

### 38. Serbia

Communication transmitted to the Secretariat, 29 January 2016:

The relevant laws of the Republic of Serbia provide that the Government may, exceptionally and upon agreement of the competent Committee of the National Assembly, authorize a delegation of the Republic of Serbia to accept that an international treaty to be ratified be provisionally applied either in its entirety or in parts until its entry into force. The procedure to ratify the treaty must be initiated with 30 days of the date of its signature.

The provisional application of a treaty will be terminated if the Republic of Serbia decides not to become a party to the treaty and after it informs the other parties among which the treaty is provisionally applied of the decision, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty and generally accepted rules of international law.

A treaty applied provisionally is considered to be in force in the sense of international law just like any other treaty that is in force.

The Republic of Serbia concludes the treaties that provide for provisional application rarely. In the last four years only three such treaties, out of 468 concluded, have been signed.