
AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEAR EAST PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION

A Conference of Plenipotentiaries held in Rabat, Morocco, from 16 to 18 February 1993, adopted the Agreement for the Establishment of the Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO).

As provided for in its Article XIX.2, the Agreement was signed in Rabat on 18 February 1993 on behalf of ten States and remains open for signature at the Headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome. In accordance with Article XIX.1, the Near East States referred to in Annex I to the Agreement may become parties either by signature, followed by the deposit of an instrument of ratification, or by the deposit of an instrument of accession.

Pursuant to Article XIX.4, the Agreement entered into force on **8 January 2009**, the date when the tenth required instrument was deposited with the Director-General of FAO. The Agreement was registered on 2 April 2009 with the Secretariat of the United Nations under No. 46043.

Subject to Article XIX.5, at any time after the entry into force of the Agreement, any State not specified in Annex I may notify the Director-General of FAO of its desire to become a Member of NEPPO. The Governing Council of NEPPO shall then decide on the application.

The Republic of Malta ratified the Agreement for the Establishment for the Near East Plant Protection Organization on 28 October 1994. On 14 February 2018, it deposited an instrument of withdrawal, and its withdrawal will become effective on 14 February 2019.

Participants

The following States have signed, ratified or acceded to the Agreement on the dates indicated below:

Participant	Signature	Ratification	Accession
Algeria	18 Feb 1993	26 Nov 2001	
Egypt	18 Feb 1993	13 Apr 1995	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	18 Feb 1993		
Iraq			6 Dec 2013
Jordan	18 Feb 1993	3 Oct 1995	
Libya			8 Jan 2009
Mauritania	18 Feb 1993		
Morocco	18 Feb 1993	18 Feb 1997	
Oman			2 Feb 2015
Pakistan			4 Jan 1995
Sudan	18 Feb 1993	16 Mar 1995	

Syrian Arab Republic	18 Feb 1993	6 Jul 2005	
Tunisia	18 Feb 1993	11 Mar 1994	
Yemen	18 Feb 1993		