

**Agreement
Constituting an International Commission
for the International Tracing Service**

Bonn, 6 June 1955

Entry into force: 5 May 1955, for a period of five years, in accordance with Article 10 thereof:

“The present Agreement shall enter into force for a period of five years, on the date of entry into force of the abovementioned Convention on the Settlement of Matters arising out of the War and the Occupation.” (*Convention on the Settlement of Matters Arising out of the War and the Occupation as amended by Schedule IV to the Protocol on the Termination of the Occupation Regime in the Federal Republic of Germany, signed at Paris on 23. October 1954*)

Amended and extended for another five years by the Protocol of 23 August 1960, which entered into force on 5 May 1960 in accordance with Article IV thereof:

“This Protocol shall enter into force on May 5, 1960.”

Amended and extended for an indefinite period of time by the Arrangement Renewing and Amending the Agreement Constituting an International Commission for the International Tracing Service concluded at Bonn on **15 October 1973**, which entered into force on 5 May 1965 in accordance with Article IV thereof:

“The present Arrangement shall be considered as having entered into force with effect from 5 May 1965 as soon as all the Governments referred to in the Preamble have notified the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany of their agreement to the present Arrangement.”

Amended by the Protocol on the amendment of the Agreement Constituting an International Commission for the International Tracing Service concluded at Berlin on **16 May 2006**, which entered into force on 26 November 2007 in accordance with Article IV thereof:

“This Protocol will enter into force on the date on which all contracting Governments have informed the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany that the national requirements for such entry into force have been fulfilled. The relevant date shall be the date on which the last communication is received by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.”

Expired on 1 April 2016 due to the **entry into force of the Agreement on the International Tracing Service concluded on 9 December 2011**, in accordance with Article 29, paragraph a, in conjunction with Article 29, paragraph b of the Agreement of 2011

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Contracting Party	Date of signature/accession	Entry into force
Belgium	06.06.1955	05.05.1955
Germany	06.06.1955	05.05.1955
France	06.06.1955	05.05.1955
Greece	02.05.1956 (accession)	02.05.1956
Israel	06.06.1955	05.05.1955
Italy	06.06.1955	05.05.1955
Luxembourg	06.06.1955	05.05.1955
Netherlands	06.06.1955	05.05.1955
Poland	07.03.2000 (accession)	07.03.2000
United Kingdom	06.06.1955	05.05.1955
United States	06.06.1955	05.05.1955

(All dates are given in the format dd.mm.yyyy.)

See also:

- Agreement of 15 July 1993 on the Legal Status of the International Tracing Service in Arolsen
- Agreement of 9 December 2011 on the International Tracing Service (not yet in force)

For the following Treaties, the International Committee of the Red Cross is the depositary:

- Agreement on the Relations between the International Commission for the International Tracing Service and the International Committee of the Red Cross, concluded at Bonn on 6 June 1955
- Protocol Renewing and Amending the Agreement on the Relations between the International Commission for the International Tracing Service and the International Committee of the Red Cross concluded at Bonn and Geneva on 30 September and 7 October 1960
- Arrangement Renewing and Amending the Agreement on the Relations between the International Commission for the International Tracing Service and the International Committee of the Red Cross concluded at Geneva on 22 December 1972
- Protocol Amending the Agreement on the Relations between the International Commission for the International Tracing Service and the International Committee of the Red Cross concluded at Luxembourg on 16 May 2006

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