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

Date of Signature: 2008

Date of Ratification: 2018

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<sup>15</sup> Reservation: 'The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas upon signing the Convention reserves the right not to apply the provisions of article 2 of the said Convention insofar as those provisions relate to the conferment of citizenship upon a child having regard to the provisions of the constitution of The Bahamas.'

<sup>16</sup> Declaration: Article 7(g) of the convention imports no obligation upon the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to provide any form of compensation from public funds to any woman who has been subjected to violence in circumstances where liability would not normally have been incurred under existing Bahamian Law.

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**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

Date of Signature: 2013

Date of Ratification: 2015

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict**

Date of Ratification: 2015

**Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography**

Date of Ratification: 2015

**LABOUR**

**Convention establishing the International Labour Organization, Done at Geneva 11 April 1919**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas 25 May 1976 (ratification)

Depositary International Labour Organization

**Record of Deposit and Registration of the Instrument of Ratification by The Bahamas of Freedom of Association and Protection of the Rights to Organise Convention, 1948 (No. 87)**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 28 June 1952

Depositary: Director General of the International  
Labour Organization

**Record of Deposit and Registration of the Instrument of Ratification by The Bahamas of The Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100)**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 29 June 1951

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: Director General of the International Labour Organization

### **Record of Deposit and Registration of the Instrument of Ratification by The Bahamas of The Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)**

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 25 June 1958

Depositary: Director General of the International Labour Organization

### **List of International Labour Organization Conventions that The Bahamas is a party to:**

| <b>No.</b> | <b><i>Title of Convention</i></b>                   | <b>Date of Certified Ratification</b> |
|------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| C.5        | Minimum Wage (Replaced by C138)                     | 25.5.76                               |
| C.7        | Minimum Age (Sea) (Replaced by C138)                | 25.5.76                               |
| C.11       | Right of Association (Agriculture)                  | 25.5.76                               |
| C.12       | Workmen's Compensation (Agriculture)                | 25.5.76                               |
| C.14       | Weekly Rest (Industry)                              | 25.5.76                               |
| C.17       | Workmen's Compensation (Accidents)                  | 25.5.76                               |
| C.19       | Equality of Treatment (Accident compensation)       | 25.5.76                               |
| C.22       | Seamen's Articles of Agreement                      | 25.5.76                               |
| C.26       | Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery                       | 25.5.76                               |
| C.29       | Workmen's Compensation (Occupational Diseases)      | 25.5.76                               |
| C.45       | Underground Work (Women)                            | 25.5.76                               |
| C.50       | Recruiting of Indigenous Workers (Replaced by C169) | 25.5.76                               |

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MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

|       |  |            |
|-------|--|------------|
| C.64  | Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers)                                     | 25.5.76    |
| C.65  | Peal Sanctions<br>(Indigenous Workers)   | 25.5.76    |
| C.81  | Labour Inspection  | 25.5.76    |
| C.87  | Freedom of Association and Protect of the Right<br>to Organize Convention (1948) | 14.5.2002  |
| C.88  | Employment Services  | 25.5.76    |
| C.94  | Labour Clauses (Public Contracts)  | 25.5.76    |
| C.95  | Protection of Wages  | 25.5.76    |
| C.97  | Migration for Employment   | 25.5.76    |
| C.98  | Right to Organize as Collective Bargaining                                       | 25.5.76    |
| C.100 | Equal Remuneration Convention (1951)   | 14.6.2002  |
| C.103 | Maternity Protection Convention (Revised)  | 08.6.2001  |
| C.105 | Abolition of Forced Labour   | 25.5.76    |
| C.111 | Discrimination (Employment and Occupation)<br>1958                               | 14.6.2002  |
| C.117 | Social Policy  | 25.5.76    |
| C.138 | Minimum Age (1973) <sup>17</sup>   | 31.10.2001 |
| C.144 | Tripartite Consultation<br>(International Labour Standard)                       | 25.5.76    |
| C.147 | Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards)  | 03.01.2001 |
| C.182 | Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention 1999                                      | 14.6.2002  |
| C.185 | Seafarers' Identity Documents (Revised) 2003                                     | 14.12.2006 |
|       | Maritime Labour Convention   | 11.02.2008 |

<sup>17</sup> Obligatory Declaration: Minimum age is 14 years.

