

ANTARCTIC TREATY

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Recommendations (22) adopted at the
Fifteenth Consultative Meeting
Paris, October 9 - 21, 1989

Effective date^{*}: January 23, 2004
for Recommendations XV-14, XV-15, XV-20 and XV-21

State	Date of Government's approval, as notified to Government of United States of America ^{**}
Argentina	October 23, 1991
Australia	September 4, 1991
Belgium	January 29, 2004
Brazil	September 1, 1998
Chile	August 14, 1992
China	January 26, 1995
Czech Rep.	April 23, 2014 ¹⁰
Finland	April 2, 1997 ⁵ June 18, 1997 ⁶
France	April 26, 1995
Germany	June 13, 1991 ¹
India	January 23, 2004
Italy	February 11, 1998

^{*} 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.

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Japan	December 15, 1997 ⁶ May 7, 2004 ⁹
Korea, Rep. of	May 10, 1995 ²
Netherlands	September 29, 2003 ⁸
New Zealand	October 28, 1991
Norway	October 13, 1993
Peru	November 5, 2003
Poland	October 18, 1991
Russian Federation	June 19, 2001
South Africa	June 14, 1995
Spain	February 3, 2003
Sweden	April 7, 1994
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	April 27, 1995 ³
United States of America	May 9, 1995 ⁴ May 6, 1998 ⁷
Uruguay	May 15, 1995

1. Except Recs. 3, 4, 8, 10, 11 and 22. Recommendation XV-22 not acceptable for Germany. Germany approved Recommendation 4 on April 28, 2005.

2. Except Recs 1 - 11, 16, 18 and 19.

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3. Except XV-3, 4, 8, 10, 11.
4. Except XV-1-5, 8-11 and 14.
5. Except XV-2, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.
6. XV-2, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22.
7. XV-5, 8, 9, and 14.
8. For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The notification includes the following: “With reference to Decision 3 of ATCM XXV, the recommendations/measures which have become obsolete (listed in Annex A of this Decision) [Recommendation XV-22] do not require further action by the Parties and as a consequence do not need approval.”

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.”

9. XV-1, 3-13 and 17.

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10. Approval is for Recommendations 2, 5, 12-19, and 21 only.

Department of State,
Washington, April 3, 2015.