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

The Agreement for the Establishment of a Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region was approved by the FAO Council at its Hundred and Nineteenth Session (November 2000) by Resolution No. 1/119.

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article V of the Agreement, membership in the Commission is open to Member Nations of the Organization that constitute the Region defined under Article III that accept the Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article XVII. It should be noted that Article III defines the Region as "...the western region of the invasion area of the desert locust (hereinafter "the Region") comprises Algeria, Chad, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Tunisia...". Paragraph 2 of Article V provides that the Commission may, by a two-thirds majority of its Members, admit to membership such other Member Nation of the Organization or such other State belonging to the United Nations, to one of its Specialized Agencies or to the International Atomic Energy Agency that has submitted an application to this effect together with an instrument declaring acceptance of the Agreement as in force at the time of admission.

In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article XVII of the Agreement, acceptance of the Agreement by any Member of the Organization shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General and shall take effect on the date of deposit. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of the same Article, acceptance of the Agreement by non-Member Nations of the Organization shall be effective from the date on which the Commission approves the application for membership.

As provided for in Article XIX, the Agreement entered into force on **25 February 2002**, the date of receipt by the Director-General of the fifth instrument of acceptance. The Agreement was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 26 April 2002 under No. 38372.

Parties to the Agreement

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

Participant	Acceptance
Algeria	4 May 2001
Burkina Faso	16 June 2005
Chad	25 February 2002
Libya	21 June 2005
Mali	9 July 2001
Mauritania	20 September 2006
Morocco	14 July 2006
Niger	30 October 2001
Senegal	8 May 2001
Tunisia	6 February 2003