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With a view to coordinating, standardizing, and improving world meteorological activities and to encouraging an efficient exchange of meteorological information between countries in the aid of human activities the contracting States agree to the present Convention, as follows:

PART I

ESTABLISHMENT

Article 1

The World Meteorological Organization (hereinafter called the Organization) is hereby established.

PART II

Article 2

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Organization shall be:

- (a) To facilitate worldwide cooperation in the establishment of networks of stations for the making of meteorological observations or other geophysical observations related to meteorology and to promote the establishment and maintenance of meteorological centers charged with the provision of meteorological services;
- (b) To promote the establishment and maintenance of systems for the rapid exchange of weather information;
- (c) To promote standardization of meteorological observations and to ensure the uniform publication of observations and statistics;
- (d) To further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, agriculture, and other human activities; and
- (e) To encourage research and training in meteorology and to assist in coordinating the international aspects of such research and training.

¹ In accordance with article 35, the Convention came into force on 23 March 1950, the thirtieth day after the date of deposit with the Government of the United States of America of the thirtieth instrument of ratification or accession. For each State ratifying or acceding after that date the Convention comes into force on the thirtieth day after the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession. (For the list of States Parties to the Convention, see page 182.)

PART III

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3

MEMBERS

The following may become Members of the Organization by the procedure set forth in the present Convention:

- (a) Any State represented at the Conference of Directors of the International Meteorological Organization convened at Washington, D. C., on September 22, 1947, as listed in Annex I attached hereto, and which signs the present Convention and ratifies it in accordance with Article 32, or which accedes thereto, in accordance with Article 33;
- (b) Any Member of the United Nations having a meteorological service by acceding to the present Convention in accordance with Article 33;
- (c) Any State, fully responsible for the conduct of its international relations and having a meteorological service, not listed in Annex I of the present Convention and not a Member of the United Nations, after the submission of a request for membership to the Secretariat of the Organization and after its approval by two-thirds of the Members of the Organization as specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Article by acceding to the present Convention in accordance with Article 33;
- (d) Any territory or group of territories maintaining its own meteorological service and listed in Annex II attached hereto, upon application of the present Convention on its behalf, in accordance with paragraph (a) of Article 34, by the State or States responsible for its international relations and represented at the Conference of Directors of the International Meteorological Organization convened at Washington, D. C., on September 22, 1947, as listed in Annex I of the present Convention.
- (e) Any territory or group of territories, not listed in Annex II of the present Convention, maintaining its own meteorological service but not responsible for the conduct of its international relations, on behalf of which the present Convention is applied in accordance with paragraph (b) of Article 34, provided that the request for membership is presented by the Member responsible for its international relations, and secures approval by two-thirds of the Members of the Organization as specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Article.
- (f) Any trust territory or group of trust territories maintaining its own meteorological service and administered by the United Nations to which the United Nations applies the present Convention in accordance with Article 34.

Any request for membership in the Organization shall state in accordance with which paragraph or this Article membership is sought.

PART IV ORGANIZATION

Article 4

- (a) The Organization shall comprise:
- (1) The World Meteorological Congress (hereinafter called the Congress);
 - (2) The Executive Committee;
 - (3) Regional Meteorological Associations (hereinafter called the Regional Associations);
 - (4) Technical Commissions;
 - (5) The Secretariat.
- (b) There shall be a President and two Vice-Presidents of the Organization who shall also be President and Vice-Presidents of the Congress and of the Executive Committee.

PART V ELIGIBILITY

Article 5

- (a) Eligibility for election to the offices of President and Vice-President of the Organization, of President and Vice-President of the Regional Associations, and for membership, subject to the provisions of Article 13 (c) of the present Convention, on the Executive Committee should be confined to the Directors of Meteorological Services of Members of the Organization.
- (b) In the performance of their duties, the officers of the Organization and the members of the Executive Committee should regard themselves as representatives of the Organization rather than as representatives of particular Members thereof.

