

Note for the Legislative Council Constitutional Affairs Panel

Progress of Work of the Joint Liaison Group

Introduction

Since 1984, we have been working to implement the Sino-British Joint Declaration and to bring about a smooth transition in 1997.

2. This paper gives an overview of the achievements in the following areas -
 - a) upholding of the rule of law;
 - b) protection of rights and freedoms;
 - c) strengthening the economic infrastructure and institutions; and
 - d) ensuring a smooth transfer of government.
3. The paper also describes the major subjects still under discussion.

Upholding the Rule of Law

4. Our overall objective is to ensure the continuation of our legal and judicial systems, as provided for in the Joint Declaration. Specific achievements include -
 - a) Court of Final Appeal (CFA). The agreement on the CFA (9 June 1995) and the subsequent enactment of the CFA Ordinance ensure that the Court will be established on 1 July 1997. The power of final adjudication of the HKSAR will be vested in the CFA in Hong Kong. Any cases that have not yet been finally disposed of by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on 30 June 1997 will be transferred to the CFA. Judicial continuity will be maintained;

- b) Localisation of Laws. We need to localise about 150 UK enactments currently applied to Hong Kong in areas such as merchant shipping and civil aviation by way of 33 localisation Bills. We have enacted 17 Ordinances, and we have reached agreement in the JLG on seven other proposals. The localisation of laws programme is at Annex A*;
- c) Bilateral Agreements. We reached agreement in the JLG for HK to negotiate and conclude with other jurisdictions a series of bilateral agreements on legal and juridical issues that will have a continued life beyond 1997. These include bilateral agreements on the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders (SFO), Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (MLA) and Transfer of Sentenced Persons (TSP). Five SFO Agreements and one MLA Agreement have been signed. Two further SFO Agreements have been approved by the Chinese side and now await signature, and we are actively negotiating with other partners in all these programmes. We are continuing our discussions with the Chinese side on the outstanding programme on Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgements in civil and commercial matters. A list of the bilateral agreements agreed in the JLG is in Annex B;
- d) Multilateral Agreements. The UK has extended some 200 multilateral international agreements to Hong Kong. So far agreement in principle has been reached in the JD and JLG on the continued application of nearly all these agreements to Hong Kong. These agreements play a vital role in facilitating Hong Kong's legal and commercial links with the international community in many important fields, such as civil aviation, merchant shipping, arbitration, private international law and customs co-operation. Agreement in principle has also been reached in the JLG on the framework of the mechanism to ensure that the continued application of multilateral agreements to Hong Kong after 1997 will be accepted by the international

* At the last meeting of the Panel, Members asked for a social and an economic analysis of the consequences of a failure to introduce the Bills. We still believe it is possible that legislation will be introduced into the Council in time for it to be passed by 1 July 1997. If this judgement changes we will consider Members' request further.

community. The two sides are working on the details of the mechanism. A list of agreements is in Annex C;

Protection of Rights and Freedoms

5. Some of the multilateral international agreements that will continue to apply to Hong Kong after 30 June 1997, as agreed by the Chinese side in the JD or the JLG relate to human rights and the protection of individual rights and freedoms. These include -

- a) the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR);
- b) the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR);
- c) the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- d) the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- e) the Convention on the Political Rights of Women and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
- f) the International Labour Conventions on various subjects, including minimum age of work, maternity protection, right of association, labour relations; and
- g) the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, etc.

Strengthening the Economic Infrastructure and Institutions

6. The Joint Declaration guarantees that Hong Kong will have autonomy in external economic affairs. Furthermore, since 1984 we have secured agreements with the Chinese side to enhance Hong Kong's economic infrastructure and participation in various international bodies in these spheres. The major achievements include -

- a) Separate membership for Hong Kong in major international finance, trade and economic organisations -

- Asian Development Bank (agreement reached in 1985)
- GATT (1986)/WTO(1995)
- World Customs Organisation (1987)

- International Textiles and Clothing Bureau (1996)

A full list of international organisations in which Hong Kong will continue to participate after 30 June 1997 is in Annex D;

- b) the Memorandum of Understanding on the Airport was signed in September 1991. An agreement on the overall financial arrangements for the New Airport and the Airport Railway was signed in November 1994. The texts of the Financial Support Agreements for the new airport were agreed in June 1995. An Agreed Minute on the early commissioning of the Second Runway of the New Airport was signed in May 1996;
- c) the development of Container Terminal No. 9 was agreed in September 1996;
- d) establishment of the Hong Kong Shipping Register was agreed in 1986. This will continue to be used after 1997;
- e) full agreement on the continuation of the intellectual property regulatory framework has been attained. Agreements have been reached on the localisation of Hong Kong's registered designs law, patents law and copyright law, as well as the continued application of the Patent Co-operation Treaty and the Treaty establishing the World Intellectual Property Organisation;
- f) a network of nine Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements have been concluded with third countries. Three have been agreed in the JLG and will be signed shortly. Two are awaiting agreement in the JLG. A further five are being negotiated with third countries (the full list is in Annex B); and

- g) major franchises and contracts that straddle 1997: we have so far reached a common view with the Chinese side on 16 items, including subscription TV licence, four fixed telecommunication network services licences, Route III (Country Park Section) BOT Franchise, the management contracts for various Tunnels, China Motor Bus and Citybus Franchises, six Personal Communications Service Licences, etc. A list of the franchises and contracts on which a common view has been reached is in Annex E.

