



Ratification of the UN Watercourses Convention: Perspectives from Around the World

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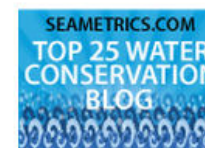
As you may recall, the IWLP Blog recently featured a [series of twelve essays](#) on the coming into force of the [1997 UN Convention on the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses](#). That series was recently republished in *Water Policy*, a journal published by the [International Water Association](#) and the official journal of the [World Water Council](#).

Part I, containing the first 6 essays, was published as: *Specially Invited Opinions and Research Report of the International Water Law Project: Global Perspectives on the Entry into Force of the UN Watercourses Convention 2014: Part One*. *Water Policy*, Vol. 16(6), available at doi: [10.2166/wp.2014.008](#) (subscription required).

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In addition, the entire series was translated into Russian by the [Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission of Central Asia](#). That version can be found [here](#).

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Note: Paraguay, Venezuela, and Yemen have signed, but not yet ratified the Convention.

Country	Vote at UNGA (1997)	Riparian characteristic	Economic income level*	Geographic region*
Benin	Absent	Upper/Lower	Low	Sub-Saharan Africa
Burkina Faso	For	Mostly Upper	Low	Sub-Saharan Africa
Chad	Not recorded	Mostly Upper	Low	Sub-Saharan Africa
Côte d'Ivoire	For	Mostly Lower	Lower-Middle	Sub-Saharan Africa
Denmark	For	Neither	High	Western Europe
Finland	For	Neither	High	Western Europe
France	Abstain	Upper/Lower	High	Western Europe
Germany	For	Upper/Lower	High	Western Europe
Greece	For	Upper/Lower	High	Western Europe
Guinea-Bissau	Not recorded	Lower	Low	Sub-Saharan Africa
Hungary	For	Upper/Lower	Upper-Middle	Eastern Europe & Central Asia
Iraq	Not recorded	Lower	Upper-Middle	Middle East & North Africa
Ireland	For	Neither	High	Western Europe
Italy	For	Neither	High	Western Europe
Jordan	For	Neither	Upper-Middle	Middle East & North Africa
Lebanon	Absent	Upper	Upper-Middle	Middle East & North Africa
Libya	For	Neither	Upper-Middle	Middle East & North Africa
Luxembourg	For	Upper/Lower	High	Western Europe
Montenegro	Not applicable	Lower	Upper-Middle	Eastern Europe & Central Asia
Morocco	For	Neither	Lower-Middle	Middle East & North Africa
Namibia	For	Upper/Lower	Upper-Middle	Sub-Saharan Africa
Netherlands	For	Mostly Lower	High	Western Europe
Niger	Absent	Upper/Lower	Low	Sub-Saharan Africa
Nigeria	Absent	Mostly Lower	Lower-Middle	Sub-Saharan Africa
Norway	For	Upper/Lower	High	Western Europe
Palestine	n/a	Mixed	Low	Middle East & North Africa
Portugal	For	Mostly Lower	High	Western Europe
Qatar	For	Neither	High	Middle East & North Africa
South Africa	For	Mostly Upper	Upper-Middle	Sub-Saharan Africa
Spain	Abstain	Upper	High	Western Europe
Sweden	For	Upper/Lower	High	Western Europe
Syrian	For	Upper/Lower	Lower-Middle	Middle East & North Africa
Tunisia	For	Mostly Lower	Upper-Middle	Middle East & North Africa
United Kingdom	For	Neither	High	Western Europe
Uzbekistan	Abstain	Mostly Upper	Lower-Middle	Eastern Europe & Central Asia
Vietnam	For	Mostly Lower	Low	East Asia & Pacific Islands

