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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/BHARAT SARKAR  
CABINET SECRETARIAT/MANTRIMANDAL SACHIVALAYA  
RASHTRAPATI BHAWAN

New Delhi, the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2011

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Accession/Ratification of international conventions/Treaties.**


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The undersigned is directed to say that in a number of cases concerning accession to/ratification of international Conventions/Treaties etc., the relevant domestic laws are required to be amended, or new laws enacted, for meeting the obligations associated with such Conventions/Treaties.

2. In order to ensure that India is in a position to efficiently discharge all such obligations emanating from such Conventions/Treaties, it has since been decided that accession to, or ratification of such Conventions/Treaties, be undertaken only after the relevant domestic laws have been amended, or the enabling legislation has been enacted in cases, where there are no domestic laws on the subject.

3. In view of the above, while the proposals could continue to be brought up for consideration of Cabinet seeking approval for conclusion of international Conventions/Treaties etc., in cases, where the enabling domestic laws need to be amended or new legislations enacted, the proposals for entering into such Conventions/Treaties should specifically state that these will be acceded to, or ratified, only after amending the relevant domestic laws, or enacting appropriate legislations. In brief, while there is no bar to signing of agreements/MoUs as approved by the Cabinet, these will be ratified/acceded to only after necessary action has been taken for amending/enacting relevant domestic laws.

4. It is requested that the above instructions may please be disseminated to all concerned for strict compliance.

  
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All Secretaries to the Government of India (as per list attached).