

In witness whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Convention.

Done at Vienna this twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

---

## **15.(a) OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS CONCERNING ACQUISITION OF NATIONALITY**

Done at Vienna on 24 April 1963

Entry into force: 19 March 1967

United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 596, p. 469; Reg. No. 8639

*The States Parties to the present Protocol and to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations*, hereinafter referred to as “the Convention,” adopted by the United Nations Conference held at Vienna from 4 March to 22 April 1963,

*Expressing their wish* to establish rules between them concerning acquisition of nationality by members of the consular post and by members of their families forming part of their households,

*Have agreed* as follows:

### **Article I**

For the purposes of the present Protocol, the expression “members of the consular post” shall have the meaning assigned to it in subparagraph (g) of paragraph 1 of article 1 of the Convention, namely, “consular officers, consular employees and members of the service staff”.

### **Article II**

Members of the consular post not being nationals of the receiving State, and members of their families forming part of their households, shall not, solely by the operation of the law of the receiving State, acquire the nationality of that State.

### **Article III**

The present Protocol shall be open for signature by all States which may become Parties to the Convention, as follows: until 31 October 1963 at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria and, subsequently, until 31 March 1964, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

### **Article IV**

The present Protocol is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

### **Article V**

The present Protocol shall remain open for accession by all States which may become Parties to the Convention. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

#### Article VI

1. The present Protocol shall enter into force on the same day as the Convention or on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification of or accession to the Protocol with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, whichever date is the later.

2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the present Protocol after its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, the Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

#### Article VII

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States which may become Parties to the Convention:

(a) of signatures to the Protocol and of the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession, in accordance with articles III, IV and V;

(b) of the date on which the present Protocol will enter into force, in accordance with article VI.

#### Article VIII

The original of the present Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States referred to in article III.

In witness whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Protocol.

Done at Vienna this twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

---

### 15.(b) OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS CONCERNING THE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Done at Vienna on 24 April 1963

Entry into force: 19 March 1967

United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 596, p. 487; Reg. No. 8640

*The States Parties to the present Protocol and to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations*, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention," adopted by the United Nations Conference held at Vienna from 4 March to 22 April 1963,

*Expressing their wish* to resort in all matters concerning them in respect of any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention to the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, unless some other form of settlement has been agreed upon by the parties within a reasonable period.

*Have agreed* as follows:

#### Article I

Disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention shall lie within the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and may accordingly be brought before the Court by an application made by any party to the dispute being a Party to the present Protocol.