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I. UNITED STATES TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS

Texts

United States Congress - House, Senate, and Treaty Documents

Search for text of treaty documents from the 99th Congress forward.

Treaties and Other International Acts Series (TIAS)

First official publication of new U.S. treaties and agreements - slip treaty. Lag time over 2 years for print. TIAS pamphlets for 1996-2003. Select year from left sidebar.

Department of State's Freedom of Information Act Document Collections

Provides an incomplete listing of agreements that entered into force after 1998. Organized by signing date, documents are unedited and subject to possible correction before their official publication in TIAS.

Reporting International Agreements to Congress under Case Act (Text of Agreements)

Contains text of any international agreement, other than a treaty, to which the United States is a party, required to be transmitted to Congress by the Secretary of State, within 60 days of the agreement's entry into force.

U.S. Treaties

Provided by Thomas service, Library of Congress. Coverage: 90th Congress to present (a few treaties from the 81st through the 89th.) Search by treaty number, word/phrase or topic (treaty type). Provides treaty number, date submitted and Senate Executive Report number. Use the citations to search in GPO Access for Senate Treaty Documents and Executive Reports.

Senate Treaty Documents

From the GPO. Coverage from 104th Congress to present. Search or browse for text of treaty documents. Treaty Documents contain text of negotiated and signed treaty, State Department report and Presidential transmittal letter.

Agreements Negotiated by the United States Trade Representative

Select Trade Agreements for bilateral, regional and global agreements.

Trade and Related Agreements Database (TARA)

Includes texts of bilateral trade agreements, bilateral investment treaties, free trade agreements, intellectual property rights agreements, and WTO agreements. Over 250 trade agreements.

Canada-american Treaties

Text of all bilateral treaties established between the United States and Canada from 1783 to 1997.

U.S. Income Tax Treaties

Texts of treaty with technical explanation, if available, from the IRS.

Joint Committee on Taxation

Publications back to 1981 including explanations of proposed tax treaties.

Indian Affairs: Laws and Treaties

Full-text of the seven volume work compiled and edited by Charles J. Kappler.

Status and Indexes

Treaties in Force

A list of treaties and other international agreements of the United States in force on January 1, 2012. Annual publication from the U. S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser.

Treaty Actions

Monthly treaty actions arranged by country for bilateral treaties or, topically for multilateral treaties. Covers 1997 to present.

Senate Executive Reports

From GPO Access. Select Senate Executive Reports. Coverage is 104th Congress to present. Reports issued by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee containing the committee's analysis and recommendations. Very good resource for interpretation of U.S. treaties.

U.S. Senate - Legislative Activities: Treaties

Tracks treaties as they work their way through the current Senate. Status only, no full-text.

Quick U.S. Treaties Index Database

Select Free Treaty Index from left sidebar. Search an index of over 17,000 U.S. treaties and agreements, and over 1500 tax treaties where U.S. not necessarily a party. No full-text. Free resource but registration required. From Oceana, Oxford University Publications.

Explanatory Information

Treaties and Other International Agreements: The Role of the United States Senate

Senate Print 106-71. This study summarizes the history of the treaty-making provisions of the Constitution and traces the process of making treaties from their negotiation to their entry into force, implementation, and termination. Also examines differences between treaties and executive agreements. Prepared by the Congressional Research Service, January 2001.

Foreign Affairs Manual, US Dept. of State

Scroll to 11 FAM, Treaties and Other International Agreements (11 FAM 700). Addresses the negotiation, signature, publication and registration of US treaties and other international agreements.

Treaties, U.S. Senate

Overview of the role of the Senate in the treaty-making process.

Reservations to Treaties and Published in *ASIL Insights* by F. Kirgis, May 2003.

International Agreements and U.S. Law

Published in *ASIL Insights* by F. Kirgis, May 1997.

United States. National Treaty Law and Practice

Describes the treaty practice and the legal ramifications of treaty negotiation and approval. From the Studies in Transnational Legal Policy Series, ASIL.

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1155 UNTS 331)

II. MULTILATERAL TREATY COLLECTIONS

UN Treaty Database

United Nations Treaty Series (UNTS) database is a free, fully searchable service.

Select Databases. The UNTS is a collection of over 40,000 treaties and international agreements registered and published by the UN Secretariat since 1946. Also includes Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL)

EISIL, a project of the American Society of International Law, is a database that links to primary documents, such as treaties and other international instruments. Additional information is provided on each instrument, including print citations and relevant dates. EISIL guides users to websites that have been selected for their currency, stability, and authenticity.

EISIL also provides links to recommended research guides that assist researchers in exploring their topics of interest more widely. The database is browseable through a broad framework of subject areas as well as searchable using a targeted search engine.

