



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Depositary Notification

Notification Reference No. 2021-007

**Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, with Annexes I-IV**

Done at Madrid on October 4, 1991

Republic of Austria: Ratification

Date of Action: July 27, 2021

The Secretary of State, in performance of the depositary duties of the United States of America, communicates the following:

On July 27, 2021, the Republic of Austria deposited an instrument of ratification of the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, with Annexes I-IV (the Protocol). The instrument states also that the Republic of Austria ratifies Annex V to the Protocol.

The instrument includes a declaration for which the Republic of Austria provided an unofficial English translation that reads as follows: "Pursuant to article 19 paragraph 1 of the Protocol the Republic of Austria chooses the International Court of Justice for the settlement of disputes under this provision."

In accordance with Article 23, paragraph 2 of the Protocol, the Protocol shall enter into force for the Republic of Austria on August 26, 2021, the thirtieth day following the deposit of the instrument. In accordance with Article 9, paragraph 4 and Article 23, paragraph 2 of the Protocol, Annex V shall also become effective for the Republic of Austria on August 26, 2021.

Washington, August 9, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long tail, positioned below the date.