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**AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION  
OF SMALL CETACEANS OF THE  
BALTIC, NORTH EAST ATLANTIC,  
IRISH AND NORTH SEAS**

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30<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Bonn, Germany, 1–3 September 2026  
Agenda Item 15

**STATUS OF ACCESSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT'S AMENDMENT**

**9. AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF SMALL CETACEANS OF THE BALTIC,  
NORTH EAST ATLANTIC, IRISH AND NORTH SEAS**

*New York, 17 March 1992*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 29 March 1994, in accordance with article 8(5).<sup>1</sup>

**REGISTRATION:** 29 March 1994, No. 30865.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 6. Parties: 10.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1772, p. 217; and C.N.338.1995.TREATIES-2 of 22 November 1995 (procès-verbal of rectification of the French authentic text).

*Note:* The Agreement was approved at Geneva on 13 September 1991, during the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals pursuant to article IV (4) of the said Convention, which was done at Bonn on 23 June 1979 ("Bonn Convention"). The Agreement was open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 17 March 1992 and will remain open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

\* The Amendment to the Agreement (see Chapter XXVII-9(a) herein), which entered into force on 3 February 2008, changed the name of the Agreement. The Agreement was previously known as "Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas".

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Definitive signature(s), Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA)</i>
Belgium .....	6 Nov 1992	14 May 1993	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>2</sup> .....	29 Jul 1992	29 Dec 1992 AA
Denmark .....	19 Aug 1992	29 Dec 1993 AA	Poland .....		18 Jan 1996 a
European Union.....	7 Oct 1992		Sweden.....		31 Mar 1992 s
Finland .....		13 Sep 1999 a	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>3,4</sup> ...	16 Apr 1992	13 Jul 1993
France .....		3 Oct 2005 a			
Germany .....	9 Apr 1992	6 Oct 1993			
Lithuania.....		27 Jun 2005 a			

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> "Any State that becomes a Party to the Agreement after the entry into force of an Amendment shall, failing an expression of a different intention by that State:

- a) be considered as a Party to the Agreement as amended; and
- b) be considered as a Party to the unamended Agreement in relation to any Party not bound by the Amendment."

<sup>2</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>3</sup> For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Bailiwick of Guernsey. For the Bailiwick of Jersey (notification received on 26 September 2002).

<sup>4</sup> On 9 September 2016, the Secretary-General received

from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the following notification:

"... the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland wishes that the United Kingdom's ratification of the Agreement be extended to the following territory:

Isle of Man

for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland considers that the extension of the Agreement

to the territory of the Isle of Man will enter into force on the date

that this notification is received [in] deposit...”

**9. a) Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas**

*Esbjerg, 22 August 2003*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 3 February 2008, in accordance with article 6.5.3.  
**REGISTRATION:** 3 February 2008, No. 30865.  
**STATUS:** Parties: 8.<sup>1</sup>  
**TEXT:** Depositary notification C.N.346.2006.TREATIES-1 of 9 May 2006.

*Note:* By Resolution No. 4, adopted on 22 August 2003 at the 4th meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the conservation of small cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas, held in Esbjerg, Denmark, from 19 to 22 August 2003, the Parties adopted an amendment to the Agreement, in accordance with paragraph 6.5. The Amendment, *inter alia*, changes the name of the Agreement as follows: “Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas”.

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<i>Participant</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Acceptance(A)</i>
Denmark .....	19 Dec 2006 A	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>2</sup> .....	24 May 2007 A
Finland.....	5 Nov 2007 A	Poland.....	1 Jul 2009 A
France .....	3 Oct 2005 A	Sweden.....	1 Oct 2010 A
Germany .....	15 Jan 2007 A	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>3</sup> .....	3 Oct 2014 A

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**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> "Any State that becomes a Party to the Agreement after the entry into force of an Amendment shall, failing an expression of a different intention by that State:

- a) be considered as a Party to the Agreement as amended; and
- b) be considered as a Party to the unamended Agreement in relation to any Party not bound by the Amendment."

(Amendment to the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas, Esbjerg, 22 August 2003)

<sup>2</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>3</sup> On 9 September 2016, the Secretary General received from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the following notification:

“... the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland wishes that the United Kingdom’s [acceptance] of the [Amendment] be extended to the following territory:

Isle of Man

for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland considers that the extension of the [Amendment] to the Isle of Man will enter into force on the date that this notification is received [in] deposit ...”