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The Depositary of the Agreement, the Department of External Relations and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco, has the honour to submit this report to the States Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS).

Since the Eighth Meeting of the Parties (MOP8), held in Valletta (Malta) from 29 November to 2 December 2022, no new ratifications of the Agreement have been registered by the Depositary.

Thus, as of 7 August 2025, the Agreement had 24 Contracting Parties (Table 1).

With regard to the Amendments to the text and Annex 1 of the Agreement, relating to the extension of the geographical area of ACCOBAMS adopted at MOP4 in 2010, the Department of External Relations and Cooperation registered the instruments of ratification of the Hellenic Republic, deposited on 28 April 2023, and of the Republic of Georgia, deposited on 25 August 2023.

The Department of External Relations and Cooperation duly informed, through diplomatic channels, the signatories and/or Parties to the Agreement, the Council of the European Union, the Permanent Secretariat of ACCOBAMS and that of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), as well as the United Nations Treaty Service.

As of 7 August 2025, 12 Parties had approved the Amendments (Table 2).

For the record, in accordance with Article X, paragraph 3 of the Agreement, the said amendments shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which two-thirds of the States Parties to the Agreement, i.e. sixteen (16) Parties, have ratified them.

¹ Monaco, on the 07/08/2025

Table 1

The following table shows the status of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement as of 7 August 2025.

COUNTRY / PAYS	SIGNATURES	RATIFICATIONS		ENTRY INTO FORCE ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR
	Dates	Tool / Instrument	Deposit of the tool Dépôt de l'instrument	
ALBANIA	24/11/1996	25/05/2001	03/07/2001	01/10/2001
ALGERIA		19/03/2007(AA)	25/09/2007	01/12/2007
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA				
<i>BULGARIA</i>	16/09/1999	23/09/1999	10/11/1999	01/06/2001
CROATIA	24/11/1996	03/05/2000	10/07/2000	01/06/2001
CYPRUS	24/11/1996	30/01/2006	14/02/2006	01/05/2006
<i>EGYPT</i>		04/03/2010	19/04/2010	01/07/2010
EUROPEAN UNION				
<i>FRANCE</i>	24/11/1996	26/02/2004 (AA)	10/03/2004	01/06/2004
GEORGIA	24/11/1996	30/03/2001	31/05/2001	01/06/2001
GREECE	24/11/1996*	24/11/1996*	24/11/1996*	01/06/2001
ISRAEL				
ITALY	24/11/1996	10/02/2005	24/06/05	01/09/2005
<i>LEBANON</i>		05/05/2004(A)	13/12/2004	01/03/2005
<i>LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA</i>		12/05/2002	18/06/2002	01/09/2002
<i>MALTA</i>	23/03/2001*	23/03/2001*	23/03/2001*	01/06/2001
<i>MONACO</i>	24/11/1996	25/04/1997	30/04/1997	01/06/2001
<i>MONTENEGRO</i>		17/02/2009 (AAA)	18/05/2009	01/08/2009
MOROCCO	28/03/1997	13/05/1999	05/07/1999	01/06/2001
PORTUGAL	24/11/1996	30/09/2004 (A)	15/10/2004	01/01/2005
ROMANIA	28/09/1998	13/06/2000	17/07/2000	01/06/2001
RUSSIA				
SLOVENIA		12/07/2006	25/09/2006	01/12/2006
<i>SPAIN</i>	24/11/1996	07/01/1999	02/02/1999	01/06/2001
SYRIA		07/02/02 (A)	22/03/2002	01/06/2002
TUNISIA	24/11/1996	31/12/2001	15/01/2002	01/04/2002
TÜRKIYE		29/05/2017 (AA)	03/11/2017	01/02/2018
<i>UKRAINE</i>		09/07/2003	23/10/2003	01/01/2004
UNITED KINGDOM				

* Signature valid for ratification / Signature valant ratification

A = Adherence / Adhésion

AA = Approval / Approbation

AAA= Accession / Accession

Table 2

The following table shows the status of Contracting Parties that have ratified the Amendments as of 7 August 2025:

COUNTRY / PAYS	RATIFICATIONS		ENTRY INTO FORCE ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR
	Tool / Instrument	Deposit of the tool Dépôt de l'instrument	
ALBANIA / ALBANIE			
ALGERIA / ALGERIE			
BULGARIA / BULGARIE	08/02/2012 ³	14/03/2012	
CROATIA / CROATIE			
CYPRUS / CHYPRE	11/08/2014 ³	22/08/2014	
EGYPT / EGYPT			
FRANCE / FRANCE	15/10/2016 ²	10/11/2016	
GEORGIA / GEORGIE	03/08/2023 ³	25/08/2023	
GREECE / GRECE	01/02/2023 ³	28/04/2023	
ITALY / ITALIE	13/07/2021 ¹	04/08/2021	
LEBANON / LIBAN			
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA / LIBYE			
MALTA / MALTE	10/01/2022 ³	26/01/2022	
MONACO / MONACO	24/02/2011 ²	02/03/2011	
MONTENEGRO / MONTENEGRO	03/12/2014 ³	09/07/2015	
MOROCCO / MAROC			
PORTUGAL/PORTUGAL			
ROMANIA / ROUMANIE			
SLOVENIA / SLOVENIE	09/06/2016 ²	09/06/2016	
SPAIN / ESPAGNE	26/11/2012 ¹	10/01/2013	
SYRIA / SYRIE			
TUNISIA / TUNISIE			
TÜRKIYE			
UKRAINE / UKRAINE	26/11/2012 ³	02/01/2013	

1 = Ratification / ratification

2 = Approval / Approbation

3 = Acceptance / Acceptation

NB: 16 approvals are needed for the entry into force of the amendments / 16 approbations sont nécessaires pour l'entrée en vigueur des amendements