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sur les relations consulaires, concernant le règlement
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No. 8640. OPTIONAL PROTOCOL¹ TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS² CONCERNING THE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. DONE AT VIENNA, ON 24 APRIL 1963

*The States Parties to the present Protocol and to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations,*² hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”, adopted by the United Nations Conference held at Vienna from 4 March to 22 April 1963,

Expressing their wish to resort in all matters concerning them in respect of any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention to the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, unless some other form of settlement has been agreed upon by the parties within a reasonable period,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

Disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention shall lie within the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and may accordingly be brought before the Court by an application made by any party to the dispute being a Party to the present Protocol.

Article II

The parties may agree, within a period of two months after one party has notified its opinion to the other that a dispute exists, to resort not to the International Court of Justice but to an arbitral tribunal. After the expiry of the said period, either party may bring the dispute before the Court by an application.

¹ In accordance with article VIII (1), the Protocol came into force on 19 March 1967, the date of entry into force of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, in respect of the following States, on behalf of which the instruments of ratification or accession (a) were deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the dates indicated :

Dominican Republic	4 March	1964
Gabon	23 February	1965 (a)
Kenya	1 July	1965 (a)
Liechtenstein	18 May	1966
Madagascar	17 February	1967 (a)
Nepal	28 September	1965 (a)
Philippines	15 November	1965
Senegal	29 April	1966 (a)
Switzerland	3 May	1965
Upper Volta	11 August	1964

² See p. 262 of this volume.

Article III

1. Within the same period of two months, the parties may agree to adopt a conciliation procedure before resorting to the International Court of Justice.
2. The conciliation commission shall make its recommendations within five months after its appointment. If its recommendations are not accepted by the parties to the dispute within two months after they have been delivered, either party may bring the dispute before the Court by an application.

Article IV

States Parties to the Convention, to the Optional Protocol concerning Acquisition of Nationality, and to the present Protocol may at any time declare that they will extend the provisions of the present Protocol to disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the Optional Protocol concerning Acquisition of Nationality. Such declarations shall be notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article V

The present Protocol shall be open for signature by all States which may become Parties to the Convention as follows: until 31 October 1963 at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria and, subsequently, until 31 March 1964, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Article VI

The present Protocol is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article VII

The present Protocol shall remain open for accession by all States which may become Parties to the Convention. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article VIII

1. The present Protocol shall enter into force on the same day as the Convention or on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification or accession to the Protocol with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, whichever date is the later.
2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the present Protocol after its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the Protocol shall enter

into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article IX

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States which may become Parties to the Convention :

- (a) of signatures to the present Protocol and of the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession, in accordance with Articles V, VI and VII;
- (b) of declarations made in accordance with Article IV of the present Protocol;
- (c) of the date on which the present Protocol will enter into force, in accordance with Article VIII.

Article X

The original of the present Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States referred to in Article V.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Protocol.

DONE at Vienna, this twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

[The list of the names of States as they appear on signature pages in the original copy of this Protocol is identical to that of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations reproduced on pages 422 to 453 of this volume. Only the names of States which signed this Protocol are printed herein.]

[La liste nominative des États figurant sur les pages de signature de l'exemplaire original du présent Protocole est identique à celle de la Convention de Vienne sur les relations consulaires, reproduite aux pages 422 à 453 de ce volume. Seuls figurent ici les noms des États qui ont signé le Protocole.]

FOR ARGENTINA:

POUR L'ARGENTINE:

阿根廷:

За Аргентину:

FOR LA ARGENTINA:

E. QUINTANA

FOR AUSTRIA:

POUR L'AUTRICHE:

奥地利:

За Австрию:

FOR AUSTRIA:

KREISKY

FOR BELGIUM:

POUR LA BELGIQUE:

比利時:

За Бельгию:

FOR BÉLGICA:

Walter LORIDAN

Le 31 mars 1964