
AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR CONTROLLING THE DESERT LOCUST IN THE CENTRAL REGION

The Eleventh Session of the FAO Conference (November 1961), by Resolution 9/61, requested the Director-General to examine the steps which would be necessary to set up an international locust commission for that region.

In pursuance of the above-mentioned Resolution and action on the recommendation of FAO committees concerned with desert locust control in the Near East, the Director-General convened a meeting in Beirut in March 1965. This meeting considered and approved a draft agreement for the establishment of a commission for controlling the desert locust in the Near East. The Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Central Region (“the Agreement”) was approved by the FAO Council at its Forty-fourth Session (July 1965) and submitted to Member Nations for acceptance.

In accordance with Article XIX, paragraph 1, the Agreement entered into force on 21 February 1967, date of receipt of the third instrument of acceptance. The Agreement was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 17 March 1967 under No. 8575.

At its Seventh Session (October 1976), the Commission adopted amendments to the Agreement which were approved by the Seventy-second Session of the FAO Council (November 1977). Pursuant to Article XIII, paragraph 4, of the Agreement in force at that time, these amendments entered into force for all the parties to the Agreement, immediately upon approval by the Council, that is, on 10 November 1977.

At its Twentieth Session (December 1994), the Commission adopted further amendments to the Agreement which were approved by the FAO Council at its Hundred and Eighth Session on 12 June 1995. Pursuant to Article XIII, paragraph 4, of the Agreement in force at that time, these amendments entered into force for all the parties to the Agreement on the date of their approval by the Council.

At its Thirtieth Session (20-24 February 2017), the Commission adopted additional amendments to the Agreement which were approved by the FAO Council at its Hundred and Fifty-sixth Session (April 2017). Pursuant to Article XIV, paragraph 4, of the Agreement, these amendments came into force for all parties to the Agreement as from the date of their approval by the Council, that is, on 25 April 2017.

Parties to the Agreement

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

Participant	Acceptance
Bahrain	24 February 1969
Djibouti	20 July 2001
Egypt	6 July 1967
Eritrea	24 June 2005
Ethiopia	13 January 2004

Participant	Acceptance
Iraq	9 January 1970
Jordan	14 November 1966
Kuwait	10 August 1967
Lebanon	22 August 1966
Oman	9 October 1972
Qatar	31 December 1968
Saudi Arabia	17 October 1972
Sudan	21 February 1967
Syrian Arab Republic	3 December 1968
United Arab Emirates	31 May 1974
Yemen ¹	20 March 1969

Declarations and Reservations

Saudi Arabia

(Reservations made upon acceptance):

"(1) With regard to the provision of Article XV of the Agreement, the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia wishes to reserve the right to specify, as cases may arise, areas to be excluded from activities.

(2) That the seat of the proposed Regional Body for Controlling the Desert Locust be established in a country other than the Kingdom.

(3) That acceptance by the Kingdom of this Agreement will not make it mandatory to establish a specialized full-time agency for locust control.

(4) The Kingdom proposes that Arabic be regarded as one of the official languages of the Agreement, and the language of correspondence between the Commission and FAO.

(5) That the question of establishing reserve warehouses in Jedda (to store pesticides and equipment necessary for locust control activities, in order to provide aid, in cases of emergency, to member countries prone to locust invasion) be postponed until the Kingdom becomes a member of the Commission."

¹ On 22 May 1990 the Yemen Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen merged into a single State known as "Republic of Yemen". In a communication of 19 May 1990 addressed to the United Nations Secretary-General, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Yemen Arab Republic and of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen stated: "all treaties and agreements concluded between either the Yemen Arab Republic or the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and other States and international organizations in accordance with international law which are in force on 22 May 1990 will remain in effect and international relations existing on 22 May 1990 between the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and the Yemen Arab Republic and other States will continue". As a result of this declaration, in the present document, in case of an Agreement to which both the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen were parties, the date of acceptance or signature chosen is the one which either the Yemen Arab Republic or the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen accepted/signed first. Democratic Yemen accepted the Agreement on 21 April 1969 (the effective date of the instrument was 10 November 1969, date of its admission to membership in FAO) and the Yemen Arab Republic on 20 March 1969.