

LEGISLATION QUESTIONNAIRE

COUNTRY _____

Introduction

Article III of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) requires each State Party to take, in accordance with its constitutional processes, any measures that may be necessary to implement its obligations under the Treaty. Each State Party must determine the steps required to give direct internal legal effect to them, including national legislation. The types of national implementation measures in each State will depend on its legal system and existing domestic legislation. The State will ordinarily need to adopt at least some measures, legislative and/or administrative, in respect of those obligations.

As part of the preparations for entry into force of the CTBT, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (the Commission) has the mandate to facilitate the exchange of information between States Signatories and to provide assistance to them upon request.

This Questionnaire is intended to collect information on national implementation measures that may have been adopted and to facilitate the identification of elements that may be needed for CTBT implementing legislation and/or other national implementation measures. It has been developed as part of the Programme of Legal Assistance of the Commission to be used by States Signatories wishing to participate in the exchange of information or requesting legal assistance.

1. The CTBT and the national legal system

Each State must determine, in accordance with its constitutional processes, the legislative steps that may need to be taken to give direct internal effect to its international obligations under the CTBT by assessing if, and which, provisions of the CTBT have become automatically applicable upon ratification and/or are already covered by existing national legislation.

1.1 Are international treaties automatically applicable and enforceable in the country upon ratification?

- Yes
 No

Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable

1.1(a) If implementing legislation is not necessary, how are violations of treaty norms by natural or legal persons dealt with?

1.1(b) Which of these considerations may be applicable to the implementation of the CTBT in the country?

<p>2. CTBT Implementing Legislation</p> <p><i>To be completed when CTBT implementing legislation has been, or is in the process of being, adopted. The term "legislation" is used in a large sense to include laws, decrees, orders, resolutions, etc.</i></p>		
<p>2.1 Has the country adopted implementing legislation for the CTBT?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>OR</p>	<p>2.1 Is the country in process of drafting implementing legislation for the CTBT?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>2.2 If yes, which of the following approaches has been or will be followed?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive or partial parliamentary statute on the CTBT <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment of the penal code <input type="checkbox"/> Decree or regulation of the executive branch <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain</p>		<p><i>Please tick the applicable box(es) and provide copy of relevant legislation or draft, if applicable</i></p>
<p>2.3 In case of affirmative response to 2.1 and/or 2.2, which of the following elements are covered in the legislation or draft legislation?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prohibition of nuclear explosions <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of sanctions: (a) criminal sanctions; (b) administrative fines <input type="checkbox"/> Extradition and/or mutual legal assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of the National Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Privileges and immunities of the CTBTO and/or the Preparatory Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Regulation of the facilities of the International Monitoring System <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation and clarification process regarding treaty compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Confidence-building measures regarding chemical explosions <input type="checkbox"/> On-site inspections <input type="checkbox"/> Confidentiality <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain</p>		
<p>3. The CTBT and other international instruments</p> <p><i>When assessing national measures or legislation that may be needed to implement the CTBT, a State may need to take into account legislation already adopted or being drafted to implement other related international instruments to avoid overlaps and ensure a proper coordination of legislative provisions.</i></p>		
<p>3.1 Has the country adopted, or is the country in the process of adopting, implementing legislation for other international instruments in the fields of nuclear security, counter-terrorism or weapons of mass destruction?</p>		<p><i>Please explain</i></p>

3.2 If yes, has the country included aspects of CTBT implementation in the legislation thus adopted or being drafted?	<i>Please explain</i>
<p>4. Prohibition of Nuclear Explosions (Art. III.1)</p> <p><i>Article III of the Treaty requires that each State Party take any necessary measures: a) to prohibit natural and legal persons anywhere on its territory or in any other place under its jurisdiction as recognized by international law from undertaking any activity prohibited to a State Party under the Treaty; b) to prohibit natural and legal persons from undertaking any such activity anywhere under its control; and c) to prohibit, in conformity with international law, natural persons possessing its nationality from undertaking any such activity anywhere.</i></p>	
4.1 Conducting a nuclear explosion: has this activity been prohibited as a criminal offense under national legislation?	<i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i>
<p>4.1(a) If yes, please specify the scope of the prohibition:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Natural persons</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State officials, including the military</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal persons</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nationals abroad</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreigners in the national territory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attempt – preparatory acts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Accomplices</p>	<i>Please tick the applicable box(es)</i>
4.1(b) If yes, please specify the penalties provided:	<i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i>
4.1(c) If not, are there any prohibitions or offenses prescribed in national legislation that may be invoked to prosecute person(s) responsible for the conduct of a nuclear explosion?	<i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i>
<p>4.1(d) What gaps may be identified in these provisions?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State officials, including the military</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal persons</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nationals abroad</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreigners in the national territory</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attempt – preparatory acts</p>	<i>Please tick the applicable box(es)</i>

