








Legal concepts explained

	Amendment	A formal modification of the provisions of a treaty that must be carried out with the same formalities as the original treaty, aka must also be ratified.
	Entry into Force	Time at which an international agreement becomes legally binding for the Countries that have signed and ratified it.
	International Treaty	Agreement concluded between Countries in written form and governed by international law that establishes obligations between them.
	Ratification	The international act whereby a Country indicates its consent to be bound to a treaty. Ratification is regulated at national level and can take different forms. This Country becomes a Contracting Party.
	Signatory Country	A Country that expresses its consent to be bound by a treaty by signing it.