

**United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime
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Consultations

Consultation with Australian States and Territories

The Commonwealth briefed the States and Territories on the draft TOC Convention and its Protocols at the Heads of Commonwealth Operational Law Enforcement Agencies (HOCOLEA) meeting in November 1999 and again in April 2000.

2. The then Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone wrote to the State and Territory Attorneys-General about the instruments in June 2000.
3. The matter was discussed at HOCOLEA again in June 2000.
4. The Commonwealth Government prepared a paper outlining the status of the negotiations for the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) meeting in July 2000.
5. The National Anti-Crime Strategy Lead Ministers were briefed on the TOC Convention and its Protocols in November 2000.
6. HOCOLEA was provided with a status report in February 2001 and the Commonwealth submitted a paper on the Convention to SCAG in March 2001. No jurisdiction expressed concern about the Convention and its Protocols in the SCAG context.
7. The Convention was discussed at the Senior Officers' Group Meeting of the Australasian Police Ministers' Council in May 2001.
8. Another status report was submitted to HOCOLEA in May 2001.
9. The Convention was discussed at the Standing Committee on Treaties (SCOT) meeting in May 2001. At that time, the Convention and the three Protocols had appeared on lists of multilateral treaty action under consideration tabled in the Commonwealth Parliament, and they had been on the SCOT list of treaties, for some time.
10. The Commonwealth received comments on the Convention and its Protocols from the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney-General in March 2001. We have taken these comments into account in determining the domestic action required to comply with the obligations under the Convention.
11. The Convention and its Protocols were discussed again at the SCOT meeting in November 2003. At this meeting, the Commonwealth Government informed the States

and Territories of its intention to table the TOC Convention for consideration by the Commonwealth Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

12. The States and Territories did not express any negative comments.

Non-Government Consultation

13. The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) provided comments on the draft TOC Convention in July 2000. ACCI considered that the objectives of the Convention were 'sound and reasonable' but noted that enforcement of the Convention should not impede legitimate commercial activity.

14. Transparency International, an anti-corruption non-government organisation, supports ratification of the TOC Convention.

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Current status list

Country	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)
Afghanistan	14 December 2000	24 September 2003
Albania	12 December 2000	21 August 2002
Algeria	12 December 2000	07 October 2002
Andorra	11 November 2001	
Angola	13 December 2000	
Antigua and Barbuda	26 September 2001	24 July 2002
Argentina	12 December 2000	19 November 2002
Armenia	15 November 2001	01 July 2003
Australia	13 December 2000	
Austria	12 December 2000	
Azerbaijan	12 December 2000	30 October 2003
Bahamas	09 April 2001	
Barbados	26 September 2001	
Belarus	14 December 2000	25 June 2003
Belgium	12 December 2000	
Belize		26 September 2003 a
Benin	13 December 2000	
Bolivia	12 December 2000	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12 December 2000	24 April 2002
Botswana	10 April 2002	29 August 2002
Brazil	12 December 2000	
Bulgaria	13 December 2000	5 December 2001
Burkina Faso	15 December 2000	15 May 2002
Burundi	14 December 2000	
Cambodia	11 November 2001	
Cameroon	13 December 2000	
Canada	14 December 2000	13 May 2002
Cape Verde	13 December 2000	
Chile	13 December 2000	
China	12 December 2000	23 September 2003
Colombia	12 December 2000	

