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- \(^1\)Ratification
- \(^2\)Council decision
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1. With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).
2. Applies also to Hong Kong, China with effect from July 1, 1997.
3. Not applicable to Macao, China.
4. With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).
5. Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.
6. Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist on October 10, 2010. As from that date, the PCT continues to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten. The PCT also continues to apply to the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba which, with effect from October 10, 2010, have become part of the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.
8. Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from December 25, 1991.
9. The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the Isle of Man with effect from December 25, 1991.
10. With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).
11. Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.
12. The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has been appointed to act as an International Authority with effect from a date yet to be notified to the International Bureau by the Office when it is ready to start functioning in that capacity.