

ANTARCTIC TREATY

Signed at Washington December 1, 1959

Recommendations (11) adopted at the Third Consultative Meeting Brussels June 2 - 13, 1964*

Effective date **: July 27, 1966 for III-I thru VI
III-IX and III-X;
September 1, 1966 for III-XI;
December 22, 1978 for III-VII

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of Government's approval, as notified to Government of the United States of America ***</u>
Argentina	September 3, 1965
Australia	September 2, 1964 (1)
Belgium	December 7, 1964 (1)
Brazil	October 27, 1986
Chile	February 26, 1965 (1)
China	December 11, 1985
Czech Rep.	April 23, 2014 (9)
France	March 17, 1965 (1)
Germany ⁷	February 17, 1981 (1)
India	March 7, 1988 (1)
Italy	April 22, 1987
Japan	January 19, 1965 (2) September 1, 1966 (4)
Korea, Rep. of	May 10, 1995

* See separate page for status of Recommendation III-VIII.

** Article IX, paragraph 4, of the Antarctic Treaty provides that recommended measures "shall become effective when approved by all the Contracting Parties whose representatives were entitled to participate in the meetings held to consider those measures."

*** The date of the Government's approval is considered to be the date of that Government's notification of such approval to other Governments, unless stated otherwise therein. If the notification states that the Government had approved the Recommendations on an earlier date, that date is listed as the date of the Government's approval.

Netherlands	September 29, 2003 (8)
New Zealand	December 1, 1964 (1)
Norway	December 1, 1965
Poland	July 11, 1977
Russian Federation	February 20, 1965
South Africa	October 5, 1964
Spain	April 8, 1988
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	December 4, 1964 (1)
United States of America	July 27, 1966 (3) December 22, 1978 (5) July 31, 1979 (6)
Uruguay	October 10, 1989

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- (1) Approval does not include Recommendation III-VIII.
 - (2) Japanese approval excepts Recommendations III-VIII and III-XI.
 - (3) United States approval excepts Recommendations III-VII and III-VIII.
 - (4) Japanese approval of Recommendation III-XI.
 - (5) United States approval of III-VII.
 - (6) United States approval of III-VIII.
 - (7) Prior to unification, the German Democratic Republic approved all the recommendations of the Third Meeting on August 23, 1988.
 - (8) For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The notification includes the following: "With reference to Decision 3 of ATCM XXV, the recommendations/measures which have become obsolete (listed in Annex A of this Decision) [Recommendations III-III, III-IV, III-VI and III-IX] do not require further action by the Parties and as a consequence do not need approval."

The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington transmitted to the Department of State a diplomatic note, dated October 6, 2010, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands currently consists of three parts: the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles consists of the islands of Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

"With effect from 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that date onwards, the Kingdom will consist of four parts: the Netherlands, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Curaçao and Sint Maarten will enjoy internal self-government within the Kingdom, as Aruba and, up to 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles do.

“These changes constitute a modification of the internal constitutional relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will accordingly remain the subject of international law with which agreements are concluded. The modification of the structure of the Kingdom will therefore not affect the validity of the international agreements ratified by the Kingdom for the Netherlands Antilles; these agreements will continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

“The other islands that have until now formed part of the Netherlands Antilles – Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba – will become part of the Netherlands, thus constituting ‘the Caribbean part of the Netherlands’. The agreements that now apply to the Netherlands Antilles will also continue to apply to these islands; however, the Government of the Netherlands will now be responsible for implementing these agreements.”

(9) Approval is for Recommendations 1, 2, 7, and 11 only.

Department of State,

Washington, April 3, 2015.