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## CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RICE COMMISSION

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The Constitution of the International Rice Commission (IRC), which was approved in principle by the FAO Council in April 1948, was formally approved by the FAO Conference at its Fourth Session (November 1948).

In accordance with Article IX (now XIV), the Constitution of the Commission came into force on **4 January 1949**. The Constitution of the IRC was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 24 January 1952 under No. 1613.

Amendments were approved by the Conference at its Eleventh Session (1961). At a Special Session (November 1973), the IRC adopted further amendments to its Constitution, which were approved by the FAO Council at its Sixty-second Session (November 1973). The amendments referred to in this paragraph entered into force for all the parties to the Constitution.

### Parties to the Constitution

The following participants deposited their instruments of acceptance on the corresponding date indicated:

Participant	Acceptance
Australia	1 Jul 1953
Bangladesh	12 Feb 1980
Benin	22 Nov 1984
Brazil	21 Aug 1964
Burkina Faso	19 Nov 1973
Cambodia	16 Jul 1951
Cameroon	8 Nov 1984
Chad	22 Sep 1994
China	31 July 2007
Colombia	6 Sep 1968
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	8 Mar 1996
Cuba	10 Jan 1949
Dominican Republic	29 Mar 1951
Ecuador	6 Sep 1948
Egypt	29 Nov 1948
France	10 Aug 1948
Gambia	4 Feb 1974
Ghana	8 Mar 1968
Greece	16 May 1991
Guatemala	23 Oct 1964
Guinea	22 Nov 1984
Guyana	24 Jan 1967
Haiti	10 Aug 1972
Hungary	21 Mar 1995
India	12 Oct 1948
Indonesia	15 Mar 1950
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	30 Sep 1954

Italy	6 Oct 1948
Japan	28 Apr 1952
Kenya	4 Nov 1974
Korea, Republic of	21 Nov 1953
Lao People's Democratic Republic	21 Jul 1954
Liberia	19 Jul 1966
Madagascar	27 Oct 1966
Malaysia	15 Sep 1958
Mali	4 Jun 1963
Mauritania	29 Apr 1985
Mexico	17 Dec 1948
Mozambique	21 Jul 1995
Myanmar	29 Nov 1948
Nepal	11 Jul 1967
Netherlands	12 Nov 1948
Nicaragua	10 Dec 1968
Nigeria	13 Nov 1961
Pakistan	5 Oct 1948
Panama	26 May 1975
Paraguay	20 Apr 1950
Peru	23 Aug 1991
Philippines	<b>4 Jan 1949</b>
Portugal	9 Dec 1954
Rwanda	17 Jun 2002
Senegal	8 Jul 1985
Sierra Leone	22 Sep 1964
Sri Lanka	27 Sep 1948
Suriname	10 Jun 1985
Thailand	1 Nov 1948
Turkey	2 Aug 1991
United Kingdom	28 Feb 1949
United States of America	28 Feb 1949
Uruguay	4 Apr 1968
Venezuela	27 Nov 1961
Viet Nam	13 Jun 1951

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