

12. Patent Cooperation Treaty

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Status on May 19, 2026

State	Date on which State became party to the Treaty	State	Date on which State became party to the Treaty
Albania.....	October 4, 1995	Honduras.....	June 20, 2006
Algeria ¹	March 8, 2000	Hungary ¹	June 27, 1980
Angola.....	December 27, 2007	Iceland.....	March 23, 1995
Antigua and Barbuda.....	March 17, 2000	India ¹	December 7, 1998
Armenia ¹	December 25, 1991	Indonesia ¹	September 5, 1997
Australia.....	March 31, 1980	Iran ¹ (Islamic Republic of).....	October 4, 2013
Austria.....	April 23, 1979	Iraq.....	April 30, 2022
Azerbaijan.....	December 25, 1995	Ireland.....	August 1, 1992
Bahamas ¹	August 19, 2026	Israel.....	June 1, 1996
Bahrain ¹	March 18, 2007	Italy.....	March 28, 1985
Barbados.....	March 12, 1985	Jamaica.....	February 10, 2022
Belarus ¹	December 25, 1991	Japan.....	October 1, 1978
Belgium.....	December 14, 1981	Jordan.....	June 9, 2017
Belize.....	June 17, 2000	Kazakhstan ¹	December 25, 1991
Benin.....	February 26, 1987	Kenya.....	June 8, 1994
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....	September 7, 1996	Kuwait.....	September 9, 2016
Botswana.....	October 30, 2003	Kyrgyzstan ¹	December 25, 1991
Brazil.....	April 9, 1978	Lao People's Democratic Republic ¹	June 14, 2006
Brunei Darussalam.....	July 24, 2012	Latvia.....	September 7, 1993
Bulgaria.....	May 21, 1984	Lesotho.....	October 21, 1995
Burkina Faso.....	March 21, 1989	Liberia.....	August 27, 1994
Cabo Verde.....	July 6, 2022	Libya.....	September 15, 2005
Cambodia ¹	December 8, 2016	Liechtenstein.....	March 19, 1980
Cameroon.....	January 24, 1978	Lithuania.....	July 5, 1994
Canada.....	January 2, 1990	Luxembourg.....	April 30, 1978
Central African Republic.....	January 24, 1978	Madagascar.....	January 24, 1978
Chad.....	January 24, 1978	Malawi.....	January 24, 1978
Chile ¹	June 2, 2009	Malaysia ¹	August 16, 2006
China ^{2, 3}	January 1, 1994	Mali.....	October 19, 1984
Colombia.....	February 28, 2001	Malta ¹	March 1, 2007
Comoros.....	April 3, 2005	Mauritania.....	April 13, 1983
Congo.....	January 24, 1978	Mauritius.....	March 15, 2023
Costa Rica.....	August 3, 1999	Mexico.....	January 1, 1995
Côte d'Ivoire.....	April 30, 1991	Monaco.....	June 22, 1979
Croatia.....	July 1, 1998	Mongolia.....	May 27, 1991
Cuba ¹	July 16, 1996	Montenegro.....	June 3, 2006
Cyprus.....	April 1, 1998	Morocco.....	October 8, 1999
Czech Republic.....	January 1, 1993	Mozambique ¹	May 18, 2000
Democratic People's Republic of Korea.....	July 8, 1980	Namibia.....	January 1, 2004
Denmark.....	December 1, 1978	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ⁶	July 10, 1979
Djibouti.....	September 23, 2016	New Zealand.....	December 1, 1992
Dominica.....	August 7, 1999	Nicaragua.....	March 6, 2003
Dominican Republic.....	May 28, 2007	Niger.....	March 21, 1993
Ecuador.....	May 7, 2001	Nigeria.....	May 8, 2005
Egypt.....	September 6, 2003	North Macedonia.....	August 10, 1995
El Salvador.....	August 17, 2006	Norway ⁴	January 1, 1980
Equatorial Guinea.....	July 17, 2001	Oman ¹	October 26, 2001
Estonia.....	August 24, 1994	Panama.....	September 7, 2012
Eswatini.....	September 20, 1994	Papua New Guinea.....	June 14, 2003
Finland ⁴	October 1, 1980	Peru.....	June 6, 2009
France ^{1, 5}	February 25, 1978	Philippines.....	August 17, 2001
Gabon.....	January 24, 1978	Poland ⁴	December 25, 1990
Gambia.....	December 9, 1997	Portugal.....	November 24, 1992
Georgia ¹	December 25, 1991	Qatar ¹	August 3, 2011
Germany.....	January 24, 1978	Republic of Korea.....	August 10, 1984
Ghana.....	February 26, 1997	Republic of Moldova ¹	December 25, 1991
Greece.....	October 9, 1990	Romania ¹	July 23, 1979
Grenada.....	September 22, 1998	Russian Federation ¹	March 29, 1978 ⁷
Guatemala.....	October 14, 2006	Rwanda.....	August 31, 2011
Guinea.....	May 27, 1991	Saint Kitts and Nevis.....	October 27, 2005
Guinea-Bissau.....	December 12, 1997	Saint Lucia ¹	August 30, 1996

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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ¹	August 6, 2002	Tajikistan ¹	December 25, 1991
Samoa	January 2, 2020 ¹	Thailand ¹	December 24, 2009
San Marino.....	December 14, 2004	Togo	January 24, 1978
Sao Tome and Principe	July 3, 2008	Trinidad and Tobago.....	March 10, 1994
Saudi Arabia	August 3, 2013	Tunisia	December 10, 2001
Senegal.....	January 24, 1978	Türkiye.....	January 1, 1996
Serbia ⁸	February 1, 1997	Turkmenistan ¹	December 25, 1991
Seychelles	November 7, 2002	Uganda	February 9, 1995
Sierra Leone.....	June 17, 1997	Ukraine ¹	December 25, 1991
Singapore	February 23, 1995	United Arab Emirates.....	March 10, 1999
Slovakia	January 1, 1993	United Kingdom ^{9, 10, 11}	January 24, 1978
Slovenia	March 1, 1994	United Republic of Tanzania.....	September 14, 1999
South Africa ¹	March 16, 1999	United States of America ^{12, 13}	January 24, 1978
Spain	November 16, 1989	Uruguay ¹⁴	January 7, 2025
Sri Lanka.....	February 26, 1982	Uzbekistan ¹	December 25, 1991
Sudan	April 16, 1984	Viet Nam.....	March 10, 1993
Sweden ⁴	May 17, 1978	Zambia	November 15, 2001
Switzerland	January 24, 1978	Zimbabwe	June 11, 1997
Syrian Arab Republic.....	June 26, 2003		

(Total: 159 States)

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES UNDER
THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

The Patent Offices of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, Finland, India, Israel, Japan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United States of America, the Eurasian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Nordic Patent Institute and the Visegrad Patent Institute (24).

¹ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

² Applies also to Hong Kong, China with effect from July 1, 1997.

³ Not applicable to Macao, China.

⁴ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

⁵ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁶ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist on October 10, 2010. As from that date, the PCT continues to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten. The PCT also continues to apply to the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba which, with effect from October 10, 2010, have become part of the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.

⁷ Date of ratification of the Soviet Union, continued by the Russian Federation as from December 25, 1991.

⁸ Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from June 3, 2006.

⁹ The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the Isle of Man with effect from October 29, 1983.

¹⁰ The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the territory of Gibraltar with effect from January 1, 2021.

¹¹ The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the territory of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with effect from March 23, 2021.

¹² With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

¹³ Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.

¹⁴ With the declaration provided for in Article 64(1)(a).