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**AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC GROUP OF COUNTRIES (ACP) AND THE
EUROPEAN UNION (EU) CONVENTIONS OF LOME**

African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of Countries (ACP) and the European Union (EU) Conventions of Lome

LOME IV

Signed:	15 th December 1989
Adopted:	1 st September 1991
Source of Funding:	European Development Fund (EDF) for Grants and Risk Capital European Investment Bank (EIB) for loans.
Allocation:	ECU 12 Billion (total)

Agreement Amending the Fourth ACP-EU Convention of LOME

Agreement Amending the Fourth ACP-EU Convention of LOME
(Second Financial Protocol)

Signed:	Mauritius, November 1995
Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	26 th June 1996 (formal ratification)

Cotonou Agreement

Date of Deposit of Instrument:	26 April 2001
Depositary:	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of Countries (ACP)

AGRICULTURE

Agreement on Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International (CABI) 8th July 1986

Date of Deposit of Instrument:	18 th May 1989
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Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 18th May 1989 (accession)

Depositary: UK Government

Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 28th February 2008 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

ARBITRATION

Convention on Foreign Arbitral Awards, 1958

Date of accession: 20th March, 2007

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes Between States and Nationals of Other States, Submitted to Governments by the Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 18th November 1995 (ratified)

Signed: October 19, 1995

Depositary: Security General of the United Nations

ASTRONAUTS

Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts, and the Return of Objects Launched Into Outer Space. Done at Washington, London, Moscow on 22 April, 1968

Date of succession: 10th August 1976

Depositaries: Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom

AUTOMOTIVE TRAFFIC**Convention on Road Traffic 1949**

Date of succession: 14th May 1992
 Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

AVIATION**International Civil Aviation Organization established by Chicago Convention of December 7th, 1944 and Amended in 1947, 1954, 1961 and 1968**

Date of succession: 26th June 1975
 Depository: United States of America
 Department of State

Protocol on the Authentic Trilingual Text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation Done at Chicago 1944

Date of succession: 26th June 1975
 Depository: United States of America
 Department of State

Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air, Concluded at Warsaw October 12, 1949

Date of succession: 26th June 1975
 Depository: Government of Poland

Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air, Guatemala City, 28th September, 1955

Date of succession: 26th June 1975
 Depository: Government of the United Mexican States

Convention, Supplementary to the Warsaw Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air Performed by Persons Other than the Contracting Carrier, Guadalajara, 18th September, 1961

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Date of succession: 26th June 1975
 Depository: Government of the United Mexican States

Convention on Damage Caused by a Foreign Aircraft to Third Parties on the Surface, Done at Rome 7th October 1952

Date of succession: 26th June 1975
 Depository: International Civil Aviation Organization

International Air Services Transit Agreement, Done at Chicago 7th December 1944

Date of succession: 26th June 1975
 Depository: United States of America
 Department of State

**CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) &
 ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)**

**The Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community CARICOM
 Signed at Chaguaramus, Trinidad and Tobago, 4th July 1973**

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 4th July 1983
 Depository: Secretariat of the Caribbean Community

**Agreement Instituting the Order of the Caribbean Community, Done at Nassau,
 26th February 1991¹**

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 28th May 1991 (ratification)
 Depository: Secretariat of the Caribbean Community
 CARICOM

Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Council of Legal Education²

¹ Reservation - „The Bahamas does not consider itself bound by the provisions of paragraph 1 (c) of Article VII of the Agreement having regard to its national laws.“

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Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 20th November 1971 (accession)

Depositary: Caribbean Community Secretariat

Agreement Establishing the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 24 July 1994

Date of Signature: 1994

Date entered into force: 1994

Association of Caribbean States Convention establishing the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Caribbean

Date of Signature: 12th December, 2001

Date of Ratification: 4th July, 2007

Depositary: Republic of Colombia

COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio-Treaty) Signed at Rio de Janeiro September 2, 1947 at the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 24th November 1982 (ratification)

Depositary: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
(Original Instrument) OAS General Secretariat (Ratification)

² A supplemental agreement in relation to the Council of Legal Education entered into force on 12th October 1984

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CONSULAR RELATIONS

Vienna Convention on Consular Relations Done at Vienna on 24th April 1963

Date of succession: 17th March 1977

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

COPYRIGHT, CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Universal Copyright Convention with Three Protocols Annexed Thereto Done at Geneva 6th September 1952

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th July 1976 (succession)

Depositary: United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization

Universal Copyright Convention as Revised at Paris on 24th June 1971

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 27th September 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Government of the French Republic

Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, Done 9th September 1886, Completed at Paris on May 1889, Revised at Rome (1928) at Brussels (1848), at Stockholm (1967) and at Paris (1971), and Amended in 1979

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 8th January 1977 (accession)

Depositary: World Intellectual Property Organization

Declaration: (1) Accession to this convention shall not apply to Article 1-21.
(2) That in respect of Article 33 the Commonwealth of The Bahamas does not consider itself bound by the provisions of Article 33(1)

Latest Act of the Convention to which The Bahamas is Party and date on which The Bahamas became a party to that Act-- Brussels; 10th July 1973 Paris; Articles 22 to 38, 8th January 1977.

