

**November 12, 1947**

## **PROTOCOL AMENDING THE CONVENTION ON CIRCULATION OF OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS**

Note: This Protocol was concurred in by the Senate, S.R. No- 97, May 22, 1952. The Philippine Instrument of ratification was signed by the President, October 10, 1952. The ratification was never deposited with the Secretary-General of the UN. It entered into force November 12, 1947.

Reference: This Protocol is also published in 46 UNTS, p. 169.

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 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 of 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.

Parties to the Protocol as of  
December 31, 1965:

Afghanistan

Albania

Australia

Belgium

Greece

Guatemala

Haiti

Hungary