Ensuring a Smooth Transfer of Government

7. To bring about a smooth transition of government, we have reached agreement or are working together with the Chinese side in the following areas -

- a) Transfer of Defence Responsibilities. A comprehensive agreement on the future of the military estate was reached in June 1994. Under this agreement, 14 sites will be handed over to the PLA on 1 July 1997 exclusively for defence purpose. 25 sites, which have excellent potential for housing and commercial development, will be returned to the Hong Kong Government. The four projects designed to reprovise the military facilities lost by the release of land to the Hong Kong Government are under construction. We are confident that we will be able to hand over the defence responsibilities smoothly;
- b) The Civil Service. In October 1995, the British and Chinese Foreign Ministers met and agreed in principle on arrangements for contacts in Hong Kong between senior Hong Kong civil servants and Chinese Government officials. Since the format for such gatherings was agreed twelve “get-togethers” have taken place between November 1995 and May 1996. The two sides also agreed that a second round of informal get togethers to be held beginning in October 1996, the next round will take place from November 1996.

In addition, a new pension scheme has been agreed in 1986. A civil service pension fund has also been established. The Oversea Education Allocation for new recruits have been abolished;

- c) The transitional Budget. We have completed a comprehensive series of briefings for the Chinese side on the 1996-97 budgetary process. Consensus has been reached on the guiding principles and modalities for cooperation regarding the preparation of the Budget for 1997-98;
- d) Handover Ceremonies. The two foreign ministers agreed in principle on the arrangements for the handover ceremony. An Agreed Minute was signed in September 1996 by the two Senior Representatives of the JLG. Expert Group will continue meetings to discuss the practical details of the ceremony;
- e) Archives. We reached an agreement with the Chinese side in 1990 on the principles of the transfer of archives. Under this agreement, all archives necessary for the proper administration of the future Hong Kong SAR will be transferred upon the change of sovereignty by the British Government to the Chinese Government, which will then authorise the Government of the HKSAR to take them over. The process of transfer will not require physical movement of the records; and
- f) Assets. We have agreed with the Chinese side to discuss the terms of reference for a possible Expert Group on the question of Hong Kong Government's assets.

Other Achievements

8. The JLG has also reached agreement in other important areas, such as transitional arrangements for the new identity card and other travel documents issued to Hong Kong people, as well as the preparations for the issue of the passports of the Hong

Kong Special Administrative Region. Agreement in principle was also reached on the issue of travel documents other than HKSAR passport after 1 July 1997.

Major Tasks Ahead

9. Substantial progress has been made across the board in dealing with the transition. However, much remains to be done. The following are some key areas awaiting resolution.

Right of Abode and other immigration issues

10. We have been discussing with the Chinese side the implementation of Article 24 of the Basic Law on the right of abode in the HKSAR. A key area concerns the position of former Hong Kong residents who emigrated and obtained foreign citizenship. We have held expert discussions on the implementation of the Standing Committee of the NPC's six-point interpretation of the implementation of the Chinese Nationality Law in the future Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Continued discussions will be needed to take this forward, including full alignment of the Immigration Ordinance with the Basic Law.

11. We also need to consider visa free travel arrangements for Hong Kong people after 1997. We also need to work out the details for the issue of HKSAR travel documents other the HKSAR passports. Agreement in principle on the latter has already been reached.

Air Service Agreements

12. To secure our vital air links with the rest of the world, we have been negotiating air services agreements with our aviation partners. This involves separating air services agreements from those signed by the United Kingdom which also cover Hong Kong, and concluding agreements with new aviation partners. So far, 15 such agreements have been signed. (A full list is in Annex B.) Two initialled agreements have been approved by the JLG and await formal signature. Another three are still waiting for the Chinese side's approval. Separately, we also need to put in place arrangements for Hong

Kong airlines to overfly other countries after the transition. In this connection, a model overflight agreement was agreed in September 1996.

Continuity of the Legislature

13. There is one issue on which we hold different views from those of the Chinese side: the future of the Legislature. The corporate position of the British Government and the Hong Kong Government on this issue is clear and well known. We have put across our position to Chinese side through the JLG and other channels, and will continue to do so and when opportunities arise.

Civil Service

14. The Joint Declaration provides that public servants previously serving in the Hong Kong Government may all remain in appointment and continue their service with pay, allowances, benefits and conditions of service no less favourable than before. To this end, the Government's policy is to have all posts equivalent to Principal Officials in the Basic Law filled by local officers. This process is almost complete and it is hoped that a smooth transition for the civil service will be achieved. Separately, we have put proposals on a set of common conditions of service to the JLG for consultations.

Adaptation of Laws

15. We have been reviewing the present Hong Kong laws which comprise over 630 Ordinances and 1,100 items of subsidiary legislation in order to identify those provisions that might need to be adapted to ensure their compatibility with the Basic Law so that they can continue to be in force after 30 June 1997. Most of the adaptations are straightforward terminological changes. We have handed over detailed adaptation proposals to the Chinese side in respect of over 420 Ordinances and their subsidiary legislation, and aim to pass the remaining proposals to the Chinese side within 1996.