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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **Agreement Between The Bahamas and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and United Nations Fund Abuse Control (UNFDAC)**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 27 July 1988 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

## **LEGAL COOPERATION**

### **Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Reservations in Relation to Articles 1 Through 273 and Articles 295 Through 437 of the 1928 Convention on Private International Law adopted at Havana, Cuba on 20 February 1928**

Date of Signature: 27 September 2016

### **Instrument of Accession to the 1928 Convention on Private International Law at Havana, Cuba on 20 February 1928**

Date of Signature: 27 September 2016

### **Convention Abolishing the Requirements of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, Done at The Hague 5 October 1961**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 30 April 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Government of the Netherlands

### **Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extra-judicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters, 15 November 1965**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 February 1998 (accession)

Depositary: Government of the Netherlands

**Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1992<sup>18</sup>**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Signed:                                   | 26 April 2001   |
| Ratified:                                 | 22 April 2009   |
| Date of Deposit<br>of Bahamas Instrument: | 30 April 2009   |
| Depositary:                               | Secretary General of the Organization<br>of American States |

**MARITIME**

**Convention on the International Maritime Organization Done at Geneva 6 March 1948**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 22 July 1976 (accession)                |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954 as Amended<sup>19</sup>**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 22 October 1976 (accession)                                     |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the International<br>Maritime Organization |

**The Convention for the Facilitation of Maritime Traffic Done at London 9 April 1965, as Amended**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 20 September 1976 (accession)                                   |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the International<br>Maritime Organization |

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<sup>18</sup> Reservation - “The Government of The Bahamas reserves the right to refuse assistance if the request relates exclusively to a tax offence, unless the request is made pursuant to a treaty to which The Bahamas is a party”

<sup>19</sup> Instrument which is in force or applicable but which is no longer fully operational because it has been superseded by later instrument. For further information contact Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization.

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**1969 Amendment to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954 as Amended<sup>20</sup>**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Effective Date of Continuity/Application of Membership: | 22 October 1976  |
| Depositary:   | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization |

**International Convention Relating to the Intervention on the High Sea in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, Done at Brussels 29 November 1969**

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|--|--|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 20 October 1976 (accession)                                  |
| Depositary:                              | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization |

**International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage Done at Brussels 29 November 1969**

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 20 October 1976 (accession) |
| Date of Denunciation:                    | 15 May 1998                 |

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

**1971 Amendment to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954, Adopted 15 October 1971<sup>21</sup>**

|  |  |
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| Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument:               | 28 March 1977  |
| Effective Date of Continuity/Membership Application: | 28 March 1977  |
| Depositary:  | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization |

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<sup>20</sup> See supra note 14.

<sup>21</sup> See supra note 14.

**1973 Amendment to the Convention for the Facilitation of Maritime Traffic Done at London 9 April 1965**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Entry into Force:                                    | 2 June 1984  |
| Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Acceptance: | 22 March 1978  |
| Depositary:  | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization |

**1974 Amendments to Articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31, and 32 of the IMO Convention Adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by Resolution A 315 (ES.V) of 17 October 1974**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Entry into Force:                                    | 1 April 1978   |
| Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Acceptance: | 31 January 1977 (United Nations)   |
| Depositaries:  | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)<br>Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) |

**Protocol to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage Done at London 19 November 1976**

|  |  |
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| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 8 April 1981 (acceptance)  |
| Depositary:                              | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) |

**Amendments to the Title and Substantive Provisions of the IMO Convention Adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by Resolutions A.358 (IX) of 14 November 1975 and A 371 (X) of 9 November 1977 (rectification of resolution A.358) XI**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Entry into Force:                        | 22 May 1982, in accordance with article 51 of the Convention |
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 1 March 1979 (accession)                                     |



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|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Depositaries: | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)<br>Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) |
|---------------|--|

### **Amendments to the IMO Convention Relating to the Institutionalisation of the Committee on Technical Co-Operation in the Convention Adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by a Resolution A.400 (X) of 17 November 1977**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Entry into Force: | 10 November 1984, in accordance with Article 62 |
|-------------------|---|

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|--|--------------------------|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 1 March 1979 (accession) |
|--|--------------------------|

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Depositaries: | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)<br>Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) |
|---------------|--|

### **Amendment to Articles 17, 18, 20 and 51 of the IMO Convention Adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by Resolution A. 450 (XI) of 15 November 1979**

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Entered into Force: | 10 November 1984 |
|---------------------|------------------|

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|--|-------------------------|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 23 May 1980 (accession) |
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|---------------|--|
| Depositaries: | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)<br>Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) |
|---------------|--|

### **Amendment to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization 1991 (Institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee)**

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Date of Accession: | 7 May 1998 |
|--------------------|------------|

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Depositary: | Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) |
|-------------|--|

### **1992 Protocol to Amend the 1969 International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage**

|                    |              |
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| Date of Accession: | 1 April 1997 |
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MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization

**1992 Protocol to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage**

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 1 April 1998 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

**Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization 1993**

Date of Accession: 7 May 1998

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

**Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substance other than Oil, 1973 Done at London, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1973 as Amended**

