

Treaties to which Spain is a Party Concerning Matters of Public International Law, 2008

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This survey includes the treaties covered by Art. 2.1 a) of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* (Official Journal of the State). Its purpose is to record the legal effects of these instruments, such as ratification or accession, municipal entry into force, provisional application, reservations or declarations, territorial application, termination and abrogation. In a few instances some relevant articles or references are reproduced in an unofficial translation.

I. INTERNATIONAL LAW IN GENERAL

II. SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

III. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND MUNICIPAL LAW

IV. SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

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1. Human rights

– Protocol No. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (No. 177 of the Council of Europe), done at Rome on 4 November 2000.

Instrument of ratification: 25.01.08.

Entry into force (for Spain): 1.06.08 (BOE 64, 14.03.08).

– Resolution dated 21 February 2008, of the Technical Secretariat-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the objection of Spain to the reservations formulated by Brunei Darussalam to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms

of Discrimination against Women (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 69, dated 21 March 1984), done at New York on 18 December 1979.

Deposit of the objection by Spain: 13.06.07 (BOE 64, 14.03.08).

Note: “The Government of the Kingdom of Spain has examined the reservations made by Brunei Darussalam upon acceding to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women regarding all the provisions of the Convention that may be contrary to the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam and to the beliefs and principles of Islam, and regarding article 9.2 of the Convention.

The Government of the Kingdom of Spain believes that, by making the implementation of the provisions of the Convention subject to their compatibility with the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam and with the beliefs and principles of Islam, Brunei Darussalam has made a reservation which does not permit a clear determination of the extent to which it has accepted the obligations deriving from the Convention and that, consequently, the reservation raises doubts about the commitment of Brunei Darussalam to the object and purpose of the Convention. Moreover, the reservation regarding Article 9.2 would exempt Brunei Darussalam from its commitment in relation to an essential element of the Convention and allow the continuation of a situation of *de jure* discrimination against women on grounds of sex which is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention.

The Government of the Kingdom of Spain recalls that, under Article 28.2 of the Convention, reservations that are incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention are not permitted.

Accordingly, the Government of the Kingdom of Spain objects to the reservations made by Brunei Darussalam regarding those provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women that may be contrary to the Constitution of Brunei Darussalam and to the beliefs and principles of Islam and regarding Article 9.2 of the Convention. This objection shall not preclude the entry into force of the Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and Brunei Darussalam.”

– Declaration of Spain concerning the suspension of the application to Ukraine of the European Agreement on Regulations governing the Movement of Persons between Member States of the Council of Europe (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 156 dated 1 July 1982), done at Paris on 13 December 1957 (BOE 92, 16.04.08).

Note: “The Kingdom of Spain and Ukraine are contracting Parties to the European Agreement on Regulations Governing the Movement of Persons between Member States of the Council of Europe, signed in Paris on 13 December 1957. Based on Article 7 of such Agreement, the Kingdom of Spain has decided to temporarily and immediately suspend its implementation with regard to Ukraine.

Such a measure has been considered necessary for reasons of public order. The application of the Agreement to Ukraine is contrary to EC Regulation No. 539/2001, which concerns the issuing of visas: its Annex I stipulates that Ukraine appears within the group of third countries whose citizens must have a visa to be able to cross the external borders of the European Union.”

– Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, done at New York on 13 December 2006.

Instrument of ratification: 23 November 2007.

Entry into force: 3.05.08 (BOE 96, 21.04.08).

– Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, done at New York on 13 December 2006.

Instrument of ratification: 23.11.07.

Entry into force: 3.05.08 (BOE 97, 22.04.08).

VI. ORGANS OF THE STATE

1. Diplomatic Relations

– Agreement between the Spanish Government and the Government of the Republic of Albania on exemption from visas for diplomatic and service passport holders, done at Tirana on 6 February 2006.

Provisional application: 8.03.06 (BOE 118, 18.05.2006).

Entry into force: 31.05.07 (BOE 137, 8.06.07).