16. It is essential to make known the modalities for the adaptation of laws at an early date, so that the local and international communities can be reassured about the continuity of Hong Kong laws. We therefore have sought clarification from the Chinese side through the JLG as regards their latest thinking. The Chinese side have briefed us on the proposals made by the Legal Sub-group of the Preliminary Working Committee (PWC), which are being studied by the Preparatory Committee (PC). We have registered some preliminary comments and questions. We shall seek to continue this expert exchange of views. We hope the PC will take into account these expert exchanges in their study of the PWC proposals.

Reporting Obligations under the Human Rights Covenants

17. Both the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law provide that the provisions of the ICCPR and ICESCR as applied to HK shall remain in force after 30 June 1997. Our view is that China will be obliged to undertake the international rights and obligations in accordance with the articles of the two Covenants as currently applied to Hong Kong, including the reporting obligations under the Covenants (Articles 40 of the ICCPR and 16 of the ICESCR). Our view is supported by the relevant UN Committees, but China disputes that it has an obligation to submit human rights reports on Hong Kong, as it is not a signatory to the Covenants. We will continue to pursue this subject with the Chinese side.

Constitutional Affairs Branch

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**Checklist showing the progress and
remaining scope of the Localisation of Laws Programme
(as at 9.10.1996)**

	<u>No. of UK Enactments Involved*</u>	<u>HK Ordinances Enacted</u>
<u>Section A: Localisation Ordinance Enacted</u>		
1. <u>Admiralty Jurisdiction: Civil</u>		
- Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act 1890	4	Supreme Court (Amendment) Ordinance 1989 (No. 3 of 1989)
- Supreme Court Act 1981		
- Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971		
plus subsidiary legislation		
2. <u>Admiralty Jurisdiction: Criminal</u>		
- Offences at Sea Act 1799	6	Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance 1990 (No. 89 of 1990).
- Admiralty Offences (Colonial) Act 1849		
- Admiralty Offences (Colonial) Act 1860		
- Courts (Colonial Jurisdiction) Act 1874		
- Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act 1878		
- Merchant Shipping Act 1894		
3. <u>Merchant Shipping: Prevention & Control of Pollution</u>		
- The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971	5	Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413).

plus subsidiary legislation

* : Enactments may include Acts, Orders in Council, Statutory Instruments, Regulations, Rules, Warrants, Measure, Local Orders and Legal Notices.

4. **Merchant Shipping: Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution**

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| - The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971 | 3 | Merchant Shipping (Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 414). |
| - Merchant Shipping Act 1974 | | |

plus subsidiary legislation

5. **Merchant Shipping: Registration**

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| - Merchant Shipping Act 1894 | 4 | Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance (Cap. 415). |
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plus subsidiary legislation

6. **Merchant Shipping: Shipowners' Liability**

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| - Merchant Shipping Act 1979 | 8 | Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Shipowners' Liability) Ordinance (Cap. 434). |
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plus subsidiary legislation

7. **Civil Aviation: Stage One**

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| - Civil Aviation Act 1949 | 4 | Civil Aviation Ordinance (Cap. 448). |
| - Civil Aviation Act 1971 | | |

plus subsidiary legislation

8. **Coinage**

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| - The Hong Kong (Coinage) Orders 1936-1978 | 1 | Coinage Ordinance (Cap. 454). |
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9. **Merchant Shipping: Carriage of Goods by Sea**

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| - Carriage by Sea Act 1971 | 6 | Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Goods by Sea) Ordinance (Cap. 462). |
| - Merchant Shipping Act 1981 | | |

plus subsidiary legislation

10. Dumping at Sea

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| - Dumping at Sea Act 1974 | 3 | Dumping at Sea Ordinance (Cap. 466). |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

11. Internationally Protected Persons and Taking of Hostages

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| - Internationally Protected Persons Act 1978 | 6 | Internationally Protected Persons and Taking of Hostages Ordinance (Cap. 468). |
| - Taking of Hostages Act 1982 | | |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

12. Protection of Trading Interest

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| - Protection of Trading Interest Act 1980 | 1 | Protection of Trading Interest Ordinance (Cap. 471). (Does not fall under the agreed consultation guidelines.) |
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13. Merchant Shipping: Seafarers

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| - Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Act 1925 | 6 | Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478). |
| - Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 & 1906 | | |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

14. Nuclear Material (Liability for Carriage)

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| - Nuclear Installations Act 1965 | 5 | Nuclear Materials (Liability for Carriage) Ordinance (Cap. 479). |
| - The Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Act 1967 | | |
| - Energy Act 1983 | | |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

15. Merchant Shipping: Liner Conferences

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| - Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) Act 1982 | 5 | Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) Ordinance (Cap. 482). |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

16. Biological Weapons

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| - Biological Weapons Act 1974 | 2 | Biological Weapons Ordinance 1996 (No. 23 of 1996) |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

17. Aviation Security (covered by 3 proposals)

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| - Hijacking Act 1971 | 10 | Aviation Security Ordinance (Cap. 494). |
| - Protection of Aircraft Act 1973 | | |
| - Tokyo Convention Act 1967 | | |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

Sub-total (A):**79 UK Enactments****17 Ordinances Enacted**

Section B: Localisation bills to be introduced/enacted soon**1. Patent System**

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|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| - Patent Acts 1949 and 1977 | 1 | Consultation completed. |
| | | Bill introduced into LegCo. |

