

QUESTIONNAIRE TO ISSUE WITH SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

The Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc. ("The List") is published four times annually, being laid before Parliament as a Command Paper. The current format used by the List has been in existence for over 35 years, but the last decade has seen a great expansion in the provision of electronic treaty information via the internet. The FCO Treaty Section consider that the time is right to re-appraise the nature of this publication in order to establish whether it continues to provide the best possible source of reference to the status of treaties in force for the UK, or whether certain changes are now desirable. We would appreciate responses to the short questionnaire attached herewith, which can be posted or faxed to the address given below. Users browsing this document from the FCO website may wish to e-mail us their responses.

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Questionnaire on the “Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, withdrawals, etc,”

This form is intended to provide FCO Treaty Section, with feed back on the above title.

<p>The List is published in hard-copy (as required by Parliament) and in electronic format on the FCO website (www.fco.gov/treaty):</p> <p>Q: Do you make use of both formats, or only one? Which do you prefer?</p>	<p>The List is published four times a year.</p> <p>Q: Do you think this is;</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">both formats, published in hard-copy published in electronic format</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">too often, not often enough, or about right?</p>

What sort of information do you find useful in the List? (tick as many boxes as you wish)	
<p>Bilateral information (e.g information about a treaty the UK has with one other State)</p> <p>Multilateral Treaties, or</p> <p>All types of Treaty</p> <p>terminations/withdrawals from treaties</p>	<p>Updates on ratifications and accessions</p> <p>texts of declarations, reservations and objections</p> <p>information on UK depositary treaties</p>

<p>How do you make use of the treaty information published in the List? (tick as many boxes as you wish);</p>	<p>Where the full text of a State's declaration or reservation is available in electronic format from a depositary's website, do you use this as your source of first resort rather than the List?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">original research confirm information already found elsewhere, e.g on the internet awareness of changes to treaty status</p>	

<p>If the electronic version of the List contained links to a depositary's website rather than reproduce the full text of a declaration or reservation, would you find this more useful, or less so?</p>	<p>The List currently consists of a single A-Z listing including subjects and names of countries - would it be easier to browse if it was separated into a) multilateral (by subject) and b) Bilateral (A-Z by country) sections?</p>

<p>Recent issues of the List have included a simple index at the front. Is this helpful? Would you wish to see this expanded? (bearing in mind that the electronic version is text-searchable).</p>	<p><u>Closing Demographic</u> it would be most helpful to get an outline of our customer base, are you :</p>		
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<p><u>Any other comments:</u></p>
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Thank you for your time; your answers will help us to further develop this publication in future.