

## 2. EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

*Geneva, 21 April 1961*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE** 7 January 1964, in accordance with article X(8), with the exception of paragraphs 3 to 7 of article IV which entered into force on 18 October 1965, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Annex to the Convention.

**REGISTRATION:** 7 January 1964, No. 7041.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 16. Parties: 31.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 484, p. 349.

*Note:* The Convention was prepared and opened for signature on 21 April 1961 by the Special Meeting of Plenipotentiaries for the purpose of negotiating and signing a European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, which was convened in accordance with resolution 7 (XV)<sup>1</sup> of the Economic Commission for Europe, adopted on 5 May 1960. The Special Meeting was held at the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva from 10 to 21 April 1961. For the text of the Final Act of the Special Meeting, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 484, p. 349.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....		27 Jun 2001 a	Italy.....	21 Apr 1961	3 Aug 1970
Austria.....	21 Apr 1961	6 Mar 1964	Kazakhstan.....		20 Nov 1995 a
Azerbaijan.....		17 Jan 2005 a	Latvia.....		20 Mar 2003 a
Belarus.....	21 Apr 1961	14 Oct 1963	Luxembourg.....		26 Mar 1982 a
Belgium.....	21 Apr 1961	9 Oct 1975	Montenegro <sup>7</sup> .....		23 Oct 2006 d
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>2</sup> .....		1 Sep 1993 d	Poland.....	21 Apr 1961	15 Sep 1964
Bulgaria.....	21 Apr 1961	13 May 1964	Republic of Moldova.....		5 Mar 1998 a
Burkina Faso.....		26 Jan 1965 a	Romania.....	21 Apr 1961	16 Aug 1963
Croatia <sup>2</sup> .....		26 Jul 1993 d	Russian Federation.....	21 Apr 1961	27 Jun 1962
Cuba.....		1 Sep 1965 a	Serbia <sup>2</sup> .....		12 Mar 2001 d
Czech Republic <sup>3</sup> .....		30 Sep 1993 d	Slovakia <sup>3</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d
Denmark <sup>4</sup> .....	21 Apr 1961	22 Dec 1972	Slovenia <sup>2</sup> .....		6 Jul 1992 d
Finland.....	21 Dec 1961		Spain.....	14 Dec 1961	12 May 1975
France.....	21 Apr 1961	16 Dec 1966	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <sup>2</sup> .....		10 Mar 1994 d
Germany <sup>5,6</sup> .....	21 Apr 1961	27 Oct 1964	Turkey.....	21 Apr 1961	24 Jan 1992
Hungary.....	21 Apr 1961	9 Oct 1963	Ukraine.....	21 Apr 1961	18 Mar 1963

### *Declarations and Reservations*

*(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)*

#### *Notifications made under article X (6)*

*(Unless otherwise indicated, the notifications were made upon ratification, accession or succession.)*

#### BELGIUM

In accordance with article II, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Belgian Government declares that in Belgium only the State has, in the cases referred to in article I, paragraph 1, the faculty to conclude arbitration agreements.

#### LATVIA<sup>8</sup>

#### LUXEMBOURG

Except where otherwise expressly provided for in the arbitration agreement, the presiding judges of the local courts shall assume the functions entrusted to the presidents of the chambers of commerce under article IV of the Convention. The presiding judges shall hear the disputes in chambers.

**Notifications made under article X (6)**  
**(Unless otherwise indicated, the notifications were made**  
**upon ratification, accession or succession.)**

**AZERBAIJAN**

"In connection with the requirement contained in Article X (6) of the above-mentioned Convention, the [...] the Republic of Azerbaijan would like to inform that the functions referred to in Article IV of the Convention are exercised by the Economic Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in accordance with Article 6 of the law on International Arbitration of the Republic of Azerbaijan."

**CROATIA**

"...the following institution in the Republic of Croatia has been designated to exercise the functions referred to in Article IV of the Convention.

Permanent Arbitration Court to the Croatian Chamber of Commerce  
Rooseveltov trg 2  
10000 ZABREB  
Croatia  
tel: 385 1 4606-733  
fax: 385 1 4606-752  
email: sudiste@hgk.hr"

**KAZAKHSTAN**

"In accordance with article X, paragraph 6 of the abovementioned Convention, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan would like to inform that functions conferred by Article IV are exercised by:

Center of Arbitration of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Address: Kunayev Street 8, block "B"  
Astana, 010000, Republic of Kazakhstan  
Phone: +7-7172-919300\*1759, +7-7172-919356  
E-mail: arbitration@palata.kz."

**LATVIA**

"In accordance with article X, paragraph 6, of the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, the Republic of Latvia communicates that functions conferred by article IV will exercise:

Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Address: K. Valdemara street 35  
Riga, LV-1010, Latvia  
Phone: + 371 7 225 595  
Fax: + 371 7 820 092  
e-mail: info@chamber.lv."

**SLOVAKIA**

"... in accordance with article X (6) of the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration [the Government of the Slovak Republic] has the honour to communicate the following institution that has been designated to exercise functions conferred by Article IV of the above mentioned Convention:

Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Gorkého 9  
816 03 Bratislava  
Phone: +421 2 54433291  
Fax: + 421 2 54131159  
Email: sopkurad@scci.sk."

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**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/3349), p. 55.*

<sup>2</sup> The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Convention on 21 April 1961 and 25 September 1963, respectively. See also note 1 under "Bosnia and Herzegovina", Croatia, "former Yugoslavia", "Slovenia", "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and "Yugoslavia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>3</sup> Czechoslovakia had signed and ratified the Convention on 21 April 1961 and 13 November 1963, respectively. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> The instrument of ratification contained a declaration to the effect that the Convention for the time being would not extend to the Faeroe Islands and Greenland.

In a communication received on 12 November 1975, the Government of Denmark declared that it had withdrawn the above-mentioned reservation, the decision to take effect on 1 January 1976.

<sup>5</sup> The German Democratic Republic had acceded to the Convention on 20 February 1975. See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>6</sup> See note 1 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>7</sup> See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>8</sup> On 23 December 2013, the Government of Latvia notified the Secretary General of the withdrawal of the following declaration under article II (2) made upon accession:

"In accordance with article II, paragraph 2, of the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, the Republic of Latvia declares that article II, paragraph 1, does not apply for state authorities and local government authorities."