2. Protection of Industrial Designs

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| [Not strictly speaking a localising bill but will have the effect of localising the UK Registered Designs Acts 1949 to 1961.] | - | Consultation completed. |
| | | [Provisional LegCo timing Feb 97.] |

3. Whale Fisheries

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| - Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act 1934 | 4 | Consultation completed. |
| - Sea Fish Industry Act 1938 | | [Provisional LegCo timing 30 Oct 96.] |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

4. Copyright

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| - Copyright Act 1956 | 12 | Consultation completed. |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | [Provisional LegCo timing Feb 97.] |

5. Submarine Telegraph

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| - Submarine Telegraph Act 1885 | 1 | Consultation completed. |
| | | [Provisional LegCo timing Nov 96.] |

6. Surrender of Fugitive Offenders

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| - The Fugitive Offenders Act | 22 | Consultation completed. |
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1967

plus subsidiary legislation

Bill will be introduced into
LegCo.**7. Civil Aviation: Carriage by Air**

- Carriage by Air Acts 1932
and 1961
- Carriage by Air Act
(Supplementary Provisions)
Act 1962

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Consultation completed.

Bill will be introduced into
LegCo.

plus subsidiary legislation

Sub-total (B):

46 UK Enactments

7 Bills to be enacted

Section C: Localising bills (proposals) under consultation in the JLG**1. Arbitration (International Investment Disputes)**

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| - Arbitration (International Investment Disputes) Act 1966 | 2 | Handed over on 1.2.1991. |
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plus subsidiary legislation

2. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

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| - Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency Act 1988 | 3 | Handed over on 24.4.1992. |
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plus subsidiary legislation

3. Geneva Convention

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| - Geneva Convention Act 1957 | 2 | Handed over on 30.3.1994. |
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plus subsidiary legislation

4. State Immunity

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| - State Immunity Act 1978 | 2 | Handed over on 20.10.1994. |
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plus subsidiary legislation

5. Civil Aviation: Stage Two

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| - Civil Aviation Act 1949 | 2 | Handed over on 3.11.1994. |
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plus subsidiary legislation

6. Official Secrets Acts

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| - Official Secrets Acts 1911, 1920, 1939 and 1989 | 4 | Handed over on 19.7.1995. |
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7. Transfer of Sentenced Persons

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| - Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984 | 4 | Handed over on 1.12.1995. |
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8. **Maritime Conventions**

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| - Maritime Conventions Act
1911 | 1 | Handed over on 15.2.1996. |
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Sub-total (C):

20 UK Enactments

8 Bills to be enacted

Section D: Localising proposals under preparation and to be handed over**1. Outer Space (Telecommunication)**

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|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| - Outer Space Act 1986 | 2 | Awaiting clearance from FCO. |
| plus subsidiary legislation | | |

Sub-total (D):	2 UK Enactments	1 Bill to be enacted
Total of Sections (A), (B),(C) : and (D)	147 UK Enactments	33 Ordinances/Bills

Bilateral Agreements Agreed in the JLG

A. Air Services Agreements

<u>Country</u>	<u>Agreement in JLG</u>	<u>Agreement Signed</u>
1. The Netherlands	July 1986	September 1986
2. Switzerland	November 1987	January 1988
3. Canada	March 1988	June 1988
4. Brunei	November 1988	January 1989
5. France	December 1988	August 1990
6. New Zealand	December 1990	February 1991
7. Malaysia	December 1990	March 1991
8. Brazil	June 1991	September 1991
9. Sri Lanka	September 1992	February 1993
10. Australia	June 1993	September 1993
11. India	September 1993	October 1996
12. Germany	December 1994	May 1995
13. Singapore	February 1996	April 1996
14. South Korea	February 1996	March 1996
15. Italy	June 1996	October 1996
16. Myanmar	September 1996	
17. Thailand	September 1996	

B. Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements

<u>Country</u>	<u>Agreement in JLG</u>	<u>Agreement Signed</u>
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1. The Netherlands	March 1992	November 1992
2. Canada	June 1992	
3. Sweden	June 1993	May 1994
4. Australia	June 1993	September 1993
5. Denmark	September 1993	February 1994
6. Switzerland	September 1993	September 1994
7. Germany	December 1993	January 1996
8. Italy	June 1994	November 1995
9. France	September 1994	November 1995
10. New Zealand	April 1995	July 1995
11. Belgium	July 1995	
12. Austria	February 1996	

C. Surrender of Fugitive Offenders Agreements

<u>Country</u>	<u>Agreement in JLG</u>	<u>Agreement Signed</u>
1. Netherlands	August 1992	November 1992
2. Canada	May 1993	September 1993
3. Australia	September 1993	November 1993
4. Malaysia	June 1994	January 1995
5. Philippines	September 1994	January 1995
6. India	December 1994	
7. USA	September 1996	

D. Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Agreements

<u>Country</u>	<u>Agreement in JLG</u>	<u>Agreement Signed</u>
1. Australia	August 1996	September 1996

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LIST OF AGREED MULTILATERAL TREATIES TO APPLY TO SARA. Civil Aviation

1. Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air, done at Warsaw on 12 October 1929 as amended by the Hague Protocol 1955.
2. Convention Supplementary to the Warsaw Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules relating to International Carriage by Air Performed by a Person other than the Contracting Carrier, done at Guadalajara on 18 September 1961.
3. The Convention on International Civil Aviation done at Chicago on 7 December 1944 as amended by the 1947 Protocol, 1954 Protocol, 1961 Protocol, 1962 Protocol, 1971 Protocol, 1974 Protocol, 1968 Buenos Aires Protocol and 1977 Montreal Protocol.
4. International Air Services Transit Agreement done at Chicago on 7 December 1944.