Date entered into Force: 30 March 1983

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument: 5 March 1981 (acceptance)

Depositary: International Maritime Organization

**International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, Done at London 1 November 1974**

Entry into Force: 25 May 1980

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument: 16 February 1979 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization

**Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, Done at London 17 February 1978**

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 1 May 1981

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

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|---|---|
| Date of Deposit of<br>Bahamas Instrument: | 16 February 1979 (accession)                                    |
| Depositary:                               | Secretary General of the International<br>Maritime Organization |

### **Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Entry into Force:                         | 3 February 2000   |
| Date of Deposit of<br>Bahamas Instrument: | 2 February 1999 (accession)                                     |
| Depositary:                               | Secretary General of the International<br>Maritime Organization |

### **The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, as Amended**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 15 July 1977  |
| Date of Deposit of<br>Bahamas Instrument:   | 22 July 1976 (accession)  |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the International<br>Maritime Organization |

### **International Convention for Safe Containers, Geneva 2 December 1972**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date of Deposit of<br>Bahamas Instrument:   | 16 February 1979  |
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 16 February 1980  |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the International<br>Maritime Organization (IMO) |

### **International Convention on Load Lines, London 5 April 1966**

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 22 October 1976 (accession) |
|---|-----------------------------|

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Acceptance of    |                   |
| 1971 Amendments: | 20 January 1977   |
| 1975 Amendments: | 22 March 1978     |
| 1979 Amendments: | 15 May 1981       |
| 1983 Amendments: | 23 September 1985 |

### **Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines 1966**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 3 February 2000

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, London 23 June 1969**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 18 July 1982 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL) as Amended**

Date entered into  
Force: 2 October 1983 (accession)

Date of Bahamas  
Instrument of Accession:<sup>22</sup> 2 June 1983 (accession)

In respect of Annex V: 12 October 1990 (acceptance)

In respect of Annex III: 11 August 1992 (acceptance)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating thereto**

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<sup>22</sup> With the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Entry Into Force: 19 May 2005

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, Athens 13 December 1974**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 28 April 1987 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **1976 Protocol to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage**

Entry into Force: 30 April 1989

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument  
of Acceptance: 28 April 1987 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **International Convention on Limitations of Liability for Maritime Claims, London 19 November 1976**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 December 1986

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument  
of Acceptance: 7 June 1983 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **Convention on the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, London 7 July 1978**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 28 April 1984

Date of Deposit of

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Bahamas Instrument  
of Acceptance: 7 June 1983 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International  
Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971**

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument  
of Accession: 22 July 1976

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International  
Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **1976 Protocol to Amend the International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage**

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument  
of Acceptance: 3 March 1980

Date entered into Force: 22 November 1994

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International  
Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **1992 Protocol to Amend the International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage**

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument  
of Accession: 1 April 1997

Date entered into Force: 1 April 1998

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International  
Maritime Organization (IMO)

### **International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation 30 November 1990**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 4 January 2002 (accession)

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument: 4 October 2001

Depositary: International Maritime Organization

### **United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica on 10 December 1982**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 29 July 1983 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 10 December 1982,<sup>23</sup> Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 28 July 1994**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 28 July 1995

Date of Signature: 29 July 1994

Date of Provisional  
Application: 16 November 1994

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea Going Ships, Done at Brussels, on 10 May 1952**

Date of Deposit of  
Accession: 12 May 1965

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 12 November 1965

Depositary: The Government of Belgium

### **International Convention Relating to the Limiting of the Liability of Owners of Sea-Going Ships and Protocol of Signature, Done at Brussels on 10 October 1957 and Protocol to amend the Convention, Done at Brussels on 21 December 1979**

Date of Deposit of

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<sup>23</sup> The Bahamas has notified that it has selected the application of the simplified procedure set out in articles 4 (3) (c) and 5.

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MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Accession:                                  | 21 August 1964            |
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 31 May 1968               |
| Depositary:                                 | The Government of Belgium |

**International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Penal Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision or other Incidents of Navigation, Done at Brussels on 10 May 1952**

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 12 November 1965          |
| Date of Deposit<br>of Accession:            | 12 May 1965               |
| Depositary:                                 | The Government of Belgium |

**International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001**

|                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date of Deposit<br>of Accession: | 30 January 2008                     |
| Depositary:                      | International Maritime Organization |

**International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001**

|                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Date of Deposit<br>of Accession: | 30 January 2008                     |
| Depositary:                      | International Maritime Organization |

**Instrument of Ratification Nairobi International Convention of the Removal of Wrecks, International Maritime Organization (IMO) Diplomatic Conference, Nairobi in 2007**

