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Note: Member state approval of measures 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. Measures XXVII-1 – XXVII-3 were done by tacit approval, while Measure XXVII-4 required affirmative approval, as noted below.

<i>State</i>	1	2	3	4
Argentina Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 11/28/2014	x	x	x	x
Australia Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 5/15/2014	x	x	x	x
Belgium Affirmative approval for all: 1/25/2008	x	x	x	x
Brazil Affirmative approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 5/25/2006 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	
Bulgaria Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	
Chile Affirmative approval for all: 6/5/2007	x	x	x	x
China Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	
Czech Republic Affirmative approval for all: 4/23/2014	x	x	x	x
Ecuador Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 5/11/2016	x	x	x	x
Finland Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 12/14/2010	x	x	x	x
France Tacit approval for XXVII-2: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for remaining: 8/22/2008	x	x	x	x
Germany Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	

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India Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	
Italy Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	
Japan Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 6/1/2009	x	x	x	x
Korea, Rep. of Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	
Netherlands³ Affirmative approval for all: 7/15/2005	x	x	x	x
New Zealand Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 7/11/2005	x	x	x	x
Norway Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 8/17/2015	x	x	x	x
Peru Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	
Poland Affirmative approval for all: 1/15/2009	x	x	x	x
Russia Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 4/24/2013	x	x	x	x
South Africa Affirmative approval for all: 5/11/2005	x	x	x	x
Spain Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 9/22/2022	x	x	x	x
Sweden Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	

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Ukraine Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 6/14/2018	x	x	x	x
United Kingdom Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 11/13/2007	x	x	x	x
United States Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 XXVII-4 not yet approved	x	x	x	
Uruguay Tacit approval for XXVII-1 – XXVII-3: 9/9/2004 Affirmative approval for XXVII-4: 7/14/2011	x	x	x	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 Measures 1 and 2 and the revised and updated List of Historic Sites and Monuments annexed to Measure 3 were deemed to have been approved in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1 and Article 8, paragraph 2, respectively, of Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, the United States having notified that it wished an extension until September 9, 2004 of the time period in which the Management Plans and the revised and updated List of Historic Sites and Monuments would be deemed to have been approved.

Article 6, paragraph 1 of Annex V 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 Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting at which it was adopted, unless one or more of the Consultative Parties notifies the Depositary, 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.

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Article 8, paragraph 2 of Annex V provides that “Any Party may propose a site or monument or recognized historic value . . . for listing as a Historic Site or Monument. The proposal for listing 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 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, June 2, 2023.