2. Relations with International Organizations

– Agreement concerning the Kingdom of Spain's participation in the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) as an associated member, done at Nusa Dua on 14 March 2007.

Entry into force: 19.11.07 (BOE 14, 16.01.08).

– Framework Agreement between Spain and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), done at Nairobi on 15 November 2006.

Entry into force: 8.12.07 (BOE 15, 17.01.08).

– Partnership Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), done at Rome on 27 November 2007.

Provisional application: 27.11.07 (BOE 20, 23.01.08).

– Instrument of Acceptance by Spain of Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (IMO), concerning the institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee, adopted on 7 November 1991, by the Assembly of the Organization by Resolution A.724 (17).

Entry into force: 7.12.08 (BOE 39, 14.02.08 and *corr. of errors* BOE 178, 24.07.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Nations concerning the renovation of the Conference Room (Room XX) of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palace of Nations, done at Madrid on 28 February 2007.

Provisional application: 27.04.07 (BOE 141, 13.06.07).

Entry into force: 11.12.07 (BOE 44, 20.02.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Nations concerning the Trusteeship Fund for Technical Co-operation for the Creation of the United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action “Water for Life, 2005–2015”, done at New York on 19 September 2006.

Provisional application: 19.09.06 (BOE 277, 20.11.06).

Entry into force: 23.02.08 (BOE 74, 26.03.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Nations on the creation of the United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action “Water for Life, 2005–2015”, done at New York on 19 September 2006.

Provisional application: 22.12.06 (BOE 44, 20.02.07).

Entry into force: 23.02.08 (BOE 74, 26.03.08).

– Headquarters Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the International Olive Oil Council, done at Madrid on 20 November 2007.

Provisional application: 20.11.07 (BOE 137, 6.06.08 and *corr. of errors* BOE 177, 23.07.08).

– Exchange of Letters between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Nations concerning the Experts Group Meeting: “Making it work: civil society participation in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”, done at New York on 15 and 23 November 2007.

Provisional application: 23.11.07 (BOE 146, 17.06.08).

– Exchange of Letters, dated 8 January and 8 February 2008, between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Nations concerning the Headquarters Agreement of the Informal Preparatory Meeting of the Seventh Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

Provisional application: 8.02.08 (BOE 147, 18.06.08).

– Headquarters Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Community Fisheries Control Agency, done at Madrid on 19 July 2008.

Provisional application: 19.07.08 (BOE 230, 23.09.08).

– Headquarters Agreement between Spain and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to establish a representational office of the Organization in Spain, done at Madrid on 14 July 2008.

Provisional application: 14.07.08 (BOE 244, 9.10.08).

VII. TERRITORY

VIII. SEAS, WATERWAYS AND SHIPS

– 2006 Amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n.295, dated 10 December 1999), under MARPOL 73/78, adopted on 24 March 2006 by Resolution MEPC.144 (54) (*BOE* 56, 5.03.08).

Entry into force: 1.08.07

– Amendments to the Guidelines on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers [Resolution A.744(18), as amended] (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 122, dated 22 May 1998), adopted on 20 May 2005 by Resolution MSC.197(80).

Entry into force: 1.01.07 (*BOE* 57, 6.03.08 and *corr. of errors BOE* 129, 28.05.08).

– 2006 Amendments to the Annex to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 249 and 250, dated 17 and 18 October 1984), Amendments to Regulation 1, addition to Regulation 12A, consequential amendments to the IOPP Certificate and amendments to Regulation 21 of revised Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, adopted on 24 March 2006 by Resolution MEPC 141 (54) (*BOE* 63, 13.03.08).

– 2006 Amendments to the Annex to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 249 and 250, dated 17 and 18 October 1984), (Addition of Rule 13 to Annex IV to MARPOL 73/78), adopted on 24 March 2006 by Resolution MEPC 143 (54) (*BOE* 94, 18.04.08).

– 2006 Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* of 16, 17 and 18 June 1980), adopted on 19 May 2006 by Resolution MSC 202(81).

Entry into force: 1.01.08 (*BOE* 127, 26.05.08).

