

PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE CIRCULATION OF OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS, SIGNED AT PARIS, ON 4 MAY 1910

The Parties to the present Protocol, considering that under the Agreement for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications, signed at Paris on 4 May 1910, the Government of the French Republic was invested with certain functions; considering that the said Government has offered to transfer to the United Nations the functions exercised by it under the above-mentioned Agreement; and considering that it is expedient that these functions should be assumed henceforth by the United Nations, hereby agree as follows:

Article 1

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 2

The Secretary-General shall prepare the text of the Agreement of 4 May 1910 for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications, as revised in accordance with the present Protocol, and shall send copies for their information to the Governments 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 Agreement 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 3

The present Protocol shall be open for signature or acceptance by any of the Parties to the Agreement of 4 May 1910 for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications, to which the Secretary-General has communicated for this purpose a copy of the present Protocol.

Article 4

States may become Parties to the present Protocol by:

- (a) Signature without reservation as to acceptance;
- (b) Signature with reservation as to acceptance, followed by acceptance;
- (c) Acceptance.

Acceptance shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 5

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

The amendments set forth in the annex to the present Protocol shall come into force in respect of the Agreement of 4 May 1910 for the Suppression of the Circulation of Obscene Publications when thirteen Parties thereto shall have become Parties to the present Protocol, and consequently, any State becoming a Party to the Agreement after the amendments thereto have come into force shall become a Party to the Agreement as so amended.