Comoros		25 September 2003a
Congo	14 December 2000	
Costa Rica	16 march 2001	24 July 2003
Côte D' Ivoire	15 December 2000	
Croatia	12 December 2000	24 January 2003
Cuba	13 December 2000	
Cyprus	12 December 2000	22 April 2003
Czech Republic	12 December 2000	
Denmark	12 December 2000	30 September 2003
Dominican Republic	13 December 2000	
Ecuador	13 December 2000	17 September 2002
Egypt	13 December 2000	
El Salvador	14 December 2000	
Equatorial Guinea	14 December 2000	07 February 2003
Estonia	14 December 2000	10 February 2003
Ethiopia	14 December 2000	
European Community	12 December 2000	
Finland	12 December 2000	
France	12 December 2000	29 October 2002
Gambia	14 December 2000	05 may 2003
Georgia	13 December 2000	
Germany	12 December 2000	
Greece	13 December 2000	
Guatemala	12 December 2000	25 September 2003
Guinea-Bissau	14 December 2000	
Haiti	13 December 2000	
Honduras	14 December 2000	
Hungary	14 December 2000	
Iceland	13 December 2000	
India	12 December 2002	
Indonesia	12 December 2000	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	12 December 2000	
Ireland	13 December 2000	
Israel	13 December 2000	
Italy	12 December 2000	
Jamaica	26 September 2001	29 September 2003
Japan	12 December 2000	
Jordan	26 November 2002	
Kazakhstan	13 December 2000	
Kuwait	12 December 2000	
Kyrgyzstan	13 December 2000	02 October 2003
Lao's People's Democratic Republic		26 September 2003a
Latvia	13 December 2000	7 December 2001
Lebanon	18 December 2001	
Lesotho	14 December 2000	24 September 2003

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	13 November 2001	
Liechtenstein	12 December 2000	
Lithuania	13 December 2000	9 May 2002
Luxemburg	13 December 2000	
Madagascar	14 December 2000	
Malawi	13 December 2000	
Malaysia	26 September 2002	
Mali	15 December 2000	12 April 2002
Malta	14 December 2000	24 September 2003
Mauritius	12 December 2000	21 April 2003
Mexico	13 December 2000	04 March 2003
Monaco	13 December 2000	5 June 2001
Morocco	13 December 2000	19 September 2002
Mozambique	15 December 2000	
Namibia	13 December 2000	16 August 2002
Nauru	12 November 2001	
Nepal	12 December 2002	
Netherlands	12 December 2000	
New Zealand	14 December 2000	19 July 2002
Nicaragua	14 December 2000	9 September 2002
Niger	21 August 2001	
Nigeria	13 December 2000	28 June 2001
Norway	13 December 2000	23 September 2003
Pakistan	14 December 2000	
Panama	13 December 2000	
Paraguay	12 December 2000	
Peru	14 December 2000	23 January 2002
Philippines	14 December 2000	28 May 2002
Poland	12 December 2000	12 November 2001
Portugal	12 December 2000	
Republic of Korea	13 December 2000	
Republic of Moldova	14 December 2000	
Romania	14 December 2000	04 December 2002
Russian Federation	12 December 2000	
Rwanda	14 December 2000	26 September 2003
Saint Kitts & Nevis	20 November 2001	
Saint Lucia	26 September 2001	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	24 July 2002	
San Marino	14 December 2000	
Saudi Arabia	12 December 2000	
Senegal	13 December 2000	27 October 2003
Serbia and Montenegro	12 December 2000	06 September 2001
Seychelles	12 December 2000	22 April 2003
Sierra Leone	27 November 2001	
Singapore	13 December 2000	

Slovakia	14 December 2000	
Slovenia	12 December 2000	
South Africa	14 December 2000	
Spain	13 December 2000	01 March 2002
Sri Lanka	13 December 2000	
Sudan	15 December 2000	
Swaziland	14 December 2000	
Sweden	12 December 2000	
Switzerland	12 December 2000	
Syrian Arab Republic	13 December 2000	
Tajikistan	12 December 2000	08 July 2002
Thailand	13 December 2000	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12 December 2000	
Togo	12 December 2000	
Trinidad and Tobago	26 September 2001	
Tunisia	13 December 2000	19 June 2003
Turkey	13 December 2000	25 March 2003
Uganda	12 December 2000	
Ukraine	12 December 2000	
United Arab Emirates	09 December 2002	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	14 December 2000	
United Republic of Tanzania	13 December 2000	
United States of America	13 December 2000	
Uruguay	13 December 2000	
Uzbekistan	13 December 2000	
Venezuela	14 December 2000	13 May 2002
Vietnam	13 December 2000	
Yemen	15 December 2000	
Zimbabwe	12 December 2000	