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STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA,
1978 (HAMBURG RULES), ADOPTED AT HAMBURG ON
30 MARCH 1978

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 31/100 of 15 December 1976 and General Assembly decision 32/438 of 16 December 1977, the United Nations Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea was held, upon the invitation of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, at Hamburg from 6 to 31 March 1978. On 30 March 1978 the Conference adopted the United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978, to be known as the "Hamburg Rules".
2. The United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea was opened for signature at the concluding meeting of the Conference on 31 March 1978 and remained open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 30 April 1979. The Convention is subject to ratification by the signatory States and since 30 April 1979 it has been open for accession by all States which were not signatory States.
3. As at 30 April 1979 the United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea had been signed by the following 27 States: Austria, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Holy See, Hungary, Madagascar, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sweden, United States of America, Venezuela and Zaire.
4. As at 21 May 1979, the United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978 had been ratified by Egypt on 23 April 1979. Under article 20 of the Convention "this Convention enters into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of one year from the date of deposit of the 20th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession".