

No. 8132. AMENDMENTS TO THE  
CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS<sup>1</sup>N° 8132. AMENDEMENTS À LA CHARTE  
DES NATIONS UNIES<sup>1</sup>

AMENDMENT to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolution 2847 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971<sup>2</sup>

AMENDEMENT à l'Article 61 de la Charte des Nations Unies, adopté par l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies dans sa résolution 2847 (XXVI) du 20 décembre 1971<sup>2</sup>

The above-mentioned Amendment came into force for all Members of the United Nations on 24 September 1973, the date on which the instruments of ratification of two thirds of the Members, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, had been deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations.

L'Amendement susmentionné est entré en vigueur pour tous les Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies le 24 septembre 1973, date à laquelle les instruments de ratification des deux tiers des Membres de l'Organisation, y compris les cinq membres permanents du Conseil de sécurité, avaient été déposés auprès du Secrétaire général, conformément à l'Article 108 de la Charte des Nations Unies.

## [CHINESE TEXT — TEXTE CHINOIS]

关于一九七一年十二月二十日大会第二八四七(二十六)号决议  
所通过联合国宪章第六十一条修正案的生效议定书

鉴于联合国宪章第一百零八条规定如下：

“第一百零八条

“本宪章之修正案经大会会员国三分二之表决并由联合国会员国之三分二，包括安全理事会全体常任理事国，各依其宪法程序批准后，对于联合国所有会员国发生效力。”；

鉴于联合国大会按照该第一百零八条的规定，已于一九七一年十二月二十日第二八四七(二十六)号决议内通过联合国宪章第六十一条的修正案，

鉴于该第一百零八条所规定批准上述修正案的必要条件，依本议定书附件所载，已于一九七三年九月二十四日具备，该修正案已于该日对联合国所有会员国发生效力，

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 557, p. 143; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 8 to 10, as well as annex A in volume 863.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/8429)*, p. 67.

<sup>1</sup> Nations Unies, *Recueil des Traités*, vol. 557, p. 143; pour les faits ultérieurs, voir les références données dans les Index cumulatifs nos 8 à 10, ainsi que l'annexe A du volume 863.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, *Documents officiels de l'Assemblée générale, vingt-sixième session, Supplément n° 29 (A/8429)*, p. 71.

[ENGLISH TEXT — TEXTE ANGLAIS]

PROTOCOL OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 61 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESOLUTION 2847 (XXVI) OF 20 DECEMBER 1971

WHEREAS Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations provides as follows:

*“Article 108*

“Amendments to the present Charter shall come into force for all Members of the United Nations when they have been adopted by a vote of two thirds of the members of the General Assembly and ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by two thirds of the Members of the United Nations, including all the permanent members of the Security Council.”,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said Article 108, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted on 20 December 1971 an amendment to article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations as set forth in resolution 2847 (XXVI),<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS the requirements of the said Article 108 with respect to the ratification of the above-mentioned amendment were fulfilled by 24 September 1973 as shown in the annex to this Protocol, and the said amendment entered into force on that day for all Members of the United Nations,

AND WHEREAS the text of article 61, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, as amended, reads as follows:

*“Article 61*

“1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of fifty-four Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly.

“2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 3, eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council shall be elected each year for a term of three years. A retiring member shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

“3. At the first election after the increase in the membership of the Economic and Social Council from twenty-seven to fifty-four members, in addition to the members elected in place of the nine members whose term of office expires at the end of that year, twenty-seven additional members shall be elected. Of these twenty-seven additional members, the term of office of nine members so elected shall expire at the end of one year, and of nine other members at the end of two years, in accordance with arrangements made by the General Assembly.”,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, sign this Protocol in two original copies in the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, of which one shall be deposited in the archives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and the other transmitted to the Government of the United States of America as the depositary of the Charter of the United Nations. Copies of this Protocol shall be communicated to all Members of the United Nations.

DONE at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, this twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three.

KURT WALDHEIM  
Secretary-General

<sup>1</sup> See foot-note 2, p. 119 of this volume.

ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 61  
OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 2847 (XXVI) OF 20 DECEMBER 1971

*List of Members having deposited instruments of ratification of the above-mentioned  
amendment with the Secretary-General as at 24 September 1973*