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Date of Signature: | 15 May 2015 |
|--------------------|-------------|

**Instrument of Accession to the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (FAO Agreement)**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Date of Signature: | September 2016 |
|--------------------|----------------|



**Hamilton Declaration on Collaboration for the Conservation of the Sargasso Sea  
(11 March 2014)**

Date of Signature: 27 September 2016

**MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS**

**Agreement Between The Bahamas and the United Nations Development Programme**

Date of Signature: 12 July 1974

**Charter of the Organization of American States, Signed at Bogota, 30 April 1948**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 3 March 1982 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States  
General Secretariat

**Charter of the United Nations**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 18 September 1973

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Act of Signature and Deposit of the Instrument of Ratification by the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas of the Convention of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, Opened for Signature at the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, Washington D.C., on March 6, 1979.**

Depositary: Organization of American States

**Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States, Protocol of Buenos Aires, 1982**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 3 April 1982 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States  
General Secretariat

**Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States,  
Protocol of Cartagena de Indias, 1986**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 7 November 1986 (ratification)                         |
| Depositary:                                 | Organization of American States<br>General Secretariat |

**Agreement Between the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and  
the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States on the Twenty-  
Second Regular Session of the General Assembly**

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of Signature:        | 13 April 1992                   |
| Date of Entry into Force: | 13 April 1992                   |
| Depositary:               | Organization of American States |

**Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States,  
Protocol of Washington, 1992**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 7 June 1994 (ratification)                             |
| Depositary:                                 | Organization of American States<br>General Secretariat |

**Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States,  
Protocol of Managua, 1993**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 7 June 1994 (ratification)                             |
| Depositary:                                 | Organization of American States<br>General Secretariat |

**Convention on the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Washington 11  
October 1947**

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 29 December 1973 |
| Date Deposit of<br>Bahamas Instrument:      | 29 November 1973 |

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Depositary: World Meteorological Organization

**Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization  
Concluded at Vienna on 8 April 1979**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 13 November 1986 (A)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Act of Signature by the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas of the  
Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Adopted in  
Nassau, Commonwealth of The Bahamas, on 23 May 1992**

Date of Signature: 26 April 2001

**Memorandum of Understanding for the Execution of Project No. 030/98 (Project to  
Promote the Dissemination of Cultural Information)**

Date of Signature: January 1994

Date of Entry into Force: January 1994

Depositary: General Secretariat Organization  
of American States, Executive  
Secretariat for Integral  
Development (SEDI/OEA)

**Summit of the Americas Declaration of Principles. Partnership for Development and  
Prosperity: Democracy, Free Trade and Sustainable Development in the Americas**

Date of Signature: 11 December 1994

**Memorandum of Understanding for the Execution of Project No. ME-019/98  
(Implementing the Mathematics Recovery Programme in Primary Schools)**

Date of Signature: 29 January 1999

Date of Entry into Force: 29 January 1999

Depositary: General Secretariat Organization  
of American States, Executive  
Secretariat for Integral  
Development (SEDI/OEA)

**Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of Personnel of the Bank in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Between the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and IDB**

|                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Date of Signature:        | 10 May 1999                           |
| Date of Entry into Force: | 10 May 1999                           |
| Depositary:               | Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) |

**The Bahamas Instrument Accession Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute**

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Date of Signature: | 20 June 2016 |
|--------------------|--------------|

**Agreement Between the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the American States Regarding the Privileges and Immunities of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission for the 2017 General Elections**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Date of Signature:        | 2 May 2017 |
| Date of Entry into Force: | 2 May 2017 |

**NARCOTICS**

**International Opium Convention, The Hague on 23 January 1912**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 13 August 1975 (succession)             |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**Protocol Amending the Agreements, Conventions and Protocols on Narcotic Drugs, Concluded at The Hague, 23 January 1912, at Geneva 11 February 1925 and 13 July 1931, at Bangkok 27 November 1931 and at Geneva 26 June 1936.**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 13 August 1975 (succession)             |
| Depositary:                                 | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**International Opium Convention, Signed at Geneva on 19 February 1925 and Amended by the Protocol Signed at Lake Success, New York on 11 December 1946**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 13 August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, Signed at Geneva on 13 July 1931 and Amended by the Protocol, Signed at Lake Success, New York on 11 December 1946**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 13 August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Protocol bringing Under International Control Drugs Outside the Scope of the Convention, on 13 July 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs As Amended by the Protocol, Signed at Lake Success, New York 11 December 1946, Signed at Paris, 19 November 1948.**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 13 August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, New York 30 March 1961**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 13 August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention on Psychotropic Substances Concluded at Vienna, 21 February 1971**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 31 August 1987 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 Concluded at Geneva on 25 March 1972**

