

ANTARCTIC TREATY

Signed at Washington December 1, 1959

Recommendations (8) adopted at the Twelfth Consultative Meeting
Canberra, September 13 - 27, 1983

Effective date: April 27, 2004 *

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of Government's approval, as notified to Government of the United States of America **</u>
Argentina	October 19, 1984
Australia	March 21, 1985
Belgium	December 11, 1986
Brazil	May 22, 1987 ¹ May 22, 1989 ²
Chile	July 22, 1988
China	Dec. 17, 1987
Czech Rep.	April 23, 2014 ⁵
France	Nov. 16, 1989
Germany ³	July 9, 1985
India	April 27, 2004
Japan	June 17, 1985
Korea, Rep. of	May 10, 1995
Netherlands	September 29, 2003 ⁴
New Zealand	June 26, 1985

* 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.

Norway	June 12, 1985
Poland	Oct. 5, 1989
Russian Federation	Feb. 24, 1986
South Africa	April 18, 1986
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	April 8, 1987
United States of America	April 25, 1985
Uruguay	October 10, 1989

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1. Except XII-3 and XII-8.
 2. Approval of XII-3 and XII-8.
 3. Prior to unification, the German Democratic Republic approved all the recommendations of the Twelfth Meeting on August 23, 1988.
 4. For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

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.”

5. Approval is for Recommendations 1, 2, and 6-8 only.

Department of State,
Washington, April 3, 2015.