

SUMMARY OF MULTILATERAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS

ILO CONVENTION NO. 187: PROMOTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CONVENTION

Objective/s:

To promote continuous improvement of occupational safety and health to prevent occupational injuries, diseases, and deaths by the development, in consultation with the most representative organizations of employers and workers, of a national policy, national system, and national programme.

Obligation/s of Parties:

Each member shall undertake to formulate a national policy to promote a healthy working environment. This shall be done through consultations with organizations of employers and workers. A periodic review of the national system for occupational safety and health.

Effectivity:

The Convention took effect on June 17, 2020.

CONVENTION IN THE SERVICE ABROAD OF JUDICIAL AND EXTRAJUDICIAL DOCUMENTS IN CIVIL OR COMMERCIAL MATTERS (SERVICE CONVENTION)

Objective/s:

To create appropriate means to ensure that judicial and extrajudicial documents to be brought to the notice of the addressee in sufficient time.

Obligation/s of Parties:

The contracting states shall have a designated Central Authority which will receive requests for service coming from other contracting states. The Central Authority of each contracting state shall serve the document or shall arrange to have it served by an appropriate agency either pursuant to its local laws or by a particular method requested by the applicant (unless it is incompatible with the contracting state's local laws).

Effectivity:

The Convention was adopted on Nov. 15, 1965. The Convention remains in force for five years and without tacit denunciation, it shall be renewed tacitly every five years. It entered into force on Oct. 1, 2020.

MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

Objective/s:

To protect the human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds.

Obligation/s of Parties:

The parties shall not allow the establishment of new mercury mines and shall phase-out existing ones. Parties shall also enact measures to phase-out and phase-down mercury use in a number of products and processes; control measures on emissions to air and on releases to land and water; and regulate the informal sector of artisanal and small-scale mining.

Effectivity:

The Convention was ratified on June 2, 2020 and entered into force on Oct. 9, 2020.