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This report covers events with respect to the Antarctic Treaty and the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

Since the last report, there have been no accessions to the Antarctic Treaty and the following actions with respect to the Environmental Protocol and its Annexes.

Austria deposited an instrument of ratification of the Environmental Protocol, including Annex V, on July 27, 2021. The Environmental Protocol and Annex V entered into force for Austria on August 26, 2021.

Canada deposited instruments of acceptance, respectively, of Annex V and the Amendment of Annex II to the Environmental Protocol on February 23, 2022. Annex V and the Amendment of Annex II entered into force for Canada on the date of deposit of its instruments of acceptance.

With respect to Measure 1 (2005) recommending that Annex VI on Liability Arising from Environmental Emergencies form part of the Environmental Protocol, Chile and France approved Measure 1 (2005), respectively, on June 15, 2021, and November 18, 2021. Measure 1 (2005) has not yet become effective.

As of the date of this paper, there are fifty-four (54) Parties to the Treaty and forty-two (42) Parties to the Protocol.