B. Conservation

5. International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling done at Washington on 2 December 1946 and Protocol to the 1946 Convention done at Washington on 19 November 1956.
6. Plant Protection Agreement for the South-East Asia and Pacific Region done at Rome on 27 February 1956 and the Amendment to the Plant Protection Agreement done on 2 November 1967.
7. Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat, done at Ramsar on 2 February 1971.
8. Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage done at Paris on 16 November 1972.
9. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora done at Washington on 3 March 1973.
10. Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals done at Bonn on 23 June 1979.

11. **Vienna** Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer done at Vienna on 22 March 1985; **Montreal** Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer done at Montreal on 16 September 1987; the 1990 London Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; and the **1992 Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**.
12. **Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal** done at Basel on 22 March 1989.
13. **Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities** done at Wellington on 2 June 1988.

C. Customs

14. International Convention relating to the Simplification of Customs Formalities and Protocol **of Signature** done at Geneva on 3 November 1923.
15. Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials done at Lake Success on 22 November 1950.
16. International Convention to Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material done at Geneva on 7 November 1952.
17. Convention Concerning Customs Facilities for Touring and Additional Protocol **to the 1954 Convention Concerning Customs Facilities for Touring** relating to the Importation of Tourist Publicity Documents and Material done at New York on 4 June 1954.
18. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles done at New York on 4 June 1954.
19. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation for Private Use of Aircraft and Pleasure Boats done at Geneva on 18 May 1956.
20. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles done at Geneva on 18 May 1956.
21. European Convention on Customs Treatment of Pallets used in International Transport done at Geneva on 9 December 1960.
22. **Customs** Convention Concerning Facilities for the Importation of Goods for Display or Use at Exhibitions, Fairs, Meetings or Similar Events done at Brussels on 8 June 1961.
23. Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Professional Equipment done at Brussels on 8 June 1961.

24. **Customs** Convention on the 'ATA Carnet' for the Temporary Admission of Goods done at Brussels on 6 December 1961.
25. **Convention on Temporary Admission done at Istanbul on 26 June 1990.**
26. Customs Convention on Containers done at Geneva on 2 December 1972.
27. **International Convention for Safe Containers done at Geneva on 2 December 1972.**

D. Drugs

28. Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs done at New York on 30 March 1961; **1966 Amendments to Schedule I; 1967 Amendment to Schedule III; and the 1972 Protocol amending the Convention** done at Geneva on 25 March 1972.
29. United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances done at Vienna on 21 February 1971.
30. The 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances done at Vienna on 20 December 1988.

E. Economic and Financial

31. Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States done at Washington on 18 March 1965.

F. Health

32. Agreement respecting Facilities to be given to Merchant Seamen for the Treatment of Venereal Diseases done at Brussels on 1 December 1924.
33. The International Health Regulations done at Boston on 25 July 1969.

G. Human Rights

34. United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment done at New York on 10 December 1984.
35. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child done at New York on **20 November 1989.**

36. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights done at New York on 16 December 1966.*
37. International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights done at New York on 16 December 1966.*
38. International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic signed at Paris on 18 May 1904.
39. International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic signed at Paris on 4 May 1910 and the Protocol amending the International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, 1904 and the International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic, 1910 done at Lake Success on 4 May 1949.
40. International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children opened for signature at Geneva on 30 September 1921.
41. International Convention with the Object of Securing the Abolition of Slavery and the Slave Trade signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926 and the Protocol amending the Slavery Convention done at New York on 7 December 1953.
42. Convention on the Political Rights of Women opened for signature at New York on 20 December 1952.
43. Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons done at New York on 28 September 1954.
44. Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery done at Geneva on 7 September 1956.
45. Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages opened for signature at New York on 7 November 1962.
46. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination opened for signature at New York on 21 December 1965.
47. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women concluded at New York on 18 December 1979.@
48. Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction done at the Hague on 25 October 1980.@

III. Intellectual Property

49. Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property done at Paris on 20 March 1883 as amended on 14 July 1967.

50. Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works done at Berne on 9 September 1886 **as amended on 2 October 1979 at Paris.**
51. Universal Copyright Convention done at Geneva on 6 September 1952 and its Protocols, **Geneva 1952, as amended on 24 July 1971 at Paris.**
52. Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms done at Geneva on 29 October 1971.
53. Patent Co-operation Treaty done at Washington on 19 June 1970 **as amended on 28 September 1979 and modified on 3 February 1984.**

I. International Crime

54. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide done at Paris on 9 December 1948.
55. International Agreement for the Suppression of Obscene Publications done at Paris on 4 May 1910 and its Protocol done at Lake Success on 4 May 1949.
56. International Convention for the Suppression of the Circulation of and Traffic in Obscene Publications done at Geneva on 12 September 1923 and Protocol done at Lake Success on 12 November 1947.
57. Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts committed on Board Aircraft done at Tokyo on 14 September 1963.
58. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft done at the Hague on 16 December 1970.
59. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation done at Montreal on 23 September 1971.
60. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents done at New York on 14 December 1973.
61. **International** Convention Against the Taking of Hostages done at New York on 17 December 1979.
62. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation done at Rome on 10 March 1988, and Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf done at Rome on 10 March 1988.
63. **Montreal** Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports serving International Civil Aviation done at Montreal on 24 February 1988.