– Exchange of Notes dated 1 September 2004 and 6 September 2005, constituting an Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic establishing the Fisheries Regulation on the International Zone of the Miño River.

Entry into force: 12.05.08 (*BOE* 142, 12.06.08).

– 2006 Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 249 and 250, dated 17 and 18 October 1984)

(Designation of the Southern South African Waters as a Special Area), adopted on 13 October 2006 by Resolution MEPC.154(55).

Entry into force: 1.03.08 (BOE 164, 8.07.08).

– 2006 Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG code) (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 304, dated 21 December 2005), adopted on 18 May 2006, by Resolution MSC 205(81).

Entry into force (for Spain): 1.01.08 (BOE 273, 12.11.08).

– 2005 Amendments to the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (International Safety Management) (ISM) Code (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 122, 22 May 1998), adopted on 20 May 2005, by Resolution MSC 195 (80).

Entry into force: 1.01.09 (BOE 284, 25.11.08).

– 2005 Amendments to the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 202, 21 August 2004), adopted on 20 May 2005, by Resolution MSC 196 (80).

Entry into force: 1.01.09 (BOE 284, 25.11.08).

– Amendments to Annex 1 and 4 of the Customs Convention concerning Bulk Carriers, done at Geneva on 2 December 1972 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* 12 March 1976 and 15 March 1988), adopted at Geneva on 20 April 2007.

Entry into force: 20.07.08 (BOE 290, 2.12.08).

IX. INTERNATIONAL SPACES

X. ENVIRONMENT

– Exchange of Letters between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) concerning the holding of the 15th Ordinary Meeting of the Contracting Parties on the Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea and its Protocols, done at Nairobi on 5 December 2007.

Provisional application: 5.12.07 (BOE 19, 22.01.08).

– European Landscape Convention (No. 176 of the Council of Europe), done at Florence on 20 October 2000.

Entry into force for Spain: 1.03.08 (BOE 31, 5.02.08).

– International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (BUNKERS 2001), done at London on 23 March 2001.

Instrument of ratification: 10.11.03

Entry into force: 21.11.08 (BOE 43, 19.02.08).

Note: With the following Declaration by Spain:

«Spain declares that court decisions on matters dealt with by the Convention by a Court of Germany, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or Sweden must be recognised and enforced in Spain pursuant to appropriate internal European Union regulations».

– Correction of errors of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (*BOE* 67, 18.03.08).

– Correction of errors of Amendments to Annex I and the adoption of Annexes VIII and IX of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted in Kuching (Malaysia) (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n.120, dated 20 May 1999) (*BOE* 71, 22.03.08).

– Amendments to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from land-based sources and activities, adopted in Syracuse on 7 March 1996.

Entry into force: 11.03.08 (*BOE* 121, 19.05.08).

– Cooperation Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning environmental matters, done at Madrid on 20 November 2000.

Entry into force: 25.06.08 (*BOE* 172, 17.07.08).

– Annex to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n.202, 22 August 1980), as amended by the International Whaling Commission's 59th Annual Meeting in Anchorage (Alaska) on 31 May 2007.

Entry into force: 20.09.07 (*BOE* 177, 23.07.08).

XI. LEGAL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

1. General Treaties

– Framework Cooperation Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Niger, done *ad referendum* in Madrid on 7 March 2007.

Entry into force: 10.01.08 (*BOE* 26, 30.01.08).

– Framework Cooperation Agreement between The Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Mali, done at Madrid on 3 January 2007.

Entry into force: 1.02.08 (*BOE* 130, 29.05.08 and *corr. of errors* *BOE* 134, 3.06.08).

– Framework Cooperation Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Senegal, done at Dakar on 10 October 2006.

Entry into force: 24.06.08 (BOE 170, 15.07.08).

– General Cooperation Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, done at Madrid on 22 February 2007.

Entry into force: 13.07.08 (BOE 185, 1.08.08).

– Cooperation Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic in the field of tourism, done at Madrid on 25 November 2006.

Entry into force: 1.09.08 (BOE 281, 21.11.08).

– Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria in the field of parliamentary relations, done *ad referendum* in Algiers on 13 March 2007.

