

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

THE HAGUE

CONVENTION ABOLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS OF LEGALISATION FOR
FOREIGN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

(The Hague, 5 October 1961)

Notification in conformity with Article 15 of the Convention

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics deposited its instrument of accession to the abovementioned Convention with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on 4 September 1991 in accordance with Article 12, first paragraph, of the Convention.

The Contracting States were notified by the depositary of the accession on 20 September 1991. None of the Contracting States raised an objection to the accession within the period of six months specified in Article 12, paragraph 2, which period expired on 1 April 1992.

As the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics does not exist any more and since the Russian Federation according to its declaration contained in its Note of 13 January 1992 to the Heads of the Diplomatic Representations at Moscow (a copy of which is joined to this notification) continues to perform the rights and fulfil the obligations following from the international agreements signed by the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, the depositary has asked the Russian Federation to let him know whether this declaration applies also to the present Convention and, in the affirmative, to inform him of the adaptations to be made in the notification made by the Soviet Union on 4 September 1991.

By Note of 14 April 1992, received at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at The Hague on 11 May 1992, the Russian Federation confirmed that the declaration of 13 January 1992 applies also to this Convention and reworded the statement made on the accession by the Government of the USSR as shown in the annex to this notification.

The depositary assumes in accordance with Article 12 of the Convention, unless notification to the contrary before 31 May 1992, that the Convention will enter into force on that date between the Russian Federation and the Contracting States, 31 May 1992 being the sixtieth day after the expiry of the period of six months mentioned in Article 12 of the Convention.

The Hague, 15 May 1992