PART VI THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS

Article 6

COMPOSITION

- (a) The Congress is the supreme body of the Organization and shall be composed of delegates representing Members. Each Member shall designate one of its delegates, who should be the director of its meteorological service, as its principal delegate.

- (b) With a view to securing the widest possible technical representation, any director of a meteorological service or any other individual may be invited by the President to be present at and participate in the discussions of the Congress.

Article 7

FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Congress shall be:

- (a) To determine general regulations, subject to the provisions of the present Convention, prescribing the constitution and the functions of the various bodies of the Organization;
- (b) To determine its own rules of procedure;
- (c) To elect the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization, and other Members of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 (a) (4) of the present Convention. Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Regional Associations and Technical Commissions shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Articles 18 (e) and 19 (c), respectively, of the present Convention;
- (d) To adopt technical regulations covering meteorological practices and procedures;
- (e) To determine general policies for the fulfilment of the purposes of the Organization as set forth in Article 2 of the present Convention;
- (f) To make recommendations to members on matters within the purposes of the Organization;
- (g) To refer to any other body of the Organization any matter within the provisions of the present Convention upon which such body is empowered to act;
- (h) To consider the reports and activities of the Executive Committee and to take such action in regard thereto as the Congress may determine;
- (i) To establish Regional Associations in accordance with the provisions of Article 18; to determine their geographical limits, coordinate their activities, and consider their recommendations;
- (j) To establish Technical Commissions in accordance with the provisions of Article 19; to define their terms of reference, coordinate their activities, and consider their recommendations;
- (k) To determine the location of the Secretariat of the Organization;
- (l) To take any other appropriate action to further the purposes of the Organization.

Article 8

EXECUTION OF CONGRESS DECISIONS

- (a) All Members shall do their utmost to implement the decisions of the Congress.
- (b) If, however, any Member finds it impracticable to give effect to some requirement in a technical resolution adopted by Congress, such Member shall inform the Secretary General of the Organization whether its inability to give effect to it is provisional or final, and state its reasons therefor.

Article 9

MEETINGS

Meetings of the Congress shall be convened by decision of the Congress or of the Executive Committee at intervals not exceeding four years.

Article 10

VOTING

- (a) Each Member shall have one vote in decisions of the Congress, except that only Members of the Organization which are States, as specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Article 3 of the present Convention, (hereinafter referred to as "Members which are States"), shall be entitled to vote on any of the following subjects:
 - (1) Amendment or interpretation of the present Convention or proposals for a new Convention;
 - (2) Membership of the Organization;
 - (3) Relations with the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations;
 - (4) Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization and of the members of the Executive Committee other than the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Regional Associations.
- (b) Decisions of the Congress shall be by two-thirds majority of the votes cast for and against, except that elections of individuals to serve in any capacity in the Organization shall be by simple majority of the votes cast. The provisions of this paragraph, however, shall not apply to decisions taken in accordance with Articles 3, 25, 26, and 28 of the present Convention.

Article 11

QUORUM

A majority of the Members shall be required to constitute a quorum for meetings of the Congress. For those meetings of the Congress at which decisions

are taken on the subjects enumerated in paragraph (a) of Article 10, a majority of the Members which are States shall be required to constitute a quorum.

Article 12

FIRST MEETING OF THE CONGRESS

The first meeting of the Congress shall be convened by the President of the International Meteorological Committee of the International Meteorological Organization as soon as practicable after the coming into force of the present Convention.

PART VII

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 13

COMPOSITION

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- (a) The President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization;
- (b) The Presidents of Regional Associations, or in the event that Presidents cannot attend, alternates as provided for in the general regulations;
- (c) Directors of Meteorological Services of Members of the Organization or their alternates, equal in number to the number of Regions, provided that not more than one-third of the members of the Executive Committee, including the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization, shall come from one region.