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

J. International Labour Conventions (46)

65. Unemployment Convention (ILC No. 2), Washington, 28.11.1919.
66. Maternity Protection Convention (ILC No. 3), Washington, 28.11.1919.
67. Minimum Age (Industry) Convention (ILC No. 5), Washington, 28.11.1919.
68. Minimum Age (Sea) Convention (ILC No.7), Genoa, 9.7.1920.
69. Unemployment Indemnity (Shipwreck) Convention (ILC No. 8), Genoa, 9.7.1920.
70. Minimum Age (Trimmers and Stokers) Convention (ILC No. 15), Geneva, 11.11.1921.
71. Medical Examination of Young Persons (Sea) Convention (ILC No.16), Geneva, 11.11.1921.
72. Right of Association (Agriculture) Convention (ILC No.11), Geneva, 12.11.1921.
73. Minimum Age (Agriculture) Convention (ILC No.10), Geneva, 16.11.1921.
74. Weekly Rest (Industry) Convention (ILC No.14), Geneva, 17.11.1921.
75. Workmen's Compensation (Agriculture) Convention (ILC No.12), Geneva, 12.11.1921.
76. Equality of Treatment (Accident Compensation) Convention (ILC No.19), Geneva, 5.6.1925.
77. Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) Convention (ILC No.17), Geneva, 10.6.1925.
78. Repatriation of Seamen Convention (ILC No.23), Geneva, 23.6.1926.
79. Seamen's Articles of Agreement Convention (ILC No.22), Geneva, 24.6.1926.
80. Forced Labour Convention (ILC No. 29), Geneva, 28.6.1930.
81. Protection against Accidents (Dockers) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 32), Geneva, 27.4.1932.
82. Workmen's Compensation (Occupational Diseases) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 42), Geneva, 21.6.1934.

83. Underground Work (Women) Convention (ILC No. 45), Geneva, 21.6.1935.
84. Recruiting of Indigenous Workers Convention (ILC No. 50), Geneva, 20.6.1936.
85. Minimum Age (Sea) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 58), Geneva, 24.10.1936.
86. Minimum Age (Industry) Convention (Revised) (ILC No. 59), Geneva, 22.6.1937.
87. Contracts of Employment (Indigenous Workers) Convention (ILC No. 64), Geneva, 27.6.1939.
88. Penal Sanctions (Indigenous Workers) Convention (ILC No. 65), Geneva, 27.6.1939.
89. Certification of Able Seamen Convention (ILC No. 74), Seattle, 29.6.1946.
90. Labour Inspection Convention (ILC No. 81), Geneva, 11.7.1947.
91. Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention (ILC No.87), San Francisco, 9.7.1948.
92. Night Work of Young Persons (Industry) Convention (Revised) (ILC No.90), San Francisco, 10.7.1948.
93. Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised) (ILC No.92), Geneva, 18.6.1949.
94. Migration for Employment Convention (Revised) (ILC No.97), Geneva, 1.7.1949.
95. Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention (ILC No.98), Geneva, 1.7.1949.
96. Holidays with Pay (Agriculture) Convention (ILC No.101), Geneva, 26.6.1952.
97. Abolition of Forced Labour Convention (ILC No.105), Geneva, 25.6.1957.
98. Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (ILC No.108), Geneva, 13.5.1958.
99. Radiation Protection Convention (ILC No.115), Geneva, 22.6.1960.
100. Employment Policy Convention (ILC No.122), Geneva, 9.7.1964.
101. Medical Examination of Young Persons (Underground Work) Convention (ILC No.124), Geneva, 23.6.1965.
102. Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) Convention (ILC No.133), Geneva, 30.10.1970.
103. Rural Workers' Organisations Convention (ILC No.141), Geneva, 23.6.1975.

104. Human Resources Development Convention (ILC No.142), Geneva, 23.6.1975.
105. Tripartite Consultation (International Labour Standards) Convention (ILC No.144), Geneva, 21.6.1976.
106. Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention (ILC No.147), Geneva, 29.10.1976.
107. Working Environment (Air Pollution, Noise and Vibration) Convention (ILC No.148), Geneva, 20.6.1977.
108. Labour Administration Convention (ILC No.150), Geneva, 26.6.1978.
109. Labour Relations (Public Service) Convention (ILC No.151), Geneva, 27.6.1978.
110. Labour Statistics Convention (ILC No. 160), Geneva, 25.6.1985.

