

Status of

ANTARCTIC TREATY

Signed at Washington December 1, 1959

Recommendations (16) adopted at the
Thirteenth Consultative Meeting
Brussels, October 7 - 18, 1985

Effective date: April 27, 2004^{*}
for Recommendations XIII-1 – XIII-9 and XIII-14 – XIII-16;
April 28, 2005 for Recommendations XIII-10 – XIII-13

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of Government's approval, as notified to Government of the United States of America</u> ^{**}
Argentina	January 11, 1988
Australia	February 10, 1987
Belgium	July 30, 1987
Brazil	May 22, 1987 ² May 22, 1989 ⁶
Chile	July 2, 1988 ⁹ October 6, 1993 ¹⁰
China	January 8, 1990
Czech Rep.	April 23, 2014 ¹²
France	November 16, 1989

^{*} 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.

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of Government's approval, as notified to Government of the United States of America</u>
Germany ⁸	April 14, 1987 ¹
India	April 27, 2004
Japan	December 25, 1987 ⁴ November 4, 1989 ⁷
Korea, Rep. of	May 10, 1995
Netherlands	September 29, 2003 ¹¹
New Zealand	April 7, 1987
Norway	November 2, 1987
Poland	October 5, 1989
Russian Federation	September 30, 1987
South Africa	October 8, 1986
Spain	February 3, 2003
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	September 11, 1987 ³ May 11, 1988 ⁵
United States of America	August 27, 1987
Uruguay	December 29, 1987

Notes:

1. Except XIII-10 through XIII-13, for which legislative action is in preparation; Germany approved XIII-10 through XIII-13 on April 28, 2005.
2. Except XIII-5 and XIII-6.
3. Except XIII-10 to XIII-13 which have been accepted as interim guidelines only.
4. Except XIII-10 to XIII-13.
5. UK approval of XIII-10 to XIII-13
6. Approval of Recommendations XIII-5 and XIII-6
7. Approval of Recommendations XIII-10 through XIII-13
8. Prior to unification, the German Democratic Republic approved all the recommendations of the XIII meeting on August 23, 1988.
9. Except XIII-8,9,10,11,12,13, and 14.
10. Approval of Recommendations XIII-8,9,10,11,12,13, and 14.
11. 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.”

12. Approval is for Recommendations 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 15, and 16 only.

Department of State,

Washington, April 3, 2015.