Date entered into

## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Force for The Bahamas: 23 November 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, As Amended by the Protocol of 25 March 1972 Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, New York, 8 August 1975**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 23 November 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Concluded at Vienna on 20 December 1988**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 30 January 1989 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

### **Memorandum of Understanding Between The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Including the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands (The Government of the United Kingdom), The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (The Government of The Bahamas) and the Government of the United States of America (The Government of the United States)**

Date of Signature: 12 July 1990

Date of Entry into Force: 12 July 1990

## PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

### **Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 17 March 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

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**The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, Including Diplomatic Agents (Adopted by The United Nations General Assembly 14 December 1973)**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 22 July 1986 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, Approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 November 1947<sup>24</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 17 March 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**RED CROSS, CONVENTIONS RELATING TO THE**

**Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, on 12 August 1949**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 10 July 1973

Date of Succession: 11 July 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Government of Switzerland

**Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Convention of the Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, on 12 August 1949**

Date continued into  
Force for The Bahamas: 10 July 1973

Date of Succession: 11 July 1975

Depositary: Government of Switzerland

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<sup>24</sup> Declaration: 'Specialized agencies in respect of which on succession, The Bahamas has undertaken to apply the Convention, and revised text of annexes in respect of which the Bahamas has notified its acceptance: ILO, FAO, ICAO, UNESCO, WHO (second revised text of annex VII), UPU, ITU, WMO, IMO (revised text of Annex XII).

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## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

### **Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Convention of the Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, on 12 August 1949**

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Date continued into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 10 July 1973              |
| Date of Succession:                           | 11 July 1975              |
| Depositary:                                   | Government of Switzerland |

### **Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, on 12 August 1949**

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Date continued into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 10 July 1973              |
| Date of Succession:                           | 11 July 1975              |
| Depositary:                                   | Government of Switzerland |

### **Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, on 12 August 1949**

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Date continued into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 10 July 1973              |
| Date of Succession:                           | 11 July 1975              |
| Depositary:                                   | Government of Switzerland |

## **SPECIALISED AGENCIES**

### **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Constitution**

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 23 April 1981 |
|---|---------------|

### **Agreement to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) with Annexes, Washington 20 August 1971**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 30 May 1985 |
|---|-------------|



## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument: 20 August 1971

Depositary: United States of America  
State Department

### **Inter – Governmental Oceanographic Commission**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 29 January 1979

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument: 29 January 1979

Depositary: UNESCO

### **Agreement concerning Postal Parcels and Final Protocol and Regulation of Execution, Concluded on 14 November 1969<sup>25</sup>**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 24 April 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Federal Department  
Switzerland

### **The Act of the XV Universal Postal Congress, Signed at Lausanne 5 July 1974**

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument: 5 July 1974

Effective Date of Continuity/  
Membership Application: 5 July 1974 (succession)

Depositary: Federal Political Department  
Switzerland

### **Second Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Convention**

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument: 29 March 1976

Effective Date of Continuity/  
Membership Application: 29 March 1976 (succession)

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<sup>25</sup> Declaration: 'The Commonwealth of The Bahamas declares that it wishes to benefit from the reservations stipulated in Article XVI of the Final Protocol of the Universal Postal Convention, as well as of those stipulated in Article II, Table 1, No.33 and Table 2, No. 18 and of Article IV and X of the Final Protocol concerning postal parcels.

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Depositary: Federal Political Department  
Switzerland

### **Regulations of the Universal Postal Union**

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument: 29 March 1976

Effective Date of Continuity/  
Membership Application: 29 March 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Federal Political Department,  
Switzerland

### **Universal Postal Convention, done at Rio de Janeiro, 26 October 1979**

Date of Deposit of  
Bahamas Instrument: 29 March 1976

Effective Date of Continuity/  
Membership Application: 29 March 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Federal Political Department  
Switzerland

### **Constitution of the Universal Postal Union Vienna 1964, Additional Protocol and the Company Compulsory Acts of the 1969 Tokyo Congress**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 24 April 1974 (succession)

Depositary: Federal Political Department Switzerland

## **SPORTS**

### **International Convention against Doping in Sport Paris, 2005**

Date of Ratification: 12 October 2006

Depositary: Director General of UNESCO

## **STAMP LAWS**

**The Convention on the Stamp Laws in Connection Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, Done at Geneva on 7 June 1930**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Date continued into Force for The Bahamas: | 10 July 1973                            |
| Date of Succession:                        | 19 May 1976                             |
| Depositary:                                | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**Convention on the Stamp Laws in Connection with Cheques, Done at Geneva on 19 March 1931**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Date continued into Force for The Bahamas: | 10 July 1973                            |
| Date of Succession:                        | 19 May 1976                             |
| Depositary:                                | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**Convention on Stamp Laws in Connection Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, Geneva 7 June 1930<sup>26</sup>**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 19 May 1976 (succession)                |
| Depositary:                              | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**Convention on Stamp Laws in Connection with Cheques, Geneva 19 March 1931**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 19 May 1976 (succession)                |
| Depositary:                              | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**TERRORISM**

**Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (HIJACKING) Done at the Hague 16 December 1970**

Date entered into

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<sup>26</sup> Maintaining the limitations contained in section D of the Protocol of the Convention subject to which the Convention was made applicable to its territory before the attainment of independence. This document is property of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and is for reference purposes only. This list is not definitive, it represents a work in progress. It would be appreciated if any information on amendments, additions or deletions to this list is communicated in writing addressed to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Force for The Bahamas: 10 September 1976 (accession)

Depositaries: Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom

**International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, New York, 9 December 1999**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 December 2005

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

**Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, Montreal, 23 September 1971**

Date entered into  
Force For The Bahamas: 27 December 1984 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization

**Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, Done at Tokyo 14 September 1963**

Date entered into  
Force For The Bahamas: 26 June 1975 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization

**International Convention Against the taking of Hostages adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, 17 December 1979**

Date of Signature: 17 December 1979

Date entered into  
Force For The Bahamas: 4 June 1981 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

**Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons**

Date of Accession: 22 February 1986

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MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

**Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 23 January 2006

Date of Accession: 25 October 2005

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International  
Maritime Organization

**Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 23 January 2006

Date of Accession: 25 October 2005

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International  
Maritime Organization

**Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 23 September 1971, signed at Montreal on 24 February 1988**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 June 2008

Date of Accession: 2 May 2008

Depositary: International Civil Aviation Organization

**International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, New York, 15 December, 1997**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 4 June 2008

Date of Accession: 5 May 2008

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

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**Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, done at Montreal on 1 March 1991**

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| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 20 June 2008                              |
| Date of Accession:                       | 21 May 2008                               |
| Depositary:                              | International Civil Aviation Organization |

**Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material**

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| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 20 June 2008                       |
| Date of Accession:                       | 21 May 2008                        |
| Depositary:                              | International Atomic Energy Agency |

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Convention, Malagav-Torremolines, 25 October 1973**

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| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 6 October 1975 (accession)             |
| Depositary:                              | International Telecommunications Union |

**The Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva 1963**

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| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 6 October 1975 (accession)             |
| Depositary:                              | International Telecommunications Union |

**Preparation of a Revised Allotment Plan for the Aeronautical Mobile (R) Service, Geneva 1967**

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| Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: | 6 October 1975 (accession)             |
| Depositary:                              | International Telecommunications Union |

**Telephone and Telegraph Regulations, Geneva**

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| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 6 October 1975 (accession)             |
| Depositary:                                 | International Telecommunications Union |

**Additional Radio Regulations and its Partial Revision by the World Administrative Radio Conference to deal with matters relating to the Maritime Mobile Service**

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| Effective Date of Continuity/<br>Application Membership: | 6 October 1975                         |
| Depositary:  | International Telecommunications Union |

**Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) with Annexes, Done at Washington on 20 August 1971**

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| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 30 May 1985         |
| Date of Deposit of<br>Bahamas Instrument:   | 20 August 1971      |
| Depositary:                                 | US State Department |

**Inter-American Radio Communications Convention, Signed at Havana, on 13 December 1937 at the First Inter American Radio Conference**

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| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 1 July 1938 (Parts I, III and IV in Accordance with Article 23 (b) of the Convention. 17 April 1939 (part II) in Accordance with article 23 (i) of the Convention |
| Date of Accession:                          | 24 December 1943  |
| Depositary:                                 | Government of Cuba  |

**North America Radio Communication, Signed at Havana, on 13 December 1937 at the First Inter-American Radio Conference**

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| Date entered into<br>Force for The Bahamas: | 29 March 1940 |
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## MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO WHICH THE BAHAMAS IS PARTY

Date of Definitive Accession: 24 December 1943

Depository: Government of Cuba

### **Interim North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, Signed at Washington D.C. on 25 February 1946 at the Second North American Regional Broadcasting Conference**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 29 March 1946 in accordance with  
Article XVIII of the agreement.

