

"3. The present Charter shall come into force upon the deposit of ratifications by the Republic of China, France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, and by a majority of the other signatory states. A protocol of the ratifications deposited shall thereupon be drawn up by the Government of the United States of America, which shall communicate copies thereof to all the signatory States.";

WHEREAS, the Charter of the United Nations has been signed by the Plenipotentiaries of fifty-one states;

WHEREAS, instruments of ratification of the Charter of the United Nations have been deposited by

the Republic of China on September 28, 1945, France on August 31, 1945, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on October 24, 1945, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on October 20, 1945, and the United States of America on August 8, 1945;

and by
Argentina on September 24, 1945,
Brazil on September 21, 1945,
the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic on October 24, 1945,
Chile on October 11, 1945,
Cuba on October 15, 1945,
Czechoslovakia on October 19, 1945,
Denmark on October 9, 1945,
the Dominican Republic on September 4, 1945,
Egypt on October 22, 1945,
El Salvador on September 26, 1945,
Haiti on September 27, 1945,
Iran on October 16, 1945,
Lebanon on October 15, 1945,
Luxembourg on October 17, 1945,
New Zealand on September 19, 1945,
Nicaragua on September 6, 1945,
Paraguay on October 12, 1945,
the Philippine Commonwealth on October 11, 1945,
Poland on October 24, 1945,
Saudi Arabia on October 18, 1945,
Syria on October 19, 1945,
Turkey on September 28, 1945,

the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic on October 24, 1945,
Yugoslavia on October 19, 1945;

AND WHEREAS, the requirements of paragraph 3 of Article 110 with respect to the coming into force of the Charter have been fulfilled by the deposit of the aforementioned instruments of ratification;

Now THEREFORE, I, James F. Byrnes, Secretary of State of the United States of America, sign this Protocol in the English language, the original of which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America and copies thereof communicated to all the States signatory of the Charter of the United Nations.

DONE at Washington this twenty-fourth day of October, one thousand nine hundred forty-five.

James F. Byrnes
Secretary of State
of the United States of America

After the signature of this Protocol the following States deposited their instruments of ratification:

Country	Date of Deposit
Australia	November 1, 1945
Belgium	December 27, 1945
Bolivia	November 14, 1945
Canada	November 9, 1945
Colombia	November 5, 1945
Costa Rica	November 2, 1945
Ecuador	December 21, 1945
Ethiopia	November 13, 1945
Greece	October 25, 1945
Guatemala	November 21, 1945
Honduras	December 17, 1945
India	October 30, 1945
Iraq	December 21, 1945
Liberia	November 2, 1945
Mexico	November 7, 1945
Netherlands	December 10, 1945
Norway	November 27, 1945
Panama	November 13, 1945
Peru	October 31, 1945
Union of South Africa	November 7, 1945
Uruguay	December 18, 1945
Venezuela	November 15, 1945

L. THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1. INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

On June 26, 1945, when the delegates to the San Francisco Conference signed the Charter of the United Nations, they affixed their signatures at the same time to an agreement on Interim Arrangements. This agreement established a Preparatory Commission of the United

Nations for the purpose of making provisional arrangements for the first sessions of the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council, for the establishment of the Secretariat, and for the convening of the International Court of Justice.

The text of the agreement was as follows: