

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### The U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods: An Update†

Two countries (Australia and Norway) recently became parties to the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, bringing the total to 17. The following table summarizes the current situation:

PARTIES AND ACCOMPANYING RESERVATIONS OR DECLARATIONS, TO JANUARY 1989			
STATE	DATE OF RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, OR ACCESSION	EFFECTIVE DATE (if other than 1 Jan. 1988)	RESERVATIONS & DECLARATIONS
Argentina	19 July 1983 (Ac)		Arts. 11 & 29 and Part II are reserved.
Australia	17 Mar. 1988 (Ac)	1 Apr. 1989	The Convention shall apply to all Australian States and mainland territories and to all external territories except the territories of Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and the Ashmore and Cartier Islands.
Austria	29 Dec. 1987 (R)	1 Jan. 1989	
Egypt	6 Dec. 1982 (Ac)		
Finland	15 Dec. 1987 (R)	1 Jan. 1989	With reference to Art. 92, Finland will not be bound by Part II of the Convention (Formation of the Contract).  With reference to Art. 94, in respect of Sweden in accordance with paragraph (1) and otherwise in accordance with paragraph (2) the Convention will not apply to contracts of sale where the parties have their places of business in Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, or Norway.
France	6 Aug. 1982 (Ap)		
Hungary	16 June 1983 (R)		Arts. 11 & 29 and Part II are reserved. Declaration: 'It [Hungary] considers the General Conditions of Delivery of Goods between Organizations of the Member Countries of the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance/GCDCMEA, 1968/75, version of 1979/ to be subject to the provisions of Article 90 of the Convention.'
Italy	11 Dec. 1986 (R)		
Lesotho	18 June 1981 (R)		
Mexico	29 Dec. 1987 (Ac)	1 Jan. 1989	

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Norway	20 July 1988 (R)	1 Aug. 1989	In accordance with Article 92, paragraph (1), the Government of the Kingdom of Norway declares that Norway will not be bound by Part II of this Convention. (Formation of the Contract).  With reference to Article 94, in respect of Finland and Sweden in accordance with paragraph (1) and otherwise in accordance with paragraph (2), the Government of the Kingdom of Norway declares that the Convention will not apply to contracts of sale where the parties have their places of business in Norway, Denmark, Finland, Iceland or Sweden.
People's Republic of China	11 Dec. 1986 (Ap)		Arts. 1(1)(b) & 11 are reserved.
Syrian Arab Republic	9 Oct. 1982 (Ac)		
Sweden	15 Dec. 1987 (R)	1 Jan. 1989	With reference to Art. 92, Sweden will not be bound by Part II of the Convention (Formation of the Contract).  With reference to Art. 94, in respect of Finland in accordance with paragraph (1) and otherwise in accordance with paragraph (2) the Convention will not apply to contracts of sale where the parties have their places of business in Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, or Norway.
United States of America	11 Dec. 1986 (R)		Art. 1(1)(b) is reserved.
Yugoslavia	27 Mar. 1985 (R)		
Zambia	6 June 1986 (Ac)		

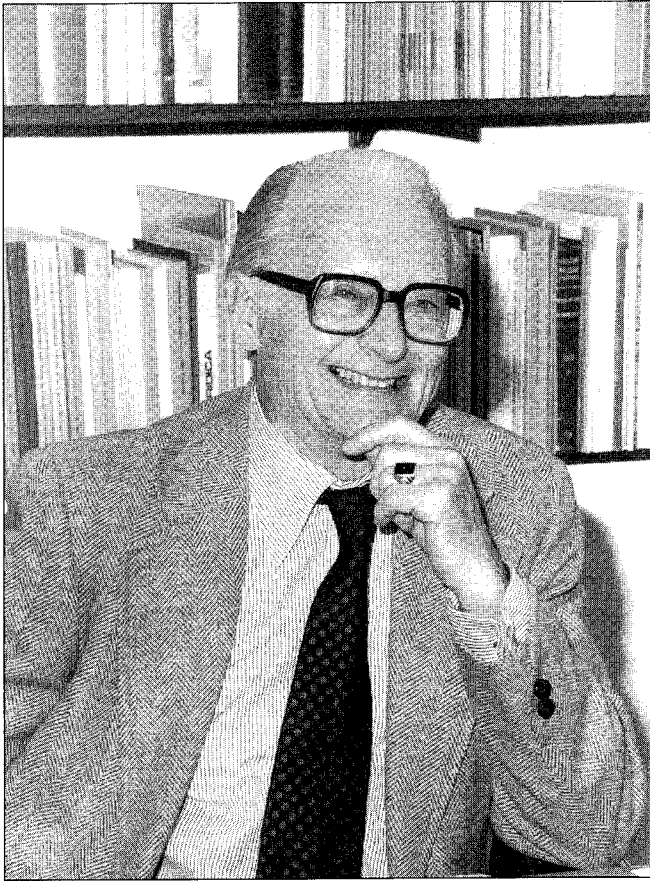
## Symbols:

Ac = Acceded directly to convention

Ap = Approval

R = Ratification

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