Entry into force: 6.11.08 (BOE 284, 25.11.08).

2. Military and Defence Cooperation

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Latvia on mutual protection of classified information, done at Madrid on 12 June 2007.

Entry into force: 7.12.07 (BOE 27, 31.01.08).

– Security Agreement on the protection of classified information between the Kingdom of Spain and the Italian Republic, done at Madrid on 19 April 2007.

Entry into force: 17.12.07 (BOE 28, 1.02.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Federal Republic of Germany on the mutual protection of classified information, done at Madrid on 21 May 2007.

Entry into force: 21.12.07 (BOE 34, 8.02.08).

– Agreement on Information Security between the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, done at Brussels on 6 March 1997.

Instrument of ratification: 9.07.07 (BOE 73, 25.03.08).

Entry into force (for Spain): 23.08.07

– Instrument of Accession by Spain to the OCCAR Security Agreement between the Government of the French Republic, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, done at Paris on 24 September 2004.

Instrument of accession: 25.10.07

Entry into force (for Spain): 1.12.07 (BOE 105, 1.05.08).

3. Cultural Cooperation

– Agreement on Cultural, Educational and Scientific Cooperation between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Yemen, done at Sana’a on 18 April 2006.

Entry into force: 1.01.08 (BOE 37, 12.02.08).

– Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the French Republic on Recognition of higher education diplomas and degrees, done *ad referendum* in Gerona on 16 November 2006.

Entry into force: 27.12.07 (BOE 38, 13.02.08 and *corr. of errors* BOE 62, 12.03.08).

– Instrument of ratification of the Convention amending the former Convention establishing the European University Institute, done at Florence on 18 June 1992 and 17 September 1992.

Instrument of ratification: 3.11.93.

Entry into force: 1.05.07 (BOE 92, 16.04.08).

– Exchange of Notes between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Chile on the legal status of the Spanish Cultural Centre in Santiago, Chile, done at Santiago de Chile on 9 January and 12 March 2008.

Entry into force: 21.07.08 (BOE 194, 12.08.08).

4. Scientific and Technical Cooperation

– International Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic establishing the International Nanotechnology Laboratory and its Statute, done at Badajoz on 25 November 2006.

Entry into force: 26.12.07 (BOE 15, 17.01.08).

– Final Acts of the Regional Radio-Communication Conference for the Revision of the 1989 Geneva Agreement (CRR-06–Rev.GE89), done at Geneva on 16 June 2006 (BOE 93, 17.04.08).

Provisional application: 17.06.06.

Entry into force (for Spain): 27.02.08.

– Agreement on Film Co-Production between the Kingdom of Spain and New Zealand, done at Madrid on 16 January 2008.

Entry into force: 3.06.08 (BOE 159, 2.07.08).

– Modifications of the Regulation under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) (*Boletín Oficial del Estado* 7 November 1989), adopted at the 32nd Meeting of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, Geneva, 1 October 2003.

Entry into force: 1.01.04 (BOE 165, 9.07.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic on Reciprocal Maintenance of crude oil and petroleum product reserves, done at Lisbon on 8 March 2007.

Entry into force: 8.03.07 (BOE 170, 15.07.08).

– Final Acts of the World Radio-communication Conference for the revision of the 1961 Stockholm Agreement (CRR-06–Rev.ST61), done at Geneva on 16 June 2006.

Provisional application: 17.06.06 (BOE 241, 8.10.07).

Entry into force (for Spain): 11.07.08 (BOE 269, 7.11.08).

– Modification of Article 5 of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, Madrid 27 June 1989 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 276, 18 November 1995), adopted by the 37th Session of the Union Assembly in Madrid on 3 October 2006.

Entry into force: 3.10.06 (BOE 285, 26.11.08).

– Modification of Article 9 of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, Madrid 27 June 1989 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 276, 18 November 1995), adopted by the 38th Session of the Union Assembly in Madrid on 12 November 2007.