K. Marine Pollution

111. International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in cases of Oil Pollution Casualties done at Brussels on 29 November 1969 and the Protocol done at London on 2 November 1973.
112. International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage done at Brussels on 29 November 1969 and its Protocol done at London on 19 November 1976.
113. International Convention on the establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage done at Brussels on 18 December 1971 and the Protocol done at London on 19 November 1976.
114. Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter done at London on 29 December 1972; 1978 Amendments to Annexes I and II Concerning Incineration at Sea; 1978 Amendments Concerning Settlement of Disputes; 1980 Amendments to Annexes I and II Concerning Lists of Substances; and 1989 Amendments to Annex III.
115. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships done at London on 2 November 1973; Protocol done at London on 17 February 1978; and Annexes III and V to the Convention as modified by the Protocol of 1978.

L. Merchant Shipping

116. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Assistance and Salvage at Sea done at Brussels on 23 September 1910.

117. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law respecting Collisions between Vessels done at Brussels on 23 September 1910.
118. Convention and Statute on Freedom of Transit done at Barcelona on 20 April 1921.
119. Convention and Statute on the Regime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern done at Barcelona on 20 April 1921.
120. Declaration Recognising the Right to a Flag of States Having No Sea-coast done at Barcelona on 20 April 1921.
121. Convention and Statute on the International Regime of Maritime Ports done at Geneva on 9 December 1923.
122. International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading done at Brussels on 25 August 1924 and its 1968 and 1979 Protocols.
123. International Convention on Certain Rules concerning Civil Jurisdiction in Matters of Collision done at Brussels on 10 May 1952.
124. 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 10 May 1952.
125. International Convention relating to the Arrest of Sea-going Ships done at Brussels on 10 May 1952.
126. Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic done at London on 9 April 1965, as amended [by the 1973, 1977 and 1986 Amendments](#).
127. International Convention on Load Lines done at London on 5 April 1966, as amended by the 1971, 1975 and 1979 [Amendments](#).
128. International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships done at London on 23 June 1969.
129. Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement done at London on 6 October 1971 and its 1973 Protocol [on Space Requirements for Special Trade Passenger Ships](#).
130. Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea done at London on 20 October 1972 and the Amendment done on 19 November 1981.
131. Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences done at Geneva on 6 April 1974.
132. Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea done at Athens on 13 December 1974 and its 1976 Protocol.

133. International Convention for **the** Safety of Life at Sea done at London on 1 November 1974 and its 1981, 1983 and 1988 Amendments; its Protocol done on 1 June 1978 and the 1981 Amendments to the 1978 Protocol.
134. Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims done at London on 19 November 1976.
135. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers done at London on 7 July 1978 and the 1995 Amendments.
136. International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue done at Hamburg on 27 April 1979.
137. International Convention on Salvage concluded at London on 28 April 1989.
138. International Convention on Salvage done at London on 28 April 1989.@

ML. Political and Diplomatic

139. Charter of the United Nations done at San Francisco on 26 June 1945.
140. Statute of the International Court of Justice done at San Francisco on 26 June 1945.
141. (General) Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations done at London on 13 February 1946.
142. Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations done at New York on 21 November 1947.
143. Convention on Diplomatic Relations done at Vienna on 18 April 1961.
144. Convention on Consular Relations done at Vienna on 24 April 1963.

N. Postal

145. Postal Parcels Agreement with Final Protocol and Detailed Regulations with Final Protocol, Seoul 1994 and the Postal Operations Council Session in Berne, February 1995.
146. Universal Postal Convention **with Final Protocol** and Detailed Regulations with Final Protocol, Seoul 1994 and the Postal Operations Council Session in Berne, February 1995.

147. General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union and Annex, Seoul 1994.

○. Private International Law

148. Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards done at New York on 10 June 1958.
149. Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents done at the Hague on 5 October 1961.
150. Convention on the Conflicts of Laws relating to the form of Testamentary Dispositions done at the Hague on 5 October 1961.
151. Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters done at the Hague on 15 November 1965.
152. Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters done at the Hague on 18 March 1970.
153. Convention on the Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations done at the Hague on 1 June 1970.
154. Convention on the Law Applicable to Trusts and on their Recognition done at the Hague on 1 July 1985.

P. Science and Technology

155. Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy done at Paris on 29 July 1960 with its Additional Protocol done at Paris on 28 January 1964, as amended by the 1982 Protocol.
156. Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies done at London/Moscow/Washington on 27 January 1967.
157. Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space done at London, Moscow and Washington on 22 April 1968.
158. Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects done at London, Moscow and Washington on 29 March 1972.
159. Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space done at New York on 12 November 1974.

Q. Telecommunications

160. Convention for the Protection of Submarine Cables done at Paris on 14 March 1884 **as amended by** the Declaration **on the Protection of Submarine Cables** done at Paris on 1 December 1886 and the Protocol **on the Protection of Submarine Cables** done at Paris on 7 July 1887.
161. International Agreement on the use of INMARSAT ship earth stations within the Territorial Sea and Ports done at London on 16 October 1985.

R. Trade

162. International Convention Relating to International Exhibitions, done at Paris on 22 November 1928 and its Protocols done at Paris on 10 May 1948, 16 November 1966, 30 November 1972, **and amendments** done on 24 June 1982.

S. Transport

163. Convention on Road Traffic done at Geneva on 19 September 1949.

T. Warfare and Disarmament

164. Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field done at Geneva on 12 August 1949.
165. Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Ship-wrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea done at Geneva on 12 August 1949.
166. Convention on the Treatment of Prisoners of War done at Geneva on 12 August 1949.
167. Convention on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War done at Geneva on 12 August 1949.
168. Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons done at London/Moscow/ Washington on 1 July 1968.
169. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction done at London/Moscow/ Washington on 10 April 1972.

