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Editorial Introduction

This section records the participation of Asian states in open multilateral law-making treaties which mostly aim at world-wide adherence. It updates the treaty sections of earlier Volumes until 31 December 2016. New data are preceded by a reference to the most recent previous entry in the multilateral treaties section of the Asian Yearbook of International Law. In case no new data are available, the title of the treaty is listed with a reference to the last Volume containing data on the treaty involved. For the purpose of this section, states broadly situated west of Iran, north of Mongolia, east of Papua New Guinea and south of Indonesia will not be covered.

Note

• Where no other reference to specific sources is made, data were derived from Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General, https://treaties.un.org/pages/participationstatus.aspx or, when not available there, from the United Nations Treaty Series Online, https://treaties.un.org/pages/UNTSOnline.aspx?id=2&clang=_en
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