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### Ratification Status

#### List of the 157 States Parties which have signed the Convention

As of 1 July 1999

The symbol \*\* designates those States Parties for whom, in accordance with Article 33, the Convention has not yet entered into force.

STATES	Date of deposit of ratification (R) acceptance (Ac) accession (A) or of the notification of succession (S)
Afghanistan	20/03/79 (R)
Albania	10/07/89 (R)
Algeria	24/06/74 (R)
Angola	07/11/91 (R)
Andorra	03/01/97 (Ac)
Antigua and Barbuda	01/11/83 (Ac)
Argentina	23/08/78 (Ac)
Armenia <sup>6</sup>	05/09/93 (S)
Australia	22/08/74 (R)
Austria	18/12/92 (R)
Azerbaijan	16/12/93 (R)
Bahrain	28/05/91 (R)
Bangladesh	03/08/83 (Ac)
Belarus	12/10/88 (R)
Belgium	24/07/96 (R)
Belize	06/11/90 (R)
Benin	14/06/82 (R)
Bolivia	04/10/76 (R)
Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>7</sup>	12/07/93 (S)
Botswana	23/11/98 (Ac)
Brazil	01/09/77 (Ac)
Bulgaria	07/03/74 (Ac)
Burkina Faso	02/04/87 (R)
Burundi	19/05/82 (R)
Cambodia	28/11/91 (Ac)
Cameroon	07/12/82 (R)

<b>Canada</b>	23/07/76 (Ac)
<b>Cape Verde</b>	28/04/88 (Ac)
<b>Central African Republic</b>	22/12/80 (R)
<b>Chad</b>	23/06/99 (R) **
<b>Chile</b>	20/02/80 (R)
<b>China</b>	12/12/85 (R)
<b>Colombia</b>	24/05/83 (Ac)
<b>Congo</b>	10/12/87 (R)
<b>Congo, Democratic Rep. of</b>	23/09/74 (R)
<b>Costa Rica</b>	23/08/77 (R)
<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	09/01/81 (R)
<b>Croatia <sup>1</sup></b>	06/07/92 (S)
<b>Cuba</b>	24/03/81 (R)
<b>Cyprus</b>	14/08/75 (Ac)
<b>Czech Republic <sup>2</sup></b>	26/03/93 (S)
<b>Denmark</b>	25/07/79 (R)
<b>Democratic People's Rep. of Korea</b>	21/07/98 (Ac)
<b>Dominica</b>	04/04/95 (R)
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	12/02/85 (R)
<b>Ecuador</b>	16/06/75 (Ac)
<b>Egypt</b>	07/02/74 (R)
<b>El Salvador</b>	08/10/91 (Ac)
<b>Estonia</b>	27/10/95 (R)
<b>Ethiopia</b>	06/07/77 (R)
<b>Fiji</b>	21/11/90 (R)
<b>Finland</b>	04/03/87 (R)
<b>France</b>	27/06/75 (Ac)
<b>Gabon</b>	30/12/86 (R)
<b>Gambia</b>	01/07/87 (R)
<b>Georgia <sup>3</sup></b>	04/11/92 (S)
<b>Germany <sup>4</sup></b>	23/08/76 (R)
<b>Ghana</b>	04/07/75 (R)
<b>Greece</b>	17/07/81 (R)
<b>Grenada</b>	13/08/98 (Ac)
<b>Guatemala</b>	16/01/79 (R)
<b>Guinea</b>	18/03/79 (R)
<b>Guyana</b>	20/06/77 (Ac)
<b>Haiti</b>	18/01/80 (R)
<b>Holy See</b>	07/10/82 (A)
<b>Honduras</b>	08/06/79 (R)
<b>Hungary</b>	15/07/85 (Ac)
<b>Iceland</b>	19/12/95 (R)
<b>India</b>	14/11/77 (R)
<b>Indonesia</b>	06/07/89 (Ac)
<b>Iran (Islamic Rep. of)</b>	26/02/75 (Ac)
<b>Iraq</b>	05/03/74 (Ac)
<b>Ireland</b>	16/09/91 (R)
<b>Italy</b>	23/06/78 (R)
<b>Jamaica</b>	14/06/83 (Ac)
<b>Japan</b>	30/06/92 (Ac)

<b>Jordan</b>	<b>05/05/75 (R)</b>
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	<b>29/04/94 (Ac)</b>
<b>Kenya</b>	<b>05/06/91 (Ac)</b>
<b>Kyrgystan</b>	<b>03/07/95 (Ac)</b>
<b>Lao People's Democratic Republic</b>	<b>20/03/87 (R)</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	<b>10/01/95 (Ac)</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>03/02/83 (R)</b>
<b>Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</b>	<b>13/10/78 (R)</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>31/03/92 (Ac)</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>28/09/83 (R)</b>
<b>Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Rep. of</b>	<b>30/04/97 (S)</b>
<b>Madagascar</b>	<b>19/07/83 (R)</b>
<b>Malawi</b>	<b>05/01/82 (R)</b>
<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>07/12/88 (R)</b>
<b>Maldives</b>	<b>22/05/86 (Ac)</b>
<b>Mali</b>	<b>05/04/77 (Ac)</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>14/11/78 (Ac)</b>
<b>Mauritania</b>	<b>02/03/81 (R)</b>
<b>Mauritius</b>	<b>19/09/95 (R)</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>23/02/84 (Ac)</b>
<b>Monaco</b>	<b>07/11/78 (R)</b>
<b>Mongolia</b>	<b>02/02/90 (Ac)</b>
<b>Morocco</b>	<b>28/10/75 (R)</b>
<b>Mozambique</b>	<b>27/11/82 (R)</b>
<b>Myanmar</b>	<b>29/04/94 (Ac)</b>
<b>Nepal</b>	<b>20/06/78 (Ac)</b>
<b>Netherlands<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>26/08/92 (Ac)</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>22/11/84 (R)</b>
<b>Nicaragua</b>	<b>17/12/79 (Ac)</b>
<b>Niger</b>	<b>23/12/74 (Ac)</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>23/10/74 (R)</b>
<b>Norway</b>	<b>12/05/77 (R)</b>
<b>Oman</b>	<b>06/10/81 (Ac)</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>23/07/76 (R)</b>
<b>Panama</b>	<b>03/03/78 (R)</b>
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	<b>23/07/97 (Ac)</b>
<b>Paraguay</b>	<b>27/04/88 (R)</b>
<b>Peru</b>	<b>24/02/82 (R)</b>
<b>Philippines</b>	<b>19/09/85 (R)</b>
<b>Poland</b>	<b>29/06/76 (R)</b>
<b>Portugal<sup>14</sup></b>	<b>30/09/80 (R)</b>
<b>Qatar</b>	<b>12/09/84 (Ac)</b>
<b>Republic of Korea</b>	<b>14/09/88 (Ac)</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<b>16/05/90 (Ac)</b>
<b>Russian Federation<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>12/10/88 (R)</b>
<b>Saint Christopher and Nevis</b>	<b>10/07/86 (Ac)</b>
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	<b>14/10/91 (R)</b>
<b>San Marino</b>	<b>18/10/91 (R)</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>07/08/78 (Ac)</b>
<b>Senegal</b>	<b>13/02/76 (R)</b>

<b>Seychelles</b>	<b>09/04/80 (Ac)</b>
<b>Slovakia <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>31/03/93 (S)</b>
<b>Slovenia <sup>9</sup></b>	<b>05/11/92 (S)</b>
<b>Solomon Islands</b>	<b>10/06/92 (A)</b>
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>10/07/97 (R)</b>
<b>Spain</b>	<b>04/05/82 (Ac)</b>
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>06/06/80 (Ac)</b>
<b>Sudan</b>	<b>06/06/74 (R)</b>
<b>Suriname</b>	<b>23/10/97 (Ac)</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>22/01/85 (R)</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>17/09/75 (R)</b>
<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	<b>13/08/75 (Ac)</b>
<b>Tajikistan <sup>10</sup></b>	<b>28/08/92 (S)</b>
<b>Thailand</b>	<b>17/09/87 (Ac)</b>
<b>Togo</b>	<b>15/04/98 (Ac)</b>
<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>10/03/75 (R)</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>16/03/83 (R)</b>
<b>Turkmenistan <sup>11</sup></b>	<b>30/09/94 (S)</b>
<b>Uganda</b>	<b>20/11/87 (Ac)</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>12/10/88 (R)</b>
<b>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</b>	<b>29/05/84 (R)</b>
<b>United Republic of Tanzania</b>	<b>02/08/77 (R)</b>
<b>United States of America</b>	<b>07/12/73 (R)</b>
<b>Uruguay</b>	<b>09/03/89 (Ac)</b>
<b>Uzbekistan <sup>12</sup></b>	<b>13/01/93 (S)</b>
<b>Venezuela</b>	<b>30/10/90 (Ac)</b>
<b>Viet Nam</b>	<b>19/10/87 (Ac)</b>
<b>Yemen <sup>13</sup></b>	<b>07/10/80 (R)</b>
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	<b>26/05/75 (R)</b>
<b>Zambia</b>	<b>04/06/84 (R)</b>
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	<b>16/08/82 (R)</b>

**Notes:**

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1. The Republic of Croatia made, on 6 July 1992, a declaration of succession of States, by which it considers itself committed to the Convention, which Yugoslavia ratified on 26 May 1975.
  2. This State deposited on the first of January 1993 a notification of succession of States by which it considers itself committed to the Convention. The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic accepted on 15 November 1990.
  3. This State deposited on 4 November 1992 a notification of succession of States by which it considers itself committed to the Convention, which U.S.S.R. ratified on 12 October 1988.
  4. Through the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany, with effect from 3 October 1990, the two German States have united to

form one Sovereign State. The Contracting Parties to the Unification Treaty "have agreed that the treaties and agreements to which the Federal Republic of Germany is a contracting party ... remain in force and that their respective rights and obligations ... be applied" to the whole territory of Germany. The German Democratic Republic acceded to this Convention on 12 December 1988.

5. With an extension to the Netherlands Antilles.
6. This State deposited on 2 August 1993 a notification of succession of States by which it considers itself committed to the Convention, which U.S.S.R. ratified on 12 October 1988.
7. This State deposited on 24 June 1993 a notification of succession of States by which it considers itself committed to the Convention, which Yugoslavia ratified on 26 May 1975.
8. The instrument of ratification was deposited by the U.S.S.R., on 12 October 1988.
9. This State deposited on 28 October 1992 a notification of succession of States by which it considers itself committed to the Convention which Yugoslavia ratified on 26 May 1975.
10. This State deposited on 28 August 1992 a notification of succession of States by which it considers itself committed to the Convention, which U.S.S.R. ratified on 12 October 1988.
11. This State deposited a notification of succession of States by which it considers itself committed to the Convention, which U.S.S.R. ratified on 26 September 1994.
12. This State deposited a notification of succession of States by which it considers itself committed to the Convention, which U.S.S.R. ratified on 12 October 1988.
13. The unification of the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen into a single Sovereign State, the Republic of Yemen, was proclaimed on 22 May 1990.
14. This State deposited on 30 April 1999 a notification by which it considers the territory of Macau bound by the Convention. The Convention will enter into force for the territory on 30 July 1999.

12 July 1999

*See also:* <http://www.unesco.org/whc/widrat.htm>