UNCITRAL Texts and Status

Texts of conventions on international commercial arbitration/conciliation, international sale of goods, security interests, insolvency, international payments, international transport of goods, electronic commerce, and procurement and infrastructure development. From U.N. Commission on International Trade Law.

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)

From United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). See [WebWatch: CISG](#).

Hague Conference on Private International Law

Hague Conventions on Private International Law, including conventions pertaining to service of process and taking of evidence abroad.

Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters (1965)

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (1971)

Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters (1970)

Juris International

Several collections of conventions and agreements including international trade instruments and WTO. Full-text conventions. Searchable and browseable.

Multilaterals Project, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

Texts of treaties and conventions with searchable files.

Flare Index to Treaties

Contains details of over 1,500 of the most significant multilateral treaties concluded from 1856 to the present. Fully searchable. Hosted by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London,

The Avalon Project at the Yale Law School: Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy

An impressive collection of full-text documents and treaties from earliest times to the present.

World Treaty Index

Coverage for agreements in the 20th Century. Maintained by Michael Bommarito, Daniel Martin Katz, and Paul Poast, University of Michigan.

III. NATIONAL TREATY COLLECTIONS

Australian Treaties Library

Complete full-text treaty database 1901 to date. Useful resource for a multilateral treaty in which Australia is a signatory.

Canada Treaty Information

Search by date, treaty publication number, subject, keyword (multilateral) or country/international organization (bilateral). Information includes status, entry into force and citations. Status only, full-text treaties not available at this site. Available in English or French.

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Hong Kong Treaty Database

Provided by the Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong.

Bilateral Documents, Ministry of External Affairs, India

Select Bilateral Documents for texts, 1947-present.

UK Treaties Online

Contains texts of Command Papers published in the Treaty Series from 1892 to 1996. For treaty texts of treaties published as Command Papers since 1997 are currently accessible only on the [Treaty Command Paper and EM](#) page.

IV. REGIONAL TREATY COLLECTIONS

Council of Europe Treaties

Texts of the European Treaty Series (E.T.S.) classified by category.

European Union Treaties (consolidated versions)

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

Text provided by the NAFTA Secretariat. Site also includes panel decisions and reports.

Also see [North American Free Trade Agreement \(NAFTA\)](#)

Text of the NAFTA agreement and annexes and related agreements.

Organization of American States (OAS)

Texts of the Inter-American treaties approved within the framework of the OAS.

Trade Agreements in the Western Hemisphere

Trade agreements arranged by country including regional customs unions (Andean, CARICOM, CACM, Mercosur) and partial preferential agreements.

World Trade Organization (WTO)

Text of final act, Uruguay Round Agreements and panel reports.

WTO Documents Online

A database providing access to the official documentation of the WTO including official documents, legal texts (trade agreements), dispute settlement documents, tariff schedules and the trade topics section.

United National Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Links to legal instruments, norms and standards arranged by topic: agriculture, environment, human settlements, international legal and commercial practice, standardization policies, statistics, sustainable energy, timber, trade facilitation and transport.

V. TOPICAL TREATY COLLECTIONS

Frequently-Cited Treaties and Other International Instruments

Topical list of treaties frequently cited in law review articles. Includes citation and link.

Multilateral Treaty Framework

A collection of the core group of multilateral treaties deposited with the UN Secretary-General representative of the organization's key objectives. Topics include human rights, refugees and stateless persons, penal matters, disarmament and environment.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Treaties, conventions & agreements under IAEA Auspices.

Bilateral Investment Treaties (UNCTAD)

Retrieve all available BITs signed by one country or a specific BIT between two countries.

Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators (ENTRI)

Text of over 150 environmental treaties from CIESIN. Searchable and browseable.

Human Rights Treaties and other Instruments

From the Human Rights Library, University of Minnesota.

International Humanitarian Law Database (ICRC)

This database from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) contains 100 treaties and texts, commentaries on the four Geneva Conventions and their two Additional Protocols of 1977, and the current status and text of signatures, ratifications, accessions and successions made by the States with respect to international humanitarian law treaties.

International Labor Organization (ILO)

Enter convention number or browse list of conventions. Conventions available in full-text.

Ocean and Law of the Sea

Peace Agreements Digital Collection

From United States Institute of Peace.

Conventions (UNESCO)

Select from left sidebar: conventions or browse by theme. Themes include education, natural sciences, social sciences, culture, communication, and sports.

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

VI. GUIDES AND GLOSSARIES

Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law, American Society of International Law (ASIL)

An excellent guide for electronic treaty research with numerous links to treaty sources.

Researching US Treaties and Agreements

An extensive guide to resources for U.S. treaties and agreements.

Researching Non-US Treaties

An extensive guide to finding treaties from other countries and treaties by topic.

Yearbook of the United Nations

The Yearbook is the principal reference work of the United Nations and provides a detailed overview of the Organization's activities, including all major resolutions. Current coverage includes 1946-2005.

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