Entry into force: 1.09.08 (BOE 285, 26.11.08)

– Agreement of Accession by Spain to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federative Republic of Brazil, the French Republic, the Republic of Chile, the Kingdom of Norway, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the World Health Organization, concerning the international disposal of medicines (UNITAID), done at Geneva on 8 May 2007.

Provisional application: 8.05.07 (BOE 286, 27.11.08).

– Amendments to the Convention of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO), adopted in London on 29 September 2006, in the 18th Assembly.

Provisional application: 7.03.07 (BOE 287, 28.11.08).

5. Financial and Tax Cooperation

– Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and Malaysia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Tax Evasion in relation to taxes on income, done at Madrid on 24 May 2006.

Entry into force: 28.12.07 (BOE 38, 13.02.08).

– Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of South Africa for the Avoidance of Double taxation and the Prevention of Tax Evasion in relation to taxes on income and on capital and Protocol, done at Madrid on 23 June 2006.

Entry into force: 28.12.07 (BOE 40, 15.02.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and Kuwait on the Mutual Promotion and Protection of Investments, done at Madrid on 8 September 2005.

Entry into force: 8.03.08 (BOE 79, 1.04.08).

– Agreement on the Mutual Promotion and Protection of Investments between the Kingdom of Spain and the United Mexican States, done at Mexico City on 10 October 2006.

Entry into force: 3.04.08 (BOE 81, 3.04.08 and *corr. of errors* BOE 121, 19.05.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the People's Republic of China on the Mutual Promotion and Protection of Investments, done at Madrid on 14 November 2005.

Entry into force: 1.07.08 (BOE 164, 8.07.08).

– Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Tax Evasion in relation to taxes on income and on capital, done at Madrid on 19 June 2007

Entry into force: 1.10.08 (BOE 169, 14.07.08).

– Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Colombia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Tax Evasion in relation to taxes on income and on capital, done at Bogotá on 31 March 2005.

Instrument of ratification: 8.07.08.

Entry into force: 23.10.08 (BOE 260, 28.10.08).

– Denouncement of the Convention between Spain and Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation in relation to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Copenhagen on 3 July 1972, and its Protocol of amendment dated 17 March 1999.

Entry into force: 1.01.09 (BOE 279, 19.11.08).

6. Road Traffic and Transport

– Resolution dated 24 October 2007, of the Technical Secretariat-General, concerning the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP), and its Annexes done at Geneva on 1 September 1970 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* of 22.11.76 and 26.11.04), with the modifications of 30.04.07 (BOE 42, 18.02.08).

– Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the International Carriage of Persons and Goods by road, done *ad referendum* at Madrid on 30 October 2000, and Exchange of Notes, dated 6 and 24 February 2006, as a modification of article 11.

Entry into force: 27.03.08 (BOE 82, 4.04.08).

– Exchange of Notes dated 7 September 2007 and 29 February 2008 between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Guatemala on the Mutual Recognition and Exchange of National Driving Licenses.

Entry into force: 21.09.08 (BOE 195, 13.08.08).

– Exchange of Notes between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of the Philippines, on the Mutual Recognition and Exchange of National Driving Licenses, done at Madrid on 28 November 2007 and 23 April 2008.

Entry into force: 21.09.08 (BOE 196, 14.08.08 and *corr. of errors* BOE 284, 25.11.08).

7. Rail Traffic and Transport

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the French Republic concerning the Creation of an Intergovernmental Commission for the Supervision of the Construction and Operation of the International Section of the Southern Europe Atlantic High Speed Rail Line, done in Madrid and Paris on 23 January and 8 February 2008.

Provisional application: 8.02.08 (BOE 129, 28.05.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic concerning specific recognition of special traffic authorizations, done *ad referendum* at Évora on 19 November 2005.

Entry into force: 2.12.07 (BOE 155, 27.06.08).

8. Sea Traffic and Transport

– Adoption of Amendments to the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code (published in the «*Boletín Oficial del Estado*» of 7 November 1984), adopted on 18 May 2006, by Resolution MSC 209(81).

Entry into force: 1.01.08 (BOE 54, 3.03.08).