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**Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO
Convention (1967) amended in 1979³**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 4th January 1977 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of WIPO

**Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property Paris Convention
(1883)⁴**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th July 1973 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of WIPO

Latest Act of the Convention to which State is party and date on which State became party to that act: Stockholm, 10th March 1977

**Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export
and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, 1970**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 9th October, 1997 (ratification)

Depositary: Director-General of UNESCO

COUNTERFEITING CURRENCY

**International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency with
Protocol, Done at Geneva 20th April 1929⁵**

Date entered into

³ The Bahamas is a member of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Union), founded by the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

The Bahamas is also a member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Berne Union) founded by the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

⁴ „The Commonwealth of The Bahamas expressly reaffirms its submission to the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under Article 19.“

⁵ „The Commonwealth of The Bahamas expressly reaffirms its submission to the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under Article 19.“

Force for The Bahamas: 9th July 1975 (accession)
 Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

CORRUPTION AND CRIME

Inter-American Convention Against Corruption 1996

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 14th March 2000
 Date of signature: 2nd June, 1998
 Depository: Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS)

United Nations Convention Against Corruption

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 9th April 2008
 Date of accession: 10th January 2008
 Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime⁶

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 26th October 2008
 Date of signature: 9th April 2001
 Date of ratification: 26th September, 2008
 Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

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- ⁶ Reservation - "In accordance with Article 35 paragraph 3, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas enters a specific reservation to the procedure established under Article 35 paragraph 2 of the Convention on the basis that referral of a dispute concerning the application or interpretation of the provisions of the Convention to arbitration or to the International Court must be by consent of all the parties to the dispute"

Protocol Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime

Date of signature: 11th September, 2008
 Date of accession: 26th September, 2008
 Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 26th October 2008
 Date of signature: 9th April 2001
 Date of ratification: 26th September, 2008
 Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 26th October, 2008
 Date of signature: 9th April 2001
 Date of ratification: 26th September, 2008
 Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

CUSTOMS

Convention Establishing a Customs Cooperation Council with Annex and Protocol Done at Brussels 15th December 1950

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 16th August 1974 (accession)

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Depositary: Customs Co-operation Council
Secretariat

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations Done at Vienna on 18th April 1961⁷

Date Entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 17th March 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations Concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, Done at Vienna on 18th April 1961

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 17th March 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

ENVIRONMENT

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer Concluded at Vienna on 22nd March 1985

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st April 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

⁷ In a communication received by the Secretary General on 8th June 1977, The Government of The Bahamas declared that they wish to maintain the objections made by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland prior to the Independence of The Bahamas. United Kingdom's reservation is as follows: „The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland do not regard as valid the reservation to paragraph 2 of Article 37 of the Vienna Convention Diplomatic Relations made by the United Arab Republic. Further, the Government of the United Kingdom does not regard the statement concerning paragraph 1 of article 11 of the convention made by the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as modifying any rights and obligations under that paragraph.

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Concluded at Montreal on 16th September 1987

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 4th May 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer Adopted at the Second Meeting of the Parties Done at London 20th June 1990

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 4th May 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer Adopted at the Fourth Meeting of the Parties at Copenhagen on 25th November 1992

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 4th May 1993 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

London & Beijing Amendments to Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone layer

Date of Deposit: 16th March, 2005

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th June, 2005

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal concluded at Basel on 22nd March 1989

Date entered into
Force For The Bahamas: 12th August 1992 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Concluded at

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New York on 9th May 1992

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 29th March 1994 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General of The United Nations

UNFCCC Kyoto Protocol December 1997

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 9th April 1999 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Wild Fauna and Flora with Appendices (CITES) done at Washington on 3rd March 1973⁸

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 18th September 1979 (accession)

Depositary: Switzerland

Convention on Biological Diversity Opened For Signature at Rio De Janiero on 5th June 1992

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 2nd September 1993 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Cartegena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, 29th January 2000

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 14th April 2004

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on Wetlands (RAMSAR) 1971

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 7th June, 1997

⁸ The Bahamas has not accepted the Amendment of 30th April 1983.

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Depositary: Director-General of UNESCO

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 8th February, 2001

Date of Accession: 10th November, 2000

Depositary: United Nations Secretary General

STOCKHOLM Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st January, 2006

Date of Signature: 20th March, 2002

Date of Ratification: 3rd October, 2005

Depositary: United Nations Secretary General

International Plant Protection Convention

Date of Deposit: 19th September, 1997 (adherence)

Depositary: Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The United Nations Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of UNCLOS Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 16th January 1997 (accession)

Date Agreement
Entered into force: 11 December 2001

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas:

Date of Signature: 16th February, 2012

Date of adoption: 18th January, 1990

Depositary: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Colombia

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FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MONETARY INSTITUTIONS

The Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) done at Bretton Woods on 27th December 1945

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 21st August 1973 (accession)

Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Done at Bretton Woods on 27th December 1945

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 21st August 1973 (accession)

Depository: International Monetary Fund

Amendments to the International Monetary Fund Agreement

Approved: 1st September 1961

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 21st August 1973 (accession)

Depository: International Monetary Fund

The Amendment to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Agreement Approved on 26th August 1965

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 21st August 1973

Depository: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Development Bank opened for signature 8th April 1959 at the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 15th December 1977 (accession)

Depositary: Organization of American States (OAS)
General Secretariat

Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Development Bank with Protocol to Provide for Procedure for Amendments of Article 36 of the Agreement at the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Governors Done on 18th October 1969⁹

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 28th January 1970 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF)

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: December 1993 Window I Technical Cooperation 20th July 1995 – Instrument of Acceptance (Donor Country).