Depository: Government of Cuba

### **Convention for the Protection of Submarine Cables, 1884**

Date of Signature: 14 March 1884

Date of Ratification/  
Succession: 1884

Depository: Paris

## **TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS**

### **The Council of Europe Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 1 March 1992 (accession)

Depository: Council of Europe

(See listing in Bilateral Register for individual countries)

## **VISAS**



**Short Stay Visa Waiver Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the European Community (Schengen)<sup>27</sup>**

Date of Signature: 28 May 2009

Date of Entry into Force: 28 May 2009

(See Bilateral Register for individual countries that Convention applies to for The Bahamas)

**Agreement Between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of Netherlands and the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on an Agreement on the Abolition of Visa For Holders of Diplomatic and Official or Service Passports**

Date of Signature: 3 March 2006

**Agreement Between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on an Agreement on the Abolition of Visas for Holders of Diplomatic and Official or Service Passports**

Date of Agreement (By Belgium): 3 March 2006

**Agreement Between the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the European Union Amending the Agreement Between the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the European Community on the Short-Stay Visa Waiver**

Date of Signature: 25 April 2018

**WEAPONS AND OUTER SPACE**

**Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere and in Outer Space and Underwater**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 10 August 1976 (succession)

Depositaries: Union of Soviet Socialists Republic  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and

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<sup>27</sup> This agreement does not yet apply to Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway. The visa requirement for these countries has not changed. This agreement does not apply to Ireland, The United Kingdom, or Switzerland; Bahamians can still travel to these countries for short stays without a visa.

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United States of America

**Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Tlalelolco Treaty)  
Opened for Signature at Mexico City, 14 February 1967**

Date entered into

Force for The Bahamas:

26 April 1977 (ratification)

Depositary:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

**Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the exploration and use  
of outer space including the moon and other celestial bodies, Washington,  
London and Moscow 27 January 1967**

Date entered into

Force for The Bahamas:

10 August 1976 (succession)

Depositaries:

United States of America, the United  
Kingdom and the United Soviet Socialist  
Republic

**Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Done at Washington, London  
and Moscow, 1 July 1968**

Date entered into

Force for The Bahamas:

10 August 1976 (succession)

Depositaries:

United States of America, the United  
Kingdom and the United Soviet Socialist  
Republic

Agreement on Small Quantity Protocol Safeguard-12 September 1997

**Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Stockpiling, Production and Transfer  
of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, Done at Ottawa**

Date entered into

Force for The Bahamas:

1 March 1999 (ratification)

Depositary:

Canada

**Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of  
Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction 1972**

Date entered into

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Force for The Bahamas: 31 October 1986 (accession)

**Inter-American Convention Against Illicit Traffic, Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Material 1997**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 5 June 1998 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States

**Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea Bed and the Ocean Floor and In the Subsoil Thereof**

Date entered into  
Force for The Bahamas: 7 June 1999 (accession)

Depositaries: Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States of America

**Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies**

Date of Entry Into  
Force for The Bahamas: 11 August 1976

Depositaries: Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America

**Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere in Outer Space and Underwater**

Date of Entry Into  
Force for The Bahamas: 11 August 1976

Depositaries: Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America

**Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty**

Date of Signature: 4 February 2005

Date of Ratification: \_\_\_\_\_

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, Opened for Signature at Paris on 13 January 1993**

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| Date of Signature:        | 2 March 1994                            |
| Date of Ratification:     | 7 April 2009                            |
| Date of Entry into Force: | 31 May 2009                             |
| Depositary:               | Secretary General of the United Nations |

**SIGNATORY ONLY**

***Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, New York, 10 December 1984***

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Date of Signature:        | 16 December 2008 |
| Date of Entry into Force: | Not yet ratified |

***Inter- American Convention Against Terrorism***

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date of Signature: | 3 June 2002 (Not Yet Ratified)  |
| Depositary:        | Organization of American States |

***World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, Geneva, 21 March 2003***

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date of Signature: | 29 June 2004                     |
| Depositary:        | United Nations Secretary General |

***Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty***

|                    |   |
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| Date of Signature: | 4 February 2005                         |
| Depositary:        | Secretary General of the United Nations |

***Protocol to Amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat***

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Date of Signature: 7 February 1997

Depositary: Director General of UNESCO

***Economic Partnership Agreement Between the CARIFORUM States, of the One Part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the Other Part***

Date of Signature: 28 November 2008

## **GLOSSARY OF TREATY TERMS**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Acceptance / Approval   | Have the same legal effect as ratification ( <a href="#">see below</a> ).   |
| Accession               | A single act whereby a State expresses its consent to be bound, instead of signature followed by ratification.  |
| Agreed Minute           | May record decisions reached between two delegations, or, may be annexed to an agreement to deal with administrative details or interpretations. In some cases may be used as the title for a treaty or an MoU ( <a href="#">see below</a> ).   |
| Agreement               | The most usual title for a treaty.  |
| Amendment               | A means of modifying the text of an existing agreement.   |
| Concluded               | Indicates the date of adoption of an agreement, whether by an international conference, by a standing body such as the UN General Assembly, or otherwise.   |
| Constitution or Statute | Title often used for a treaty establishing an International Organization.   |
| Contracting State       | A State which has consented to be bound by a treaty whether or not the treaty has entered into force.   |
| Convention              | A term frequently employed for agreements to which a large number of countries are parties. In bilateral relations it is often applied to treaties of a technical or social character, e.g. Conventions on Social Security or Double Taxation.  |
| Depositary              | Usually one State, an international organization, or its chief administrative office so designated in a multilateral treaty. The depositary performs in an impartial manner various functions with regard to the treaty. Responsibilities include receiving signatures and instruments of ratification and communicating comprehensive and up-to-date information on the status of the treaty (e.g. list of parties). Articles 77 to 79 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties |

(Treaty Series No. 58 (1980): Cmnd.7964) (1980) sets out different depositary functions.

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| Exchange of Notes<br>(constituting an constitute a treaty if this Agreement) | The act of exchange will constitute a treaty if this is the intention of the States concerned. Such intention is usually evidenced by an express statement in the notes that together they constitute an agreement. (Exchanges of Notes may also be used to record a non-binding arrangement: see <a href="#">MoU</a> below). |
| Extension  | The process of applying a treaty to an overseas territory.  |
| Final Act  | A formal document recording the results of an international conference. Treaties adopted by the conference will be attached to it. Signing the Final Act, however, does not constitute consent to be bound by such treaties.  |
| Framework Treaty   | A multilateral treaty establishing a structure that is built upon by future treaties of greater intricacy, such as protocols or national legislation. An example is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which was elaborated by the Kyoto Protocol.  |
| Full Powers  | A formal document signed by the Head of State or Government or the Foreign Minister empowering the person (or persons) named to sign a treaty on behalf of that State.  |
| Initialling  | Unless otherwise indicated, signifies only provisional assent to the text of a treaty by delegates following negotiation.   |
| International Agreement  | An agreement between two or more States which creates rights and obligations binding in international law. Such agreements are known by a variety of terms, such as 'treaty', 'convention', 'protocol', 'covenant' or 'pact' and may take different forms.  |
| MOU  | A form frequently used to record informal non-legally binding arrangements between States on matters which are inappropriate for inclusion in treaties (e.g. for confidentiality) or where the form is more convenient than a treaty. They may be drawn up as   |

a single document using non-treaty terms, signed on behalf of two or more Governments, or consist of an exchange of notes or letters recording an understanding reached between the two Governments. It is usually called a 'Memorandum of Understanding', (although some treaties are also called so) or an 'Arrangement'.

Notification of completion of procedures Has the same effect as ratification. Used, usually in bilateral treaties, instead of ratification. The treaty provides for each State to notify the other when the internal procedures required to be undertaken (legal or administrative) have been completed. Such treaties usually come into force on the Note containing the later of the two notifications.

Party A State which has consented to be bound by the treaty and for which a treaty is in force. Note that it is the UK which is the Party on behalf of any overseas territories.

Process-verbal This is used to set out agreed corrections to a treaty already signed.

Protocol This usually denotes a treaty amending or supplementing an existing treaty, but can stand alone.

Ratification Follows signature and signifies the consent of a State to be bound by the treaty. It consists of the deposit of an instrument of Ratification with the other other State (bilateral), or the Depositary (multilateral). Any process of obtaining parliamentary approval for ratification is not ratification, though often mistakenly referred to as such.

Reservation A unilateral statement, however phrased or named, made by a State, when signing, ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to a treaty whereby it purports to exclude or modify the legal effect of certain provisions of the treaty in their application to that State.



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| Signatory                 | Can be a misleading term since it is often used in respect of a State which has ratified a treaty. It should not therefore be used when referring to the State which has ratified, etc. a treaty.  |
| Signature                 | The act whereby a State expresses its consent to the text of treaty, but not its consent to be bound by it, unless the treaty provides that it will come into force on signature. A State which has signed a treaty which is subject to ratification is not obliged to ratify.   |
| Territorial Provision     | A clause in an agreement which defines territorial scope, or conditions, where the agreement may or may not be applicable.   |
| Treaty                    | A generic term for an agreement concluded between States (or other entities such as international organisations having international personality) in written form and intended by them to be binding in international law, whether embodied in a single instrument or in two or more related instruments and whatever its particular designation. It does not have to be signed, although it usually is. |
| United Kingdom's position | The position the United Kingdom has reached in the process of accepting, or declining to accept, an agreement.   |

The above is intended as guidance only - it should not be considered authoritative. Further guidance may be found in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969 (UK Treaty Series No. 58 (1980): Cmnd. 7964) and A. Aust: 'Modern Treaty Law and Practice' (Cambridge University Press, 2000).

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