9. Air Traffic and Transport

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on Air Transport, done at Algiers on 13 March 2007.

Entry into force: 11.12.07 (BOE 14, 16.01.08).

– Agreement on Air Transport, done at Brussels on 25 April 2007 and Washington on 30 April 2007.

Provisional application: 30.03.08 (BOE 148, 19.06.08).

Note: This is an agreement between the European Communities and their member States and the United States of America.

10. Labour, Social Security and Emigration

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and New Zealand relating to the Free Exercise of Remunerative Activities by Dependents of Diplomatic, Consular, Administrative and Technical Employees of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices, done at Madrid on 12 April 2007 and Exchange of Notes dated 30 July 2007, interpretation of Art. 2.a).

Entry into force: 17.02.08 (BOE 28, 1.02.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Colombia relating to the Free Exercise of Remunerative Activities by Dependents of Diplomatic, Consular, Administrative and Technical Employees of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices, done at Madrid on 21 June 2007.

Provisional application: 21.06.07 (BOE 175, 23.07.07).

Entry into force: 11.12.07 (BOE 37, 12.02.08).

– Framework Agreement regarding Cooperation on Immigration Matters between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Cape Verde, done *ad referendum* at Madrid on 20 March 2007.

Entry into force: 19.01.08 (BOE 39, 14.02.08).

– Convention on Social Security between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Colombia, done at Bogotá on 6 September 2005.

Instrument of ratification: 30.03.07.

Entry into force: 1.03.08 (BOE 54, 3.03.08).

– Declaration of Spain concerning the suspension of the implementation with regard to Ukraine of the European Agreement on Regulations governing the Movement of Persons between Member States of the Council of Europe, signed in Paris on 13 December 1957.

Registered at the Secretariat General: 12.11.07 (BOE 92, 16.04.08).

Note: See Treaties to which Spain is a party concerning matters of Private International Law, 2008.

– Framework Co-operation Agreement on immigration between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Mali, done in Madrid on 23 January 2007.

Provisional application: 22.02.08 (BOE 135, 4.06.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Dominican Republic relating to the Free Exercise of Remunerative Activities by Dependents of Diplomatic, Consular, Administrative and Technical Employees of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices, done at Madrid on 15 September 2003.

Entry into force: 26.05.08 (BOE 151, 23.06.08).

– Administrative Agreement for the application of the Convention on Social Security between the Republic of Peru and the Kingdom of Spain, done at Madrid on 18 April 2007.

Entry into force: 1.07.08 (BOE 158, 1.07.08).

– Framework Co-operation Agreement on Immigration between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Niger, done at Niamey on 10 May 2008.

Provisional application: 9.06.08 (BOE 160, 3.07.08).

– Agreement between the Republic of Senegal and the Kingdom of Spain on Cooperation to Prevent the Emigration of Unaccompanied Senegalese Minors, their Protection, Repatriation and Reintegration, done *ad referendum* in Dakar on 5 December 2006.

Entry into force: 1.07.08 (BOE 173, 18.07.08).

– Convention on Social Security between Spain and Romania, done at Madrid on 24 January 2006.

Instrument of ratification: 15.01.07.

Entry into force: 21.08.08 (BOE 197, 15.08.08).

11. Civil and Criminal Cooperation

– Treaty on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Spain, done at Madrid on 18 May 2007.

Entry into force: 28.12.07 (BOE 13, 15.01.08).

– Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on adoption, done at Hanoi on 5 December 2007.

Provisional application: 4.03.08 (BOE 16, 18.01.08 and *corr. of errors* BOE 39, 14.02.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on Mutual Suppression of Visas on Diplomatic and Service passports, done *ad referendum* in Algiers on 13 March 2007.

Entry into force: 31.01.08 (BOE 28, 1.02.08).

– Convention on Mutual Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters, between the Kingdom of Spain and the Federative Republic of Brazil, done at Brasilia on 22 May 2006.

Entry into force: 1.02.08 (BOE 30, 4.02.08).

– Declaration of acceptance by Spain of the accession by Ukraine to the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, done at The Hague on 25 October 1980.

