

No. 709

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BURMA, etc.**

**Protocol to amend the Convention for the suppression of the
circulation of and traffic in obscene publications, concluded
at Geneva on 12 September 1923. Signed at Lake Success,
New York, on 12 November 1947**

*Official texts : Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
Registered ex officio on 2 February 1950.*

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**Protocole amendant la Convention pour la répression de la
circulation et du trafic des publications obscènes, conclue
à Genève le 10 septembre 1923. Signé à Lake Success
(New-York), le 12 novembre 1947**

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Enregistré d'office le 2 février 1950.*

No. 709. PROTOCOL¹ TO AMEND THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE CIRCULATION OF AND TRAFFIC IN OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS, CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1923.² SIGNED AT LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK, ON 12 NOVEMBER 1947

The Parties to the present Protocol, considering that under the Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, concluded at Geneva on 12 September 1923, the League of Nations was invested with certain functions and powers for whose continued performance it is necessary to make provisions in consequence of the dissolution of the League

¹ In accordance with article V, paragraph 1, the Protocol came into force on 12 November 1947. In accordance with article V, paragraph 2, the amendments set forth in the annex to the Protocol came into force on 2 February 1950.

List of States Parties to the Protocol :

	<i>By signature without reservation as to approval on</i>	<i>By deposit of instrument of acceptance on</i>
Afghanistan	12 November 1947	
Albania		25 July 1949
Australia	13 November 1947	
Belgium	12 November 1947	
Burma	13 May 1949	
Canada	24 November 1947	
China	12 November 1947	
Czechoslovakia	12 November 1947	
Denmark		21 November 1949
Egypt	12 November 1947	
Finland		6 January 1949
Guatemala		26 August 1949
Hungary	2 February 1950	
India	12 November 1947	
Italy	16 June 1947	
Mexico	4 February 1948	
Netherlands		7 March 1949
New Zealand	28 October 1948	
Norway		28 November 1947
Pakistan	12 November 1947	
Turkey	12 November 1947	
Union of South Africa	12 November 1947	
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	18 December 1947	
United Kingdom	16 May 1949	
Yugoslavia	12 November 1947	

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume XXVII, page 213; Volume XXXI, page 261; Volume XXXV, page 315; Volume XXXIX, page 190; Volume XLV, page 122; Volume LIV, page 391; Volume LIX, page 357; Volume LXXXIII, page 394; Volume LXXXVIII, page 313; Volume XCII, page 368; Volume XCVI, page 191; Volume C, page 211; Volume CXI, page 403; Volume CXXVI, page 433; Volume CXLII, page 341; Volume CLII, page 294; Volume CLVI, page 186; Volume CLX, page 335; Volume CLXIV, page 361; Volume CLXXII, page 398; Volume CLXXXI, page 357; Volume CXC VII, page 295 and Volume CC, page 501. United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 12, page 422.

of Nations, and considering that it is expedient that these functions and powers should be performed henceforth by the United Nations, hereby agree as follows :

Article I

The Parties to the present Protocol undertake that as between themselves they will, in accordance with the provisions of the present Protocol, attribute full legal force and effect to, and duly apply the amendments to this instrument which are set forth in the annex to the present Protocol.

Article II

The Secretary-General shall prepare the text of the Convention of 12 September 1923 for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications as revised in accordance with the present Protocol, and shall send copies for their information to the Government of every Member of the United Nations and every non-member State to which this Protocol is open for signature or acceptance. He shall also invite Parties to the aforesaid Convention to apply the amended text of this instrument as soon as the amendments are in force, even if they have not yet been able to become Parties to the present Protocol.

Article III

The present Protocol shall be open for signature or acceptance by any of the Parties to the Convention of 12 September 1923 for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of this Protocol.

Article IV

States may become Parties to the present Protocol by

- (a) Signature without reservation as to approval ; or
- (b) Acceptance, which shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article V

1. The present Protocol shall come into force on the date on which two or more States shall have become Parties thereto.

2. The amendments set forth in the annex to the present Protocol shall come into force when a majority of the Parties to the Convention of 12 September 1923 for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene

Publications have become Parties to the present Protocol, and consequently any State becoming a Party to the Convention after the amendments thereto have come into force shall become a Party to the Convention as so amended.

Article VI

In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and the regulations pursuant thereto adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations is authorized to effect registration of the present Protocol and the amendments made in the Convention by the present Protocol on the respective dates of their entry into force, and to publish the Protocol and the amended Convention as soon as possible after registration.

Article VII

The present Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations Secretariat. The Convention to be amended in accordance with the annex being in the English and French languages only, the English and French texts of the annex shall be equally authentic texts, and the Chinese, Russian and Spanish texts will be translations.

A certified copy of the Protocol, including the annex, shall be sent by the Secretary-General to each of the Parties to the Convention of 12 September 1923 for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, and to all States Members of the United Nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, signed the present Protocol on the dates appearing opposite their respective signatures.

DONE at Lake Success, New York, this twelfth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

Article 13 shall be deleted.

Article 14 shall read :

A special record shall be kept by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, showing which of the Parties have signed, ratified, acceded to or denounced the present Convention. This record shall be open at all times to any of the Members of the United Nations or any non-member State to which the Secretary-General has communicated a copy of the Convention.

It shall be published as often as possible.

In article 15 the International Court of Justice shall be substituted for the Permanent Court of International Justice, and the Statute of the International Court of Justice shall be substituted for the Protocol of Signature of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

In article 16 the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations shall be substituted for the Council of the League of Nations.