Subscription Value: \$600,000.00

Depositary: Inter American Development Bank (IDB),
Washington DC

Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: September 1992 – Application for Membership
December, 1992 – Multilateral Investment Guarantee Act, 1992
25th March, 1992 – Subscription

Subscription Value: \$1,080,000.00

Depositary: World Bank, Washington DC

Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

⁹ A declaration was made by the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in accordance with the first provision of the second part of paragraph 3 of article 63 of the Agreement to the effect that the privilege conferred by article 53 shall be restricted in its territory to treatment not less favourable than the Government concerned accords international financial institutions of which it is a member.

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Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 18th November 1995 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General, International Centre
for Settlement of Investment Disputes,
Washington DC

HEALTH

Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization as Amended 24th May 1969

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 8th October 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Pan American Health Organization
(PAHO)

Pan American Sanitary Code, Havana 14th November 1924, As Amended by Additional Protocol 1952

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st April 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Pan American Health Organization
(PAHO)

Constitution of the World Health Organization, Signed at New York on 22nd July 1946

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st April 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Amendments to Articles 34 and 55 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization Adopted by the Twenty Sixth World Health Assembly by Resolution WHA 26.37 of 22nd May 1973

Entry into Force: 3rd February 1977

Date of Acceptance
by The Bahamas: 14th December 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

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Amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization Adopted by the Twenty Ninth World Health Assembly by Resolution WHA 29.33 of 17th May 1976

Entry Into Force:	20 th July 1984
Date of Acceptance by The Bahamas:	29 th May 1980 (accession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

Amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization Adopted by the Thirty – Ninth World Assembly by Resolution WHA 39.6 of 12th May 1986

Entry Into Force:	11 th July 1994
Date of Acceptance by The Bahamas:	2 nd June 1987 (accession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

The Nomenclature Regulations (WHO) Regulations No. 1967, 1950 and as amended in 1958 and 1968

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	1 st April 1974 (accession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

The International Sanitary Regulations (WHO Regulation No. 2) 1951 and as amended in 1955, 1956, 1960, 1963 and 1965

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	1 st April 1974 (accession)
Depositary:	World Health Organization Secretariat

The International Sanitary Regulations (WHO Regulation No. 2) 1951 and as amended in 1955, 1956, 1960, 1963 and 1965

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	1 st April 1974 (accession)
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Depositary: World Health Organization Secretariat

Agreement Respecting Facilities to be Given to Merchant Seamen for the Treatment of Venereal Disease, Brussels, 1st December 1924

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st April 1974

Depositary: Government of Belgium

Amendment to Articles 4, 6, 9 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 14th December 1976

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

International Health Regulations (2005)

Date of Entry into
Force for The Bahamas: 15th June, 2007

Depositary: World Health Organization

World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Date of Signature: 29 June 2004

Ratification: 3 November 2009

HUMAN RIGHTS

Inter American Convention on the Punishment and Eradication of Violence Against 'Women Convention of Belem do Para'¹⁰

Dated entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 3rd May 1995 (accession)

¹⁰ Declaration: Article 7(g) of the convention imports no obligation upon the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to provide any form of compensation from public funds to any woman who has been subjected to violence in circumstances where liability would not normally have been incurred under existing Bahamian Law.

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Depositary: Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS)

Convention on the Prevention of the Crime of Genocide Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9th December 1948

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 5th August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination Opened for Signature at New York on 7th March 1966¹¹

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 5th August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Amendment to Article 8 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on 15th January 1992

(Not yet in force- see paragraph 4 of the Decision of the State Parties)

Date of Acceptance
by The Bahamas: 31st March 1994 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

¹¹ Declaration: "Firstly the Government of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas wishes to State its understanding of Article 4 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. It interprets Article 4 as requiring a party to the Convention to adopt further legislative measures in the fields covered by sub paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of that article only in so far as it may consider with due regard to the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration set out in Article 5 of the Convention, in particular to freedom of opinion and expression and the right of freedom of peaceful assembly and association that some legislative addition to, or variation of existing law and practice in these fields is necessary for the attainment of the ends specified in article 4. Lastly the Constitution of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas entrenches and guarantees to every person in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas the fundamental rights and freedoms irrespective of his race or place of origin. The Constitution prescribes judicial process to be observed in the event of the violation of any of these rights whether by the State or by a private individual. Acceptance of this Convention by the Commonwealth of The Bahamas does not imply the acceptance of obligations beyond the constitutional limits nor the acceptance of any obligations to introduce judicial process beyond these prescribed under the Constitution.