Entry into force: 1.03.08 (BOE 31, 5.02.08).

– Declaration of acceptance by Spain of the accession by the Republic of San Marino to the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, done at The Hague on 25 October 1980.

Entry into force: 1.03.08 (BOE 33, 7.02.08).

– Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Yemen, done at Madrid on 18 October 2007.

Entry into force: 1.03.08 (BOE 33, 7.02.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and Israel on Cooperation to Fight against Criminality, done *ad referendum* in Jerusalem, on 19 April 2007.

Entry into force: 29.01.08 (BOE 39, 14.02.08).

– Declaration of acceptance by Spain of the accession by the Republic of India to the Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters, done at The Hague on 18 March 1970.

Entry into force: 31.03.08 (BOE 57, 6.03.08).

– Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Cyprus on Cooperation to Fight against Criminality, done at Nicosia on 30 April 2007.

Entry into force: 31.03.08 (BOE 64, 14.03.08).

– Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic on Transboundary Cooperation in Criminal and Fiscal Matters, done *ad referendum* at Evora on 19 November 2005.

Entry into force: 27.01.08 (BOE 67, 18.03.08).

– Resolution dated 6 March 2008, of the Technical Secretariat-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, concerning the communication of Spain to the interpretative declaration made by the Islamic Republic of Iran to the International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 162, dated 7 July 1984), done at New York on 17 December 1979 (BOE 71, 22.03.08).

Note: “The Government of the Kingdom of Spain has examined the interpretative declaration made by the Islamic Republic of Iran in respect of the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages.

The Government of the Kingdom of Spain considers that this interpretative declaration cannot limit the scope of the Convention, since, under the Convention itself, acts of hostage-taking, as manifestations of international terrorism, can never be justified, regardless of their cause.

If the objective of the declaration is to exclude acts committed in the struggle of peoples against colonial domination or foreign occupation from the category of acts prohibited by the Convention, the Government of the Kingdom of Spain is of the view that the declaration would be a reservation incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention.

Accordingly, the Government of the Kingdom of Spain believes that the declaration made by the Islamic Republic of Iran has no legal effect on the Convention”.

– Resolution dated 2 April 2008, of the Technical Secretariat-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, concerning the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, done at The Hague on 5 October 1961 (published in the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* n. 229, dated 25 September 1978) (BOE 92, 16.04.08).

Note: This document notifies the accession of India to the Convention.

– Headquarters Agreement between the Kingdom of Spain and the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries, done at Punta del Este on 13 November 2007.

Provisional application: 13.11.07 (BOE 139, 9.06.08).

– Convention between the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Cape Verde on Cooperation to Fight against Criminality, done *ad referendum* at Praia on 26 June 2006.

Entry into force: 26.06.06 (BOE 153, 25.06.08).

– Convention on Extradition between the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Kingdom of Spain, done at Algiers on 12 December 2006.

Instrument of ratification: 12.05.08.

Entry into force: 8.08.08 (BOE 178, 24.07.08).

XII. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

– Revision of International Health Regulations (2005), adopted by the Fifty-eighth World Health Assembly, at Geneva on 23 May 2005 (BOE 62, 12.03.08).

– Exchange of Notes between the Kingdom of Spain and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the FAO concerning the holding in the city of Valencia (Spain) of the technical meeting on improving the performance of sterile males in the sterile fruitfly program and the technical meeting on developments in the mass raising of New World (*Anastrepha*) and Asian (*Bactrocera*) fruitfly plagues in support of the TIE, done at Vienna on 28 March 2008.

Provisional application: 28.03.08 (BOE 141, 11.06.08).

XIII. EUROPEAN UNION

– Internal Agreement between Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, modifying the Internal Agreement dated 18 September 2000 concerning the measures and proceedings that should be adopted for the application of the ACP-EC Association Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 10 April 2006.

Entry into force: 1.07.08 (BOE 160, 3.07.08).

XIV. INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

XV. PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

XVI. COERCION AND USE OF FORCE SHORT OF WAR

XVII. WAR AND NEUTRALITY