

VIENNA CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

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MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF  
TREATIES SIGNED FOR THE UNITED STATES  
ON APRIL 24, 1970

**Letter of Transmittal**

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
*November 22, 1971*

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I am transmitting herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties signed for the United States on April 24, 1970. The Convention is the outcome of many years of careful preparatory work by the International Law Commission, followed by a two-session conference of 110 nations convened under United Nations auspices in 1968 and 1969. The conference was the sixth in a series called by the General Assembly of the United Nations for the purpose of encouraging the progressive development and codification of international law.

The growing importance of treaties in the orderly conduct of international relations has made increasingly evident the need for clear, well-defined, and readily ascertainable rules of international law applicable