Article 14

FUNCTIONS

The Executive Committee is the executive body of the Congress and its functions shall be:

- (a) To supervise the execution of the resolutions of the Congress;
- (b) To adopt resolutions arising out of recommendations of the Technical Commissions on matters of urgency affecting the technical regulations, provided that all Regional Associations concerned are given an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval before adoption by the Executive Committee;
- (c) To provide technical information, counsel, and assistance in the field of meteorology;
- (d) To study and make recommendations on any matter affecting international meteorology and the operation of meteorological services;

- (e) To prepare the agenda for the Congress and to give guidance to the Regional Associations and Technical Commissions in the preparation of their agenda;
- (f) To report on its activities to each session of the Congress;
- (g) To administer the finances of the Organization in accordance with the provisions of Part XI of the present Convention;
- (h) To perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by the Congress or by the present Convention.

Article 15

MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the President of the Organization, taking account of the views of the other members of the Committee.

Article 16

VOTING

Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by two-thirds majority of the votes cast for and against. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have only one vote, notwithstanding that he may be a member in more than one capacity.

Article 17

QUORUM

The quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

PART VIII

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Article 18

- (a) Regional Associations shall be composed of the Members of the Organization, the networks of which lie in or extend into the Region.
- (b) Members of the Organization shall be entitled to attend the meetings of Regional Associations to which they do not belong, take part in the discussions, present their views upon questions affecting their own Meteorological Service, but shall not have the right to vote.
- (c) Regional Associations shall meet as often as necessary. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the Presidents of the Regional Associations in agreement with the President of the Organization.

- (d) The functions of the Regional Associations shall be:
- (i) To promote the execution of the resolutions of Congress and the Executive Committee in their respective regions;
 - (ii) To consider matters brought to their attention by the Executive Committee;
 - (iii) To discuss matters of general meteorological interest and to coordinate meteorological and associated activities in their respective regions;
 - (iv) To make recommendations to Congress and the Executive Committee on matters within the purposes of the Organization;
 - (v) To perform such other functions as may be conferred on them by the Congress.
- (e) Each Regional Association shall elect its President and Vice-President.

PART IX

TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

Article 19

- (a) Commissions consisting of technical experts may be established by the Congress to study and make recommendations to the Congress and the Executive Committee on any subject within the purposes of the Organization.
- (b) Members of the Organization have the right to be represented on the Technical Commissions.
- (c) Each Technical Commission shall elect its President and Vice-President.
- (d) Presidents of Technical Commissions may participate without vote in the meetings of the Congress and of the Executive Committee.

PART X

THE SECRETARIAT

Article 20

The permanent Secretariat of the Organization shall be composed of a Secretary General and such technical and clerical staff as may be required for the work of the Organization.

Article 21

- (a) The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Congress on such terms as the Congress may approve.

- (b) The staff of the Secretariat shall be appointed by the Secretary General with the approval of the Executive Committee in accordance with regulations established by the Congress.

Article 22

- (a) The Secretary General is responsible to the President of the Organization for the technical and administrative work of the Secretariat.
- (b) In the performance of their duties, the Secretary General and the staff shall not seek or receive instructions from any authority external to the Organization. They shall refrain from any action which might reflect on their position as international officers. Each Member of the Organization on its part shall respect the exclusively international character of the responsibilities of the Secretary General and the staff and not seek to influence them in the discharge of their responsibilities to the Organization.

PART XI

FINANCES

Article 23

- (a) The Congress shall determine the maximum expenditures which may be incurred by the Organization on the basis of estimates submitted by the Secretary General and recommended by the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Congress shall delegate to the Executive Committee such authority as may be required to approve the annual expenditures of the Organization within the limitations determined by the Congress.

Article 24

The expenditures of the Organization shall be apportioned among the Members of the Organization in the proportions determined by the Congress.

PART XII

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Article 25

The Organization shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations pursuant to Article 57 of the Charter of the United Nations, subject to the approval of the terms of the agreement by two-thirds of the Members which are States.

PART XIII

RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Article 26

- (a) The Organization shall establish effective relations and co-operate closely with such other inter-governmental organizations as may be desirable. Any formal agreement entered into with such organizations shall be made by the Executive Committee, subject to approval by two-thirds of the Members which are States.
- (b) The Organization may on matters within its purposes make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with non-governmental international organizations and, with the consent of the government concerned, with national organizations, governmental or non-governmental.
- (c) Subject to approval by two-thirds of the Members which are States, the Organization may take over from any other international organization or agency, the purpose and activities of which lie within the purposes of the Organization, such functions, resources, and obligations as may be transferred to the Organization by international agreement or by mutually acceptable arrangements entered into between the competent authorities of the respective organizations.

PART XIV

LEGAL STATUS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Article 27

- (a) The Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each Member such legal capacity as may be necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes and for the exercise of its functions.
- (b) (i) The Organization shall enjoy in the territory of each Member to which the present Convention applies such privileges and immunities as may be necessary for the fulfilment of its purposes and for the exercise of its functions.
- (b) (ii) Representatives of Members and officials of the Organization shall similarly enjoy such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Organization.
- (c) Such legal capacity, privileges, and immunities shall be defined in a separate agreement to be prepared by the Organization in consultation with the Secretary General of the United Nations and concluded between the Members which are States.

PART XV

AMENDMENTS

Article 28

- (a) The text of any proposed amendment to the present Convention shall be communicated by the Secretary General to Members of the Organization at least six months in advance of its consideration by the Congress.
- (b) Amendments to the present Convention involving new obligations for Members shall require approval by the Congress, in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the present Convention, by a two-thirds majority vote, and shall come into force on acceptance by two-thirds of the Members which are States for each such Member accepting the amendment and thereafter for each remaining such Member on acceptance by it. Such amendments shall come into force for any Member not responsible for its own international relations upon the acceptance on behalf of such a Member by the Member responsible for the conduct of its international relations.
- (c) Other amendments shall come into force upon approval by two-thirds of the Members which are States.

PART XVI

INTERPRETATION AND DISPUTES

Article 29

Any question or dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the present Convention which is not settled by negotiation or by the Congress shall be referred to an independent arbitrator appointed by the President of the International Court of Justice, unless the parties concerned agree on another mode of settlement.

PART XVII

WITHDRAWAL

Article 30

- (a) Any Member may withdraw from the Organization on twelve months' notice in writing given by it to the Secretary General of the Organization, who shall at once inform all the Members of the Organization of such notice of withdrawal.
- (b) Any Member of the Organization not responsible for its own international relations may be withdrawn from the Organization on twelve months' notice in writing given by the Member or other authority

responsible for its international relations to the Secretary General of the Organization, who shall at once inform all the Members of the Organization of such notice of withdrawal.

PART XVIII

SUSPENSION

Article 31

If any Member fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization or otherwise fails in its obligations under the present Convention, the Congress may by resolution suspend it from exercising its rights and enjoying privileges as a Member of the Organization until it has met such financial or other obligations.

PART XIX

RATIFICATION AND ACCESSION

Article 32

The present Convention shall be ratified by the signatory States and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America, which will notify each signatory and acceding State of the date of deposit thereof.

Article 33

Subject to the provisions of Article 3 of the present Convention, accession shall be effected by the deposit with the Government of the United States of America of an instrument of accession, which shall take effect on the date of its receipt by the Government of the United States of America, which will notify each signatory and acceding State thereof.

Article 34

Subject to the provisions of Article 3 of the present Convention,

- (a) Any contracting State may declare that its ratification of, or accession to, the present Convention includes any territory or group of territories for the international relations of which it is responsible.
- (b) The present Convention may at any time thereafter be applied to any such territory or group of territories upon a notification in writing to the Government of the United States of America and the present Convention shall apply to the territory or group of territories on the date of the receipt of the notification by the Government of the United States of America, which will notify each signatory and acceding State thereof.

- (c) The United Nations may apply the present Convention to any trust territory or group of trust territories for which it is the administering authority. The Government of the United States of America will notify all signatory and acceding States of any such application.

PART XX

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 35

The present Convention shall come into force on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit of the thirtieth instrument of ratification or accession. The present Convention shall come into force for each State ratifying or acceding after that date on the thirtieth day after the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession.

The present Convention shall bear the date on which it is opened for signature and shall remain open for signature for a period of 120 days thereafter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Convention.

DONE at Washington this eleventh day of October 1947, in the English and French languages, each equally authentic, the original of which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America. The Government of the United States of America shall transmit certified copies thereof to all the signatory and acceding States.

EN FOI DE QUOI, les soussignés, étant dûment autorisés à cet effet par leurs Gouvernements respectifs, ont signé la présente Convention.

FAIT à Washington le 11 octobre 1947, en anglais et en français, les deux textes faisant également foi, dont l'original sera déposé aux archives du Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, qui en transmettra des copies certifiées conformes à tous les Etats signataires et adhérents.

For Argentina:

Pour l'Argentine:
Alfredo G. GALMARINI

For Australia:

Pour l'Australie:
N. H. WARREN

For Belgium (including the Belgian Congo):

Pour la Belgique (y compris le Congo Belge):
A. VAN DEN BROECK
N. VANDER ELST (pour le Congo belge)

For Brazil:

Pour le Brésil:
Francisco Xavier RODRIGUES DE SOUZA

For Burma:

Pour la Birmanie:
MAUNG PO. E.

For Canada:

Pour le Canada:
Andrew THOMSON
Patrick D. McTAGGART-COWAN

For Chile:

Pour le Chili:
F. NIETO DEL RÍO

For China:

Pour la Chine:
John LEE

For Colombia:	Pour la Colombie: Santiago GARAVITO
For Cuba:	Pour Cuba: Gmo BELT
For Czechoslovakia:	Pour la Tchécoslovaquie: Dr Alois GREGOR
For Denmark:	Pour le Danemark: Henrik KAUFFMANN
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For Ecuador:	Pour l'Équateur: <i>ad referendum</i> C. J. AROSEMENA
For Egypt:	Pour l'Égypte: H. FAHMY
For Finland:	Pour la Finlande: J. KERÄNEN
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For Guatemala:	Pour le Guatemala: Claudio URRUTIA E.
For Hungary:	Pour la Hongrie: L. AUJESZKY
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For Portugal:	Pour le Portugal: H. AMORIM FERREIRA
For the Republic of the Philippines:	Pour la République des Philippines: C. DEL ROSARIO
For Rumania:	Pour la Roumanie:

For Siam:	Pour le Siam: Charoon V. BUNNAG
For Sweden:	Pour la Suède: Gustaf SLETTENMARK
For Switzerland:	Pour la Suisse: Jean LUGEON
For Turkey:	Pour la Turquie: H. R. BAYDUR
For the Union of South Africa:	Pour l'Union Sud-Africaine: H. T. ANDREWS
For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:	Pour l'Union des Républiques Soviétiques Socialistes:
For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:	Pour le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord: Nelson K. JOHNSON R. C. CHILVER
For the United States of America:	Pour les États-Unis d'Amérique: F. W. REICHELDERFER
For Uruguay:	Pour l'Uruguay: Cap. de Fragata Américo DENTONE
For Venezuela:	Pour le Venezuela:
For Yugoslavia:	Pour la Yougoslavie: Milan VEMIC

ANNEX I

STATES REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION CONVENED AT WASHINGTON, D. C., ON
SEPTEMBER 22, 1947

Argentina	Mexico
Australia	Netherlands
Belgium	New Zealand
Brazil	Norway
Burma	Pakistan
Canada	Paraguay
Chile	Philippines
China	Poland
Colombia	Portugal
Cuba	Rumania
Czechoslovakia	Siam
Denmark	Sweden
Dominican Republic	Switzerland
Ecuador	Turkey
Egypt	Union of South Africa
Finland	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
France	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Greece	United States of America
Guatemala	Uruguay
Hungary	Venezuela
Iceland	Yugoslavia
India	
Ireland	
Italy	