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International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Opened for Signature at New York, on 19th December 1966¹²

Date of Signature:	4 th December 2008
Date of Ratification:	23 rd December 2008
Date of Entry into Force:	23 rd March 2009

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Opened for Signature at New York, on 19th December 1966¹³

Date of Signature:	4 th December 2008
Date of Ratification:	23 rd December 2008
Date of Entry into Force:	23 rd March 2009

International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 30 November 1973

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	31 st March 1981 (accession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

International Convention Against Apartheid in Sports Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10th December 1985

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	13 th November 1986 (ratification)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women Adopted by the General Assembly of the U.N. on 18th December 1979¹⁴

¹² Declaration – “The Government of The Bahamas interprets non-discrimination as to national origin as not necessarily implying an obligation on States automatically to guarantee to foreigners the same rights as to their nationals. This term should be understood to refer to the elimination of any arbitrary behaviour but not of differences in treatment based on objective and reasonable considerations, in conformity with principles prevailing in democratic societies”

¹³ Reservation – “The Government of The Bahamas recognizes and accepts the principle of compensation for wrongful imprisonment contained in paragraph 6 of article 14, but the problems of implementation are such that the right not to apply that principle is presently reserved”

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Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 8th October 1993 (accession)

Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, Geneva on 28th July 1951¹⁵

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 15th September 1993 (accession)

Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, New York 31st January 1967

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 15th September 1993 (accession)

Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

Hague Convention of 25th October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st October 1993 (accession)

Depository: Kingdom of the Netherlands

(See Bilateral Register for individual countries that Convention applies to for The Bahamas)

International Agreement for the Suppression of White Slave Traffic Signed at Paris on 18th May 1904 and Amended by the Protocol Signed at Lake Success New York on 4th May 1949

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th June 1976 (succession)

Depository: Secretary General of the United Nations

¹⁴ Reservations: „The Bahamas does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 2(a), article 9 paragraph 2, article 16(h), and article 29, paragraph 1 of the convention.“

¹⁵ Reservations: „Refugees and their Dependents would normally be subjected to the same laws and regulations relating generally to the employment of non-Bahamians within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, so long as they have not acquired status in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.“

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International Convention for the Suppression of White Slave Traffic, Signed at Paris on 4th May 1910, and amended by the Protocol, Signed at Lake Success, New York on 4th May 1949

Entry into force:	4 th May 1949, in accordance with article 5 of the Convention
Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	10 th June 1976 (succession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on the Political Rights of Women, New York 31st March 1953

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	16 th August 1977 (succession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women, New York 20th February 1957

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	10 th June 1976 (succession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on the Rights of the Child Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20th November 1989¹⁶

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	20 th February 1991 (ratification)
Depositary:	Secretary General of The United Nations

Slavery Convention Signed at Geneva on 25th September 1926 and Amended by the Protocol Done at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York on 7th December 1953

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	10 th June 1976 (succession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

¹⁶ Reservation: „The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas upon signing the Convention reserves the right not to apply the provisions of article 2 of the said Convention insofar as those provisions relate to the conferment of citizenship upon a child having regard to the provisions of the constitution of The Bahamas.“

Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institution and Practices Similar to Slavery, Done at Geneva on 7th September 1956

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th June 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

LABOUR

Convention establishing the International Labour Organization, Done at Geneva 11th April 1919

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas 25th May 1976 (ratification)

Depositary International Labour Organization

List of International Labour Organization Conventions that The Bahamas is a party to:

No.	<i>Title of Convention</i>	Date of Certified Ratification
C.5	Minimum Wage (Replaced by C138)	25.5.76
C.7	Minimum Age (Sea) (Replaced by C138)	25.5.76
C.11	Right of Association (Agriculture)	25.5.76
C.12	Workmen"s Compensation (Agriculture)	25.5.76
C.14	Weekly Rest (Industry)	25.5.76
C.17	Workmen"s Compensation (Accidents)	25.5.76
C.19	Equality of Treatment (Accident compensation)	25.5.76
C.22	Seamen"s Articles of Agreement	25.5.76
C.26	Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery	25.5.76
C.29	Workmen"s Compensation (Occupational	25.5.76

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	Diseases)	
C.45	Underground Work (Women)	25.5.76
C.50	Recruiting of Indigenous Workers (Replaced by C169)	25.5.76
C.64	Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers)	25.5.76
C.65	Peal Sanctions (Indigenous Workers)	25.5.76
C.81	Labour Inspection	25.5.76
C.87	Freedom of Association and Protect of the Right to Organize Convention (1948)	14.5.2002
C.88	Employment Services	25.5.76
C.94	Labour Clauses (Public Contracts)	25.5.76
C.95	Protection of Wages	25.5.76
C.97	Migration for Employment	25.5.76
C.98	Right to Organize as Collective Bargaining	25.5.76
C.100	Equal Remuneration Convention (1951)	14.6.2002
C.103	Maternity Protection Convention (Revised)	08.6.2001
C.105	Abolition of Forced Labour	25.5.76
C.111	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) 1958	14.6.2002
C.117	Social Policy	25.5.76
C.138	Minimum Age (1973) ¹⁷	31.10.2001
C.144	Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standard)	25.5.76

¹⁷ Obligatory Declaration: Minimum age is 14 years.

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C.147	Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards)	03.01.2001
C.182	Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention 1999	14.6.2002
C.185	Seafarers' Identity Documents (Revised) 2003	14.12.2006
	Maritime Labour Convention	11.02.2008

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Agreement Between The Bahamas and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and United Nations Fund Abuse Control (UNFDAC)

Date entered into

Force for The Bahamas: 27th July 1988 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

LEGAL COOPERATION

Convention Abolishing the Requirements of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, Done at The Hague 5th October 1961

Date entered into

Force for The Bahamas: 30th April 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Government of the Netherlands

Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extra-judicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters, 15th November 1965

Date entered into

Force for The Bahamas: 1st February 1998 (accession)

Depositary: Government of the Netherlands

Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1992¹⁸

Signed: 26th April 2001

¹⁸ Reservation - "The Government of The Bahamas reserves the right to refuse assistance if the request relates exclusively to a tax offence, unless the request is made pursuant to a treaty to which The Bahamas is a party"
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Ratified:	22 nd April 2009
Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument:	30 th April 2009
Depositary:	Secretary General of the Organization of American States

MARITIME

Convention on the International Maritime Organization Done at Geneva 6th March 1948

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	22 nd July 1976 (accession)
Depositary:	Secretary General of the United Nations

1974 Amendments to Articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31, and 32 of the IMO Convention Adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by Resolution A 315 (ES.V) of 17th October 1974

Entry into Force:	1 st April 1978
Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Acceptance:	31 st January 1977 (United Nations)
Depositaries:	Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Secretary General of the United Nations (UN)

Amendment to Articles 17, 18, 20 and 51 of the IMO Convention Adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by Resolution A. 450 (XI) of 15th November 1979

Entered into Force:	10 th November 1984
Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	23 rd May 1980 (accession)

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Depositaries: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
Secretary General of the United Nations (UN)

Amendments to the Title and Substantive Provisions of the IMO Convention Adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by Resolutions A.358 (IX) of 14th November 1975 and A 371 (X) of 9th November 1977 (rectification of resolution A.358) XI

Entry into Force: 22nd May 1982, in accordance with article 51 of the Convention

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 1st March 1979 (accession)

Depositaries: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
Secretary General of the United Nations (UN)

Amendments to the IMO Convention Relating to the Institutionalisation of the Committee on Technical Co-Operation in the Convention Adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by a Resolution A.400 (X) of 17th November 1977

Entry into Force: 10th November 1984, in accordance with Article 62

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 1st March 1979 (accession)

Depositaries: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
Secretary General of the United Nations (UN)

Amendment to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization 1991 (Institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee)

Date of Accession: 7th May, 1998

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization 1993

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Date of Accession: 7th May, 1998

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage Done at Brussels 29th November 1969

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 20th October 1976 (accession)

Date of Denunciation: 15th May, 1998

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

Protocol to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage Done at London 19th November 1976

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 8th April 1981 (acceptance)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

1992 Protocol to Amend the 1969 International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage

Date of Accession: 1st April, 1997

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization

1992 Protocol to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 1st April, 1998 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

The Convention for the Facilitation of Maritime Traffic Done at London 9th April 1965, as Amended

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Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 20th September 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

1973 Amendment to the Convention for the Facilitation of Maritime Traffic Done at London 9th April 1965

Entry into Force: 2nd June 1984

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument
of Acceptance: 22nd March 1978

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954 as Amended¹⁹

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 22nd October 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

1969 Amendment to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954 as Amended²⁰

Effective Date of
Continuity/Application
of Membership: 22nd October 1976

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

1971 Amendment to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil 1954, Adopted 15th October 1971²¹

¹⁹ Instrument which is in force or applicable but which is no longer fully operational because it has been superseded by later instrument. For further information contact Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization.

²⁰ See supra note 14.

²¹ See supra note 14.

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 28th March 1977

Effective Date of
Continuity/Membership
Application: 28th March 1977

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

International Convention Relating to the Intervention on the High Sea in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, Done at Brussels 29th November 1969

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 20th October 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

Protocol Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substance other than Oil, 1973 Done at London, 2nd November 1973 as Amended

Date entered into Force: 30th March 1983

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 5th March 1981 (acceptance)

Depositary: International Maritime Organization

International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, Done at London 1st November 1974

Entry into Force: 25th May 1980

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 16th February 1979 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, Done at London 17th February 1978

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st May 1981

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Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 16th February 1979 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974

Entry into Force: 3rd February 2000

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 2nd February 1999 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, as Amended

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 15th July 1977

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 22nd July 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization

International Convention for Safe Containers, Geneva 2nd December 1972

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 16th February 1979

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 16th February 1980

Depositary: Secretary General of the International
Maritime Organization (IMO)

International Convention on Load Lines, London 5th April 1966

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 22nd October 1976 (accession)

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Depositary: Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Acceptance of
 1971 Amendments: 20th January 1977
 1975 Amendments: 22 March 1978
 1979 Amendments: 15 May 1981
 1983 Amendments: 23 September 1985

Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines 1966

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 3 February 2000

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, London 23rd June 1969

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 18th July 1982 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL) As amended

Date entered into
 Force: 2nd October 1983 (accession)

Date of Bahamas
 Instrument of Accession:²² 2nd June 1983 (accession)

In respect of Annex V: 12th October 1990 (acceptance) In

respect of Annex III: 11th August 1992 (acceptance)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

²² With the exception of Annexes III, IV and V of the Convention.

Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating thereto

Entry Into Force: 19th May, 2005

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, Athens 13th December 1974

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 28th April 1987 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

1976 Protocol to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage

Entry into Force: 30th April 1989

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Acceptance: 28th April 1987 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

International Convention on Limitations of Liability for Maritime Claims, London 19th November 1976

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas: 1st December 1986

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Acceptance: 7th June 1983 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

Convention on the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, London 7th July 1978

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Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	28 th April 1984
Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Acceptance:	7 th June 1983 (accession)
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Accession:	22 nd July 1976
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

1976 Protocol to Amend the International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Acceptance:	3 March 1980
Date entered into Force:	22 nd November, 1994
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

1992 Protocol to Amend the International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument of Accession:	1 April 1997
Date entered into Force:	1 st April, 1998
Depositary:	Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

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International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation 30th November 1990

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 4th January 2002 (accession)

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 4th October 2001

Depositary: International Maritime Organization

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea Concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica on 10th December 1982

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 29th July 1983 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 10th December 1982,²³ Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 28th July 1994

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 28th July 1995

Date of Signature: 29th July 1994

Date of Provisional
Application: 16th November 1994

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to the Arrest of Sea Going Ships, Done at Brussels, on 10th May 1952

Date of Deposit of
Accession: 12th May 1965

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 12th November 1965

²³ The Bahamas has notified that it has selected the application of the simplified procedure set out in articles 4 (3) (c) and 5.

Depositary: The Government of Belgium

International Convention Relating to the Limiting of the Liability of Owners of Sea-Going Ships and Protocol of Signature, Done at Brussels on 10th October 1957 and Protocol to amend the Convention, Done at Brussels on 21st December 1979

Date of Deposit of
Accession: 21st August 1964

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 31st May 1968

Depositary: The Government of Belgium

International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to Penal Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision or other Incidents of Navigation, Done at Brussels on 10th May 1952

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 12th November 1965

Date of Deposit
of Accession: 12th May 1965

Depositary: The Government of Belgium

International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001

Date of Deposit
of Accession: 30th January, 2008

Depositary: International Maritime Organization

International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001

Date of Deposit
of Accession: 30th January, 2008

Depositary: International Maritime Organization

MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS

Charter of the United Nations

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 18th September 1973

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Charter of the Organization of American States, Signed at Bogota, 30th April 1948

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 3rd March 1982 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States
General Secretariat

Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States, Protocol of Buenos Aires, 1982

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 3rd April 1982 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States
General Secretariat

Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States, Protocol of Cartagena de Indias, 1986

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 7th November 1986 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States
General Secretariat

Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States, Protocol of Washington, 1992

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 7th June 1994 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States
General Secretariat

**Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States,
Protocol of Managua, 1993**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 7th June 1994 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States
General Secretariat

**Convention on the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Washington 11th
October 1947**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 29th December 1973

Date Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 29th November 1973

Depositary: World Meteorological Organization

**Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization
Concluded at Vienna on 8th April 1979**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th November 1986 (A)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

NARCOTICS

International Opium Convention, The Hague on 23rd January 1912

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Protocol Amending the Agreements, Conventions and Protocols on Narcotic
Drugs, Concluded at The Hague, 23rd January 1912, at Geneva 11th February 1925
and 13th July 1931, at Bangkok 27th November 1931 and at Geneva 26th June 1936.**

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Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

International Opium Convention, Signed at Geneva on 19th February 1925 and Amended by the Protocol Signed at Lake Success, New York on 11th December 1946

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, Signed at Geneva on 13th July 1931 and Amended by the Protocol, Signed at Lake Success, New York on 11th December 1946

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Protocol bringing Under International Control Drugs Outside the Scope of the Convention, on 13th July 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs As Amended by the Protocol, Signed at Lake Success, New York 11th December 1946, Signed at Paris, 19th November 1948.

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, New York 30th March 1961

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 13th August 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on Psychotropic Substances Concluded at Vienna, 21st February 1971

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 31st August 1987 (accession)

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Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 Concluded at Geneva on 25th March 1972

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 23rd November 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, As Amended by the Protocol of 25th March 1972 Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, New York, 8th August 1975

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 23rd November 1976 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Concluded at Vienna on 20th December 1988

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 30th January 1989 (ratification)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13th February 1946

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 17th March 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, Including Diplomatic Agents (Adopted by The United Nations General Assembly 14th December 1973)

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 22nd July 1986 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

**Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,
 Approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21st November 1947²⁴**

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 17th March 1977 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

RED CROSS, CONVENTIONS RELATING TO THE

**Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and
 Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, on 12th August 1949**

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 10th July 1973

Date of Succession: 11th July 1975 (succession)

Depositary: Government of Switzerland

**Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Convention of the Wounded, Sick
 and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, on 12th August 1949**

Date continued into
 Force for The Bahamas: 10th July 1973

Date of Succession: 11th July 1975

Depositary: Government of Switzerland

**Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Convention of the Wounded, Sick
 and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, on 12th August 1949**

Date continued into
 Force for The Bahamas: 10th July 1973

Date of Succession: 11th July 1975

²⁴ Declaration: „Specialized agencies in respect of which on succession, The Bahamas has undertaken to apply the Convention, and revised text of annexes in respect of which the Bahamas has notified its acceptance: ILO, FAO, ICAO, UNESCO, WHO (second revised text of annex VII), UPU, ITU, WMO, IMO (revised text of Annex XII).