<input type="checkbox"/> Accomplices <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionality (i.e. terrorist intent, death, injury to person, property damage, damage to environment, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (serious) criminal penalties <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain	
<p>5. Legal Assistance (Art. III.2)</p> <p><i>Pursuant to Article III, paragraph 2, of the CTBT, States Parties shall cooperate with one another and afford the appropriate form of legal assistance to facilitate the implementation of their obligations under the CTBT.</i></p>	
<p>5.1 May the country provide legal assistance to other States Parties of the CTBT in the absence of bilateral or multilateral mutual legal assistance agreements?</p>	<p><i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i></p>
<p>5.1(a) If yes, what forms of legal assistance may be provided?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Taking evidence or statements <input type="checkbox"/> Location of suspects, assistance in investigations <input type="checkbox"/> Servicing judicial documents <input type="checkbox"/> Searches and seizures <input type="checkbox"/> Providing information and evidentiary items <input type="checkbox"/> Extradition of suspects <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain	<p><i>Please tick the applicable box(es)</i></p>
<p>5.1(b) If not, what are the requirements for the provision of legal assistance?</p>	<p><i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i></p>
<p>6. National Authority (Art. III.4)</p> <p><i>Under Article III, paragraph 4, of the CTBT each State Party is required to designate or set up a National Authority to “serve as the national focal point for liaison with the Organization and with other States Parties.”</i></p>	
<p>6.1 How will the National Authority be designated in the country in order to be able to exercise the functions required or implied in the CTBT?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentary statute <input type="checkbox"/> Decree or regulations of the Executive Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative decision of competent authority	<p><i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i></p>

<p>7. Verification regime</p> <p><i>The CTBT requires States Parties to facilitate verification of compliance with its provisions, including, as necessary, to participate in consultation and clarification processes; to participate in confidence-building measures; to allow the conduct on-site inspections in its territory; and, for States hosting IMS facilities, to facilitate the establishment and operation of stations and provision of data from them to the IDC in Vienna.</i></p>	
<p>7.1 Has the executive branch the authority to provide information to the CTBTO and States Parties in connection to the implementation of CTBT obligations?</p>	<p><i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i></p>
<p>7.2 Has the executive branch the authority to request information from other national institutions and from private parties in connection to the implementation of CTBT obligations?</p>	<p><i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i></p>
<p>7.3 In relation to on-site inspections, can the following provisions be applied in the country under the current laws and regulations? (Art. IV.D, Protocol, Part II)</p>	<p><i>Please tick the applicable box(es)</i></p>
<p>7.3(a) In relation to standing arrangements:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Issuance of visas for inspectors and inspection assistants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Privileges and immunities for inspectors and inspection assistants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Issuance of a standing diplomatic clearance number for non-scheduled aircraft transporting the inspection team and equipment</p>	
<p>7.3(b) In relation to the conduct of an on-site inspection:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Accept an on-site inspection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grant timely entry of the inspection team at the point of entry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Allow import of equipment brought by the inspection team</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grant access to site(s) including private property</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Allow the conduct of inspection activities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Permit overflights of aircraft surveillance</p>	
<p>7.4. Has the executive branch the authority to enter into agreements with the CTBTO in order to regulate the modalities of cooperation for the installation and operation of facilities of the International Monitoring System?</p>	<p><i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i></p>

<p>8. Collaboration with the Preparatory Commission</p> <p><i>Due to the extensive activities required to be taken by the Preparatory Commission and States Signatories to establish and provisionally operate the International Monitoring System and the International Data Centre during the preparatory phase, some measures are needed to enable cooperation with the Preparatory Commission before entry into force.</i></p>	
8.1 Is a regulatory or administrative measure necessary or advisable in order to ensure the recognition of the legal personality, privileges and immunities of the Preparatory Commission in the country?	<i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i>
8.2 What are the applicable administrative procedures to ensure exemption from taxes and customs duties and restrictions for the Preparatory Commission in the country?	<i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i>
8.3 What national institutions are involved in collaborating with the Preparatory Commission during the preparatory phase?	<i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i>
8.4 Has your country designated a National Authority? How does it interact with the other entities listed above (if any)?	
8.5 Has a National Data Centre (NDC) been established? What is its relation/link to the National Authority?	
8.6 Is a formal designation (i.e. resolution, decree, etc.) of the National Authority in the country necessary or advisable during the preparatory phase to ensure a proper collaboration with the Preparatory Commission?	<i>Please quote relevant provisions, if applicable</i>
<p>9. Administrative procedures for preparing implementing legislation</p>	
9.1 Please briefly describe which entity/entities was/were or will be responsible for the drafting of implementing legislation and which consultation processes were or will be established, if any.	<i>Please complete, as applicable</i>