U. List of Other International Instruments Establishing International Organizations

1. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank done at Manila on 4 December 1965.

2. Asia-Pacific Postal Union (APPU)

Asia-Pacific Postal Convention done at Yogyakarta on 27 March 1981 and its Final Protocol.

3. Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)

Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity done at Bangkok on 27 March 1976.

4. Customs Co-operation Council (CCC)

International Convention Establishing a Customs Co-operation Council done at Brussels on 15 December 1950.

5. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organisation done at Quebec on 16 October 1945.

6. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) / World Trade Organisation (WTO)

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade done at Geneva on 30 October 1947.

Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organisation done at Marrakesh on 15 December 1993.

7. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency done at New York on 26 October 1956.

8. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)

Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development done at Washington on 27 December 1945.

9. International Development Association (IDA)

Articles of Agreement of the International Development Association done at Washington on 26 January 1960.

10. International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Articles of Agreement of the International Finance Corporation done at Washington on 25 May 1955.

11. International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO)

Convention on the International Hydrographic Organisation done at Monaco on 3 May 1967.

12. International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Constitution of the International Labour Organisation done at Versailles on 28 June 1919.

13. International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

Convention on the International Maritime Organisation done at Geneva on 6 March 1948.

14. International Mobile Satellite Organisation (Inmarsat)

Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organisation done at London on 3 September 1976.

15. International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund done at Washington on 27 December 1945.

16. International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (INTELSAT)

Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (INTELSAT) done at Washington on 20 August 1971.

17. International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union done at Geneva on 22 December 1992, and at Kyoto in 1994.

18. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

Convention Establishing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency done at Seoul on 11 October 1985.

19. Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific (NACA)

Agreement on the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific done at Bangkok on 8 January 1988.

20. Universal Postal Union (UPU)

Constitution of the Universal Postal Union, Vienna, 1964, as amended by the 1969 Tokyo, 1974 Lausanne, 1984 Hamburg, 1989 Washington and 1994 Seoul Additional Protocols.

21. World Health Organisation (WHO)

Constitution of the World Health Organisation done at New York on 22 July 1946.

22. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organisation done at Stockholm on 14 July 1967 as amended by in 1979.

23. World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)

Constitution of the World Meteorological Organisation done at Washington on 11 October 1947.

* **The continued application of the provisions of these two covenants to the HKSAR after 30 June 1997 is covered by JD156/BL39.**

@ **To be extended to Hong Kong by the UK on or before 30 June 1997 and their continued application thereafter has been agreed in the JLG.**

International Organisations in which Hong Kong Participates**Full Membership**

1. Asian Development Bank (ADB) (agreement reached in 1985)
2. Customs Co-operation Council (CCC)/World Customs Organisation (WCO) (1986)
3. General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT)/World Trade Organisation (WTO)(1986)
4. International Textiles and Clothing Bureau (ITCB) (1996)
5. Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific (NACA) (1988)
6. World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) (1986)

Participation as Part of Sovereign Government's Delegation

1. Asia-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) (1986)
2. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) (1987)
3. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (1988)
4. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) (1989)
5. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) (1996)
6. International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) (1988)
7. International Development Association (IDA) (1989)
8. International Finance Corporation (IFC) (1989)
9. International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) (1988)
10. International Labour Organisation (ILO) (1987)
11. International Mobile (formerly Maritime) Satellite Organisation (Inmarsat) (1990)
12. International Monetary Fund (IMF) (1989)
13. International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (INTELSAT) (1990)
14. International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (1986)
15. United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (UNCND) (1988)
16. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (1987)
17. Universal Postal Union (UPU) (1986)
18. World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) (1994)

Associate Membership

1. Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC) (1987)
2. Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) (1988)
3. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (1987)
4. Intergovernmental Typhoon Committee (ITC) (1987)
5. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) (1986)
6. Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) (1987)
7. World Health Organisation (WHO) (1988)

**Major Franchises and Contracts on which
a common view has been reached in the JLG**

- a) The Scheme of Control Agreement of China Light and Power (March 1992)
- b) The provision of Community Electronic Trading Services (September 1992)
- c) The Subscription TV licence (September 1993)
- d) The Scheme of Control Agreement of Hong Kong Electric (September 1993)
- e) The contract for the West New Territories Landfill (September 1993)
- f) The contract for the South-east New Territories Landfill (August 1993)
- g) The contract for the North-east New Territories Landfill (June 1994)
- h) The management contract for the Aberdeen Tunnel (September 1994)
- i) The Route III (Tai Lam Tunnel and Yuen Long Approach Road) BOT franchise (March 1995)
- j) Four Fixed Telecommunication Network Licences (March 1995)
- k) The new franchise for China Motor Bus (July 1995)
- l) Management contracts for four Government Tunnel (Lion Rock and Airport Tunnels, and Shing Mun and Tseung Kwan O Tunnels (February 1996)
- m) The new franchise for Citybus (March 1996)
- n) Six Personal Communications Service Licences (July 1996)
- o) The Satellite Television Uplink and Downlink licence for Galaxy (September 1996)