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Depositary: Government of Switzerland

Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, on 12th August 1949

Date continued into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th July 1973

Date of Succession: 11th July 1975

Depositary: Government of Switzerland

Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, on 12th August 1949

Date continued into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th July 1973

Date of Succession: 11th July 1975

Depositary: Government of Switzerland

SPECIALISED AGENCIES

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Constitution**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 23rd April 1981

**Agreement to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
(INTELSAT) with Annexes, Washington 20th August 1971**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 30th May 1985

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 20th August 1971

Depositary: United States of America
State Department

Inter – Governmental Oceanographic Commission

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Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 29th January 1979

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 29th January 1979

Depositary: UNESCO

Agreement concerning Postal Parcels and Final Protocol and Regulation of Execution, Concluded on 14th November 1969²⁵

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 24th April 1974 (accession)

Depositary: Federal Department
Switzerland

The Act of the XV Universal Postal Congress, Signed at Lausanne 5th July 1974

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 5th July 1974

Effective Date of Continuity/
Membership Application: 5th July 1974 (succession)

Depositary: Federal Political Department
Switzerland

Second Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Convention

Date of Deposit of
Bahamas Instrument: 29th March 1976

Effective Date of Continuity/
Membership Application: 29th March 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Federal Political Department
Switzerland

²⁵ Declaration: „The Commonwealth of The Bahamas declares that it wishes to benefit from the reservations stipulated in Article XVI of the Final Protocol of the Universal Postal Convention, as well as of those stipulated in Article II, Table 1, No.33 and Table 2, No. 18 and of Article IV and X of the Final Protocol concerning postal parcels.

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Regulations of the Universal Postal Union

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument:	29 th March 1976
Effective Date of Continuity/ Membership Application:	29 th March 1976 (succession)
Depositary:	Federal Political Department, Switzerland

Universal Postal Convention, done at Rio de Janeiro, 26th October 1979

Date of Deposit of Bahamas Instrument:	29 th March 1976
Effective Date of Continuity/ Membership Application:	29 th March 1976 (succession)
Depositary:	Federal Political Department Switzerland

Constitution of the Universal Postal Union Vienna 1964, Additional Protocol and the Company Compulsory Acts of the 1969 Tokyo Congress

Date entered into Force for The Bahamas:	24 th April 1974 (succession)
Depositary:	Federal Political Department Switzerland

SPORTS**International Convention against Doping in Sport Paris, 2005**

Date of Ratification:	12 th October, 2006
Depositary:	Director General of UNESCO

STAMP LAWS**The Convention on the Stamp Laws in Connection Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, Done at Geneva on 7th June 1930**

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Date continued into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th July 1973

Date of Succession: 19th May 1976

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on the Stamp Laws in Connection with Cheques, Done at Geneva on 19th March 1931

Date continued into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th July 1973

Date of Succession: 19th May 1976

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on Stamp Laws in Connection Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, Geneva 7th June 1930²⁶

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 19th May 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on Stamp Laws in Connection with Cheques, Geneva 19th March 1931

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 19th May 1976 (succession)

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

TERRORISM

Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (HIJACKING) Done at the Hague 16th December 1970

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th September 1976 (accession)

²⁶ Maintaining the limitations contained in section D of the Protocol of the Convention subject to which the Convention was made applicable to its territory before the attainment of independence. This document is property of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and is for reference purposes only. This list is not definitive, it represents a work in progress. It would be appreciated if any information on amendments, additions or deletions to this list is communicated in writing addressed to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Depositaries: Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, New York, 9th December, 1999

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st December, 2005

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, Montreal, 23rd September 1971

Date entered into
Force For The Bahamas: 27th December 1984 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization

Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, Done at Tokyo 14th September, 1963

Date entered into
Force For The Bahamas: 26th June 1975 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization

International Convention Against the taking of Hostages adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, 17 December 1979

Date of Signature: 17th December 1979

Date entered into
Force For The Bahamas: 4th June 1981 (accession)

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons

Date of Accession: 22nd February, 1986

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 23rd January, 2006

Date of Accession: 25th October, 2005

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International
Maritime Organization

Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 23rd January, 2006

Date of Accession: 25th October, 2005

Depositary: Secretary-General of the International
Maritime Organization

Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, done at Montreal on 23rd September, 1971, signed at Montreal on 24th February, 1988

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st June, 2008

Date of Accession: 2nd May, 2008

Depositary: International Civil Aviation Organization

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, New York, 15th December, 1997

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 4th June, 2008

Date of Accession: 5th May, 2008

Depositary: Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, done at Montreal on 1st March, 1991

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 20th June, 2008

Date of Accession: 21st May, 2008

Depositary: International Civil Aviation Organization

Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 20th June, 2008

Date of Accession: 21st May, 2008

Depositary: International Atomic Energy Agency

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Convention, Malagav-Torremolines, 25th October 1973

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 6th October 1975 (accession)

Depositary: International Telecommunications Union

The Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference, Geneva 1963

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 6th October 1975 (accession)

Depositary: International Telecommunications Union

Preparation of a Revised Allotment Plan for the Aeronautical Mobile (R) Service, Geneva 1967

Date entered into

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Force for The Bahamas: 6th October 1975 (accession)
 Depository: International Telecommunications Union

Telephone and Telegraph Regulations, Geneva

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 6th October 1975 (accession)
 Depository: International Telecommunications Union

Additional Radio Regulations and its Partial Revision by the World Administrative Radio Conference to deal with matters relating to the Maritime Mobile Service

Effective Date of Continuity/
 Application Membership: 6th October 1975
 Depository: International Telecommunications Union

Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) with Annexes, Done at Washington on 20th August 1971

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 30th May 1985
 Date of Deposit of
 Bahamas Instrument: 20th August 1971
 Depository: US State Department

Inter-American Radio Communications Convention, Signed at Havana, on 13th December 1937 at the First Inter American Radio Conference

Date entered into
 Force for The Bahamas: 1st July 1938 (Parts I, III and IV in Accordance with Article 23 (b) of the Convention. 17th April 1939 (part II) in Accordance with article 23 (i) of the Convention
 Date of Accession: 24th December 1943
 Depository: Government of Cuba

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North America Radio Communication, Signed at Havana, on 13th December 1937 at the First Inter-American Radio Conference

Date entered into	
Force for The Bahamas:	29 th March 1940
Date of Definitive Accession:	24 th December 1943
Depository:	Government of Cuba

Interim North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement, Signed at Washington D.C. on 25th February 1946 at the Second North American Regional Broadcasting Conference

Date entered into	
Force for The Bahamas:	29 th March 1946 in accordance with Article XVIII of the agreement.
Depository:	Government of Cuba

Convention for the Protection of Submarine Cables, 1884

Date of Signature:	14 th March, 1884
Date of Ratification/ Succession:	1884
Depository:	Paris

TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS

The Council of Europe Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons

Date entered into	
Force for The Bahamas:	1 st March 1992 (accession)
Depository:	Council of Europe

(See listing in Bilateral Register for individual countries)

TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime

Date of Signature: 9th April, 2001

Protocol to Prevent Suppress and Punish Trafficking In Persons, Especially Women and Children Supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime

Date of Signature: 9th April, 2001

Date of Ratification: 26th September, 2008

Protocol Against the Smuggling Of Migrants By Land, Sea and Air

Date of Signature: 9th April, 2001

Date of Ratification: 26th September, 2008

VISAS

Short Stay Visa Waiver Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the European Community (Schengen)²⁷

Date of Signature: 28th May 2009

Date of Entry into Force: 28th May 2009

(See Bilateral Register for individual countries that Convention applies to for The Bahamas)

WEAPONS AND OUTER SPACE

²⁷ This agreement does not yet apply to Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway. The visa requirement for these countries has not changed. This agreement does not apply to Ireland, The United Kingdom, or Switzerland; Bahamians can still travel to these countries for short stays without a visa.

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Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere and in Outer Space and Underwater

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th August 1976 (succession)

Depositaries: Union of Soviet Socialists Republic
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
United States of America

**Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Tlalelolo Treaty)
Opened for Signature at Mexico City, 14th February 1967**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 26th April 1977 (ratification)

Depositary: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

**Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the exploration and use
of outer space including the moon and other celestial bodies, Washington,
London and Moscow 27th January 1967**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th August 1976 (succession)

Depositaries: United States of America, the United
Kingdom and the United Soviet Socialist
Republic

**Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Done at Washington, London
and Moscow, 1st July 1968**

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 10th August 1976 (succession)

Depositaries: United States of America, the United
Kingdom and the United Soviet Socialist
Republic

Agreement on Small Quantity Protocol Safeguard-12 September 1997

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, Done at Ottawa

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 1st March 1999 (ratification)

Depositary: Canada

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction 1972

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 31st October 1986 (accession)

Inter-American Convention Against Illicit Traffic, Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and other Related Material 1997

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 5th June 1998 (ratification)

Depositary: Organization of American States

Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea Bed and the Ocean Floor and In the Subsoil Thereof

Date entered into
Force for The Bahamas: 7th June, 1999 (accession)

Depositaries: Russian Federation, United Kingdom and United States of America

Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies

Date of Entry Into
Force for The Bahamas: 11th August, 1976

Depositaries: Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America

Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere in Outer Space and Underwater

Date of Entry Into
Force for The Bahamas: 11th August, 1976

Depositaries: Russian Federation, United Kingdom,
United States of America

Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

Date of Signature: 4th February, 2005

Date of Ratification: 30TH November, 2007

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, Opened for Signature at Paris on 13th January 1993

Date of Signature: 2nd March 1994

Date of Ratification: 7th April 2009

Date of Entry into Force: 31st May 2009

Depositary: Secretary General of the United Nations

SIGNATORY ONLY

Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, New York, 10 December 1984

Date of Signature: 16th December 2008

Date of Entry into Force: Not yet ratified

Inter- American Convention Against Terrorism

Date of Signature: 3rd June 2002 (Not Yet Ratified)
Depositary: Organization of American States

Protocol to Amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat

Date of Signature: 7th February, 1997
Depositary: Director General of UNESCO

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