

**Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air (People Smuggling Protocol), supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000)
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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 status reports in February and May 2001 and the Commonwealth submitted a paper on the Convention and the Protocols to SCAG in March 2001. No jurisdiction expressed concern about the Convention and its Protocols in the SCAG context.
7. The Convention and its Protocols were 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 Convention and the Protocol for consideration by the Commonwealth Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.
12. The States and Territories did not express any negative comments.

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Current status list

Country	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)
Afghanistan		
Albania	12 December 2000	21 August 2002
Algeria	6 June 2001	
Angola		
Argentina	12 December 2000	19 November 2002
Armenia	15 November 2001	01 July 2003
Australia	21 December 2001	
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	
Benin		
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	08 August 2002	
China		
Colombia		
Congo	14 December 2000	
Costa Rica	16 March 2001	07 August 2003
Côte D' Ivoire		
Croatia	12 December 2000	24 January 2003
Cuba		
Cyprus	12 December 2000	06 August 2003
Czech Republic	10 December 2002	
Denmark	12 December 2000	
Dominican Republic	15 December 2000	
Ecuador	13 December 2000	17 September 2002
Egypt		
El Salvador	15 August 2002	

Equatorial Guinea	14 December 2000	
Estonia	20 September 2002	
Ethiopia		
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		
Guinea-Bissau	14 December 2000	
Haiti	13 December 2000	
Honduras		
Hungary	14 December 2000	
Iceland	13 December 2000	
India	12 December 2002	
Indonesia	12 December 2000	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		
Ireland	13 December 2000	
Israel		
Italy	12 December 2000	
Jamaica	13 February 2002	29 September 2003
Japan	09 December 2002	
Kazakhstan		
Kuwait		
Kyrgyzstan	13 December 2000	02 October 2003
Lao's People's Democratic Republic		26 September 2003a
Latvia	10 December 2002	23 April 2003
Lebanon	26 September 2002	
Lesotho	14 December 2000	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	13 November 2001	
Liechtenstein	14 March 2001	
Lithuania	25 April 2002	12 May 2003
Luxemburg	12 December 2000	
Madagascar	14 December 2000	
Malawi		
Mali	15 December 2000	12 April 2002
Malta	14 December 2000	24 September 2003
Mauritius		24 September 2003
Mexico	13 December 2000	04 March 2003
Monaco	13 December 2000	5 June 2001
Morocco		
Mozambique	15 December 2000	
Namibia	13 December 2000	16 August 2002
Nauru	12 November 2001	
Netherlands	12 December 2000	
New Zealand	14 December 2000	19 July 2002
Nicaragua		
Nigeria	13 December 2000	27 September 2001
Norway	13 December 2000	23 September 2003
Pakistan		
Panama	13 December 2000	
Paraguay		
Peru	14 December 2000	23 January 2002
Philippines	14 December 2000	28 May 2002

Poland	4 October 2001	26 September 2003
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	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20 November 2002	
San Marino	14 December 2000	
Saudi Arabia	10 December 2002	
Senegal	13 December 2000	27 October 2003
Serbia and Montenegro	12 December 2000	6 September 2001
Seychelles	22 July 2002	
Sierra Leone	27 November 2001	
Singapore		
Slovakia	15 November 2001	
Slovenia	15 November 2001	
South Africa	14 December 2000	
Spain	13 December 2000	01 march 2002
Sri Lanka	13 December 2000	
Sudan		
Swaziland	08 January 2001	
Sweden	12 December 2000	
Switzerland	02 April 2002	
Syrian Arab Republic	13 December 2000	
Tajikistan		08 July 2002 a
Thailand	18 December 2001	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12 December 2000	
Togo	12 December 2000	
Trinidad and Tobago	26 September 2001	
Tunisia	13 December 2000	14 July 2003
Turkey	13 December 2000	25 March 2003
Uganda	12 December 2000	
Ukraine	15 November 2001	
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	28 June 2001	
Venezuela	14 December 2000	
Vietnam		
Yemen		
Yugoslavia	12 December 2000	6 September 2001
Zimbabwe		