| Member                     | Date of deposit   | Member   | Date of deposit   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| FINLAND .....              | 30 March 1972     | DAHOMÉY .....  | 5 February 1973   |
| SINGAPORE .....            | 18 April 1972     | BOTSWANA .....   | 12 February 1973  |
| JORDAN .....               | 2 June 1972       | MALTA .....  | 22 February 1973  |
| BARBADOS .....             | 12 June 1972      | ROMANIA .....  | 26 February 1973  |
| FIJI .....                 | 12 June 1972      | IVORY COAST .....  | 28 February 1973  |
| UGANDA .....               | 12 June 1972      | ICELAND .....  | 6 March 1973      |
| QATAR .....                | 15 June 1972      | NORWAY .....   | 14 March 1973     |
| DEMOCRATIC YEMEN .....     | 15 June 1972      | IRAN .....   | 15 March 1973     |
| MALAYSIA .....             | 16 June 1972      | ARGENTINA .....  | 19 March 1973     |
| KUWAIT .....               | 20 June 1972      | BELGIUM .....  | 26 March 1973     |
| ALGERIA .....              | 21 June 1972      | INDONESIA .....  | 30 March 1973     |
| OMAN .....                 | 23 June 1972      | UNITED REPUBLIC OF<br>TANZANIA .....                             | 4 April 1973      |
| CYPRUS .....               | 26 June 1972      | MEXICO .....   | 11 April 1973     |
| YEMEN .....                | 7 July 1972       | LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC .....                                       | 12 April 1973     |
| NEW ZEALAND .....          | 19 July 1972      | ECUADOR .....  | 20 April 1973     |
| THAILAND .....             | 19 July 1972      | CHAD .....   | 11 May 1973       |
| IRAQ .....                 | 9 August 1972     | UKRAINIAN SOVIET SO-<br>CIALIST REPUBLIC .....                   | 16 May 1973       |
| NIGER .....                | 22 August 1972    | MONGOLIA .....   | 18 May 1973       |
| BAHRAIN .....              | 22 August 1972    | GUYANA .....   | 22 May 1973       |
| BRAZIL .....               | 7 September 1972  | LESOTHO .....  | 30 May 1973       |
| TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO .....  | 11 September 1972 | FRANCE .....   | 1 June 1973       |
| BHUTAN .....               | 13 September 1972 | UNION OF SOVIET SO-<br>CIALIST REPUBLICS .....                   | 1 June 1973       |
| MALAWI .....               | 15 September 1972 | BULGARIA .....   | 5 June 1973       |
| CHINA .....                | 15 September 1972 | LUXEMBOURG .....   | 5 June 1973       |
| MOROCCO .....              | 26 September 1972 | BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET<br>SOCIALIST REPUBLIC .....                  | 15 June 1973      |
| PANAMA .....               | 26 September 1972 | JAPAN .....  | 15 June 1973      |
| CANADA .....               | 28 September 1972 | UNITED KINGDOM OF<br>GREAT BRITAIN AND<br>NORTHERN IRELAND ..... | 19 June 1973      |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ..... | 29 September 1972 | PERU .....   | 26 June 1973      |
| GUATEMALA .....            | 3 October 1972    | GUYANA .....   | 27 June 1973      |
| SUDAN .....                | 4 October 1972    | MAURITIUS .....  | 29 June 1973      |
| KENYA .....                | 5 October 1972    | BOLIVIA .....  | 29 June 1973      |
| JAMAICA .....              | 6 October 1972    | LEBANON .....  | 2 July 1973       |
| IRELAND .....              | 6 October 1972    | HUNGARY .....  | 12 July 1973      |
| ZAMBIA .....               | 13 October 1972   | NICARAGUA .....  | 17 July 1973      |
| YUGOSLAVIA .....           | 23 October 1972   | MADAGASCAR .....   | 19 July 1973      |
| NETHERLANDS .....          | 31 October 1972   | ITALY .....  | 25 July 1973      |
| TUNISIA .....              | 8 November 1972   | SPAIN .....  | 26 July 1973      |
| PHILIPPINES .....          | 14 November 1972  | COSTA RICA .....   | 14 August 1973    |
| AUSTRALIA .....            | 16 November 1972  | ZAIRE .....  | 16 August 1973    |
| NÉPAL .....                | 24 November 1972  | PAKISTAN .....   | 21 August 1973    |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC .....   | 29 November 1972  | MALI .....   | 30 August 1973    |
| LIBERIA .....              | 4 December 1972   | POLAND .....   | 19 September 1973 |
| SRI LANKA .....            | 6 December 1972   | AFGHANISTAN .....  | 20 September 1973 |
| CAMEROON .....             | 12 December 1972  | UNITED STATES OF<br>AMERICA .....                                | 24 September 1973 |
| SWEDEN .....               | 22 December 1972  |  |                   |
| EGYPT .....                | 28 December 1972  |  |                   |
| INDIA .....                | 5 January 1973    |  |                   |
| GHANA .....                | 8 January 1973    |  |                   |
| AUSTRIA .....              | 12 January 1973   |  |                   |
| DENMARK .....              | 23 January 1973   |  |                   |
| SENEGAL .....              | 25 January 1973   |  |                   |

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| Total number of instruments deposited .....  | 95                |
| Membership in the United Nations as at 24 September 1973 .....   | 135               |
| Number of ratifications required under Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations to bring the amendment into force (two thirds of the Members of the United Nations, including all the permanent members of the Security Council) ..... | 90                |
| The last instrument of ratification fulfilling the above-mentioned requirements was deposited on .....   | 24 September 1973 |
| Date of entry into force of the amendment for all the Members of the United Nations . . . .  | 24 September 1973 |

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