ANNEX II

TERRITORIES OR GROUPS OF TERRITORIES WHICH MAINTAIN THEIR OWN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND OF WHICH THE STATES RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ARE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION CONVENED AT WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 22, 1947

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	Indo China
Belgian Congo	Jamaica
Bermuda	Madagascar
British East Africa	Malaya
British Guiana	Mauritius
British West Africa	Morocco (not including the Spanish Zone)
Cameroons	Netherlands Indies
Cape Verde Islands	New Caledonia
Ceylon	Palestine
Curaçao	Portuguese East Africa
French Equatorial Africa	Portuguese West Africa
French Oceanic Colonies	Rhodesia
French Somaliland	Surinam
French Togoland	Tunisia
French West Africa	
Hong Kong	

PROTOCOL
CONCERNING SPAIN

At the time of signing the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their Governments, have signed the following Protocol:

It is hereby agreed that Spain may, as soon as the Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations dated December 12, 1946¹ shall be abrogated or shall cease to be applicable, accede to the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization by complying with the provisions of Article 33 of the said Convention, without having to comply with the provisions of Article 3 (c) of the said Convention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective representatives have signed the present Protocol.

DONE at Washington this eleventh day of October 1947, in the English and French languages, each equally authentic, the original of which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America. The Government of the United States of America shall transmit certified copies thereof to all the signatory States.

For Argentina:

Alfredo G. GALMARINI

For Australia:

N. H. WARREN

PROTOCOLE
CONCERNANT L'ESPAGNE

Au moment de procéder à la signature de la Convention de l'Organisation Météorologique Mondiale, les soussignés, étant dûment autorisés par leurs Gouvernements, ont signé le Protocole suivant:

Il est convenu par les présentes que l'Espagne pourra, dès que la Résolution de l'Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies, en date du 12 décembre 1946¹, sera abrogée ou cessera d'être applicable, adhérer à la Convention de l'Organisation Météorologique Mondiale en se conformant aux dispositions de l'article 33 de la dite Convention, sans avoir à se conformer à celles de l'article 3, alinéa (c).

EN FOI DE QUOI, les représentants respectifs ont signé le présent Protocole.

FAIT à Washington le 11 octobre 1947, en anglais et en français, les deux textes faisant également foi, dont l'original sera déposé aux archives du Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, qui en transmettra des copies certifiées conformes à tous les Etats signataires.

Pour l'Argentine:

Pour l'Australie:

¹ See resolution 39 (I), United Nations document A/64/Add.1, page 63.

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For Belgium (including the Belgian Congo): Pour la Belgique (y compris le Congo belge):

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For Brazil: Pour le Brésil:
Francisco Xavier RODRIGUES DE SOUZA

For Burma: Pour la Birmanie:
MAUNG PO. E.

For Canada: Pour le Canada:
ANDREW THOMSON
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For Chile: Pour le Chili:
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For China: Pour la Chine:
John LEE

For Colombia: Pour la Colombie:
Santiago GARAVITO

For Cuba: Pour Cuba:
Gmo BELT

For Czechoslovakia: Pour la Tchécoslovaquie:
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For Denmark: Pour le Danemark:
Henrik KAUFFMANN

For the Dominican Republic: Pour la République Dominicaine:
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For Ecuador: Pour l'Équateur:
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For Hungary:	Pour la Hongrie: L. AUJESZKY
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For India:	Pour l'Inde: S. K. BANERJI V. V. SOHONI
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For Italy:	Pour l'Italie: Giuseppe BARBA
For Mexico:	Pour le Mexique: F. PEÑA A.
For the Kingdom of the Netherlands:	Pour le Royaume des Pays-Bas: W. BLEEKER
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For Rumania:	Pour la Roumanie:
For Siam:	Pour le Siam: Charoon V. BUNNAG
For Sweden:	Pour la Suède: Gustaf SLETTENMARK
For Switzerland:	Pour la Suisse:
For Turkey:	Pour la Turquie: H. R. BAYDUR
For the Union of South Africa:	Pour l'Union Sud-Africaine: H. T. ANDREWS
For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:	Pour l'Union des Républiques soviétiques socialistes:
For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:	Pour le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord: Nelson K. JOHNSON R. C. CHILVER
For the United States of America:	Pour les États-Unis d'Amérique: F. W. REICHELDERFER
For Uruguay:	Pour l'Uruguay: Cap. de Fragata Américo DENTONE
For Venezuela:	Pour le Venezuela:
For Yugoslavia:	Pour la Yougoslavie: MILAN VEMIC

LIST OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

INDICATING THE DATES OF DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE DATES OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION IN RESPECT OF EACH PARTY¹

	<i>Date of deposit of instrument of ratification or notification of accession</i>		<i>Date of entry into force of the Convention</i>	
Iceland	16 January	1948	23 March	1950
New Zealand	2 April	1948	23 March	1950
* Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	2 April	1948	23 March	1950
* Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	12 April	1948	23 March	1950
* Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	12 April	1948	23 March	1950
* Romania	18 August	1948	23 March	1950
Sweden	10 November	1948	23 March	1950
Yugoslavia	7 December	1948	23 March	1950
Norway	9 December	1948	23 March	1950
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	14 December	1948	23 March	1950
* Lebanon	22 December	1948	23 March	1950
Switzerland	23 February	1949	23 March	1950
Australia	14 March	1949	23 March	1950
Philippines	5 April	1949	23 March	1950
India	27 April	1949	23 March	1950
United States of America	4 May	1949	23 March	1950
Mexico	27 May	1949	23 March	1950
Thailand	11 July	1949	23 March	1950
Czechoslovakia	26 July	1949	23 March	1950
Turkey	5 August	1949	23 March	1950
Burma	19 August	1949	23 March	1950
Dominican Republic	15 September	1949	23 March	1950
* Israel	30 September	1949	23 March	1950
France	5 December	1949	23 March	1950
* Peru	30 December	1949	23 March	1950
Finland	7 January	1950	23 March	1950
Egypt ²	10 January	1950	23 March	1950

* Accessions.

¹ For territories and groups of territories to which the Convention was made applicable in accordance with the provisions of articles 3 (d) and 34 (a), see pages 184 to 188.

² The following declaration accompanied the instrument of ratification deposited by Egypt on 10 January 1950: "On the occasion of the ratification by Egypt of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization, signed at Washington on 11 October 1947, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Egypt fully reserves his Government's position respecting the reference to the Sudan — described as the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan — in annex II of the said Convention. It is obvious that such a reference can not in any way prejudice the political and legal status of the Sudan nor bind the Government of Egypt which expressly reserves its position with regard to the field of application of the said Convention."

	<i>Date of deposit of instrument of ratification or notification of accession</i>	<i>Date of entry into force of the Convention</i>
Union of South Africa	17 January 1950	23 March 1950
Greece	20 January 1950	23 March 1950
* Iraq	21 February 1950	23 March 1950
Ireland	14 March 1950	13 April 1950
Brazil	15 March 1950	14 April 1950
Pakistan	11 April 1950	11 May 1950
Poland	16 May 1950	15 June 1950
* Venezuela	16 June 1950	16 July 1950
Canada	28 July 1950	27 August 1950
Paraguay	15 September 1950	15 October 1950
* Indonesia	16 November 1950	16 December 1950

TERRITORIES AND AREAS TO WHICH THE CONVENTION WILL APPLY

- (a) *Territories or groups of territories maintaining their own meteorological services which by virtue of the declarations given on their behalf by the State responsible for their international relations, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 3 (d) and 34 (a) of the Convention, will be separate members of the World Meteorological Organization:*

*Date of receipt
of declaration*

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for:

Bermuda	14 December 1948
Central African Territories	14 December 1948
<i>[Listed in Annex II of the Convention as "Rhodesia"]</i>	
Northern Rhodesia (Protectorate)	
Nyasaland Protectorate	
Southern Rhodesia	
Hong Kong	14 December 1948
Malayan Territories	14 December 1948
<i>[Listed in Annex II of the Convention as "Malaya"]</i>	
Singapore	
Federation of Malaya	
North Borneo	
Sarawak	
Brunei (Protected State)	
The East African Territories and Indian Ocean Islands	14 December 1948
<i>[Listed in Annex II of the Convention as "British East Africa" and "Mauritius"]</i>	
Kenya (Colony and Protectorate)	
Uganda Protectorate	
Tanganyika (Trust Territory)	
Zanzibar Protectorate	
Mauritius	
Seychelles	

* Accessions.

	<i>Date of receipt of declaration</i>
The West African Territories	14 December 1948
[Listed in Annex II of the Convention as "British West Africa" and "Cameroons" (under United Kingdom Trusteeship)]	
Nigeria (a) Colony	
(b) Protectorate	
(c) Cameroons under United Kingdom Trusteeship	
Gold Coast (a) Colony	
(b) Ashanti	
(c) Northern Territories	
(d) Togoland under United Kingdom Trusteeship	
Sierra Leone (Colony and Protectorate)	
Gambia (Colony and Protectorate)	

With respect to the description of those territories and groups of territories designated in the above declaration, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland informed the Government of the United States of America, by a note dated 13 December 1948, as follows:

"...each of the groups of territories described therein as 'The West African Territories', 'The East African Territories and Indian Ocean Islands', 'Malayan Territories' and 'Central African Territories' maintain a separate meteorological service and are to be regarded for the purpose of Article 3 (d) of the Convention and Annex II attached thereto as corresponding to 'British West Africa', 'British East Africa', 'Malaya' and 'Rhodesia' respectively. It will be observed that the Island of Mauritius, which figures as a separate territory in Annex II and which maintains an independent service, is now included in the 'East African Territories and Indian Ocean Islands' group and that likewise that portion of the Cameroons Territories under United Kingdom Trusteeship is included in the 'West African Territories' group."

France for:

Cameroons under French Trusteeship	5 December 1949
French Equatorial Africa	5 December 1949
French Oceanic Colonies	5 December 1949
French Somaliland	5 December 1949
French Togoland	5 December 1949
French West Africa	5 December 1949
Indo China	5 December 1949
Madagascar	5 December 1949
Morocco (not including the Spanish Zone)	5 December 1949
New Caledonia	5 December 1949
Tunisia	5 December 1949

- (b) *Territories and areas to which the Convention has been applied by various States, by virtue of the membership of those States in the World Meteorological Organization, which territories and areas will not be considered as separate members of the Organization:*

	<i>Date of receipt of notification</i>
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for:	
Aden (Colony and Protectorate)	14 December 1948
Basutoland	14 December 1948
Bechuanaland (Protectorate)	14 December 1948
British Solomon Islands (Protectorate)	14 December 1948
Falkland Islands and Dependencies	14 December 1948
Fiji	14 December 1948
Gibraltar	14 December 1948
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	14 December 1948
Malta	14 December 1948
Swaziland	14 December 1948
France for:	
Algeria	5 December 1949
French Guiana	5 December 1949
French West Indies	5 December 1949
Réunion	5 December 1949
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	5 December 1949
Saar	5 December 1949
Valleys of Andorra	5 December 1949
Union of South Africa for:	
Territory of South West Africa	17 January 1950
Australia for:	
Australian territories	26 October 1950
Papua	
Norfolk Island	
Territory under Australian Trusteeship	26 October 1950
New Guinea	
Territory under Joint Trusteeship	26 October 1950
Nauru	

(The Trusteeship Agreement designates the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom as the Joint Administering Authority, with the Government of Australia continuing, on behalf of the Administering Authority, to exercise full powers of legislation, administration and jurisdiction in and over the Territory.)