

Antarctic Treaty
Signed At Washington December 1, 1959
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Note: Measure approval marked with an "x". Date of tacit approval is listed, unless Consultative Parties directly notified the Depository of their intent to adhere to the recommendations.

<i>State</i>	1
Argentina Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Australia Affirmative approval: 3/20/2003	x
Belgium Affirmative approval: 1/29/2004	x
Brazil Affirmative approval: 5/25/2006	x
Bulgaria Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Chile Affirmative approval: 6/5/2007	x
China Affirmative approval: 5/4/2004	x
Czech Republic Affirmative approval: 4/23/2014	x
Ecuador Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Finland Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
France Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Germany Affirmative approval: 4/28/2005	x
India Affirmative approval: 12/7/2005	x
Italy Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Japan Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Korea, Rep. of Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Netherlands ³ Affirmative approval: 9/29/2003	x

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New Zealand Affirmative approval: 12/10/2002	x
Norway Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Peru Affirmative approval: 11/5/2003	x
Poland Affirmative approval: 1/15/2009	x
Russia Affirmative approval: 6/10/2005	x
South Africa Affirmative approval: 5/11/2005	x
Spain Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Sweden Affirmative approval: 5/11/2005	x
United Kingdom Affirmative approval: 4/14/2003	x
United States Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x
Uruguay Tacit approval: 12/19/2002	x

Notes

1. 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 Measure on an earlier date; that date is listed as the date of the Government's approval.

2. Date on which the Management Plans annexed to the Measure were deemed to have been approved. Article 6, paragraph 1, of Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty provides that ". . . Management Plans may be approved by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties by a measure adopted at an Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in accordance with Article IX(1) of the Antarctic Treaty. Unless the measure specifies otherwise, the Plan shall be deemed to have been approved 90 days after the close of the

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Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting at which it was adopted, unless one or more of the Consultative Parties notifies the Depository, within that time period, that it wishes an extension of that period or is unable to approve the measure.” The Measures did not specify a different approval method.

3. For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

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.”

Department of State,
Washington, April 3, 2015.