

3. Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works

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Status on January 13, 2012

State	Date on which State became party to the Convention	Latest Act ¹ of the Convention to which State is party and date on which State became party to that Act
Albania	March 6, 1994	Paris: March 6, 1994
Algeria	April 19, 1998	Paris: April 19, 1998 ²
Andorra.....	June 2, 2004	Paris: June 2, 2004
Antigua and Barbuda.....	March 17, 2000	Paris: March 17, 2000
Argentina	June 10, 1967	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: February 19, 2000 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: October 8, 1980
Armenia	October 19, 2000	Paris: October 19, 2000
Australia	April 14, 1928	Paris: March 1, 1978
Austria	October 1, 1920	Paris: August 21, 1982
Azerbaijan.....	June 4, 1999	Paris: June 4, 1999
Bahamas	July 10, 1973	Brussels: July 10, 1973 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: January 8, 1977 ²
Bahrain	March 2, 1997	Paris: March 2, 1997
Bangladesh	May 4, 1999	Paris: May 4, 1999 ¹³
Barbados	July 30, 1983	Paris: July 30, 1983
Belarus.....	December 12, 1997	Paris: December 12, 1997
Belgium	December 5, 1887	Paris: September 29, 1999
Belize.....	June 17, 2000	Paris: June 17, 2000
Benin	January 3, 1961 ³	Paris: March 12, 1975
Bhutan	November 25, 2004	Paris: November 25, 2004
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	November 4, 1993	Paris: November 4, 1993
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....	March 1, 1992	Paris: March 1, 1992 ⁴
Botswana.....	April 15, 1998	Paris: April 15, 1998
Brazil	February 9, 1922	Paris: April 20, 1975
Brunei Darussalam.....	August 30, 2006	Paris: August 30, 2006
Bulgaria	December 5, 1921	Paris: December 4, 1974
Burkina Faso.....	August 19, 1963 ⁵	Paris: January 24, 1976
Cameroon	September 21, 1964 ³	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: November 10, 1973
Canada.....	April 10, 1928	Paris: June 26, 1998
Cape Verde.....	July 7, 1997	Paris: July 7, 1997
Central African Republic.....	September 3, 1977	Paris: September 3, 1977
Chad	November 25, 1971	Brussels: November 25, 1971 ^{6,7} Stockholm: Articles 22 to 38: November 25, 1971
Chile	June 5, 1970	Paris: July 10, 1975
China	October 15, 1992	Paris: October 15, 1992 ⁸
Colombia	March 7, 1988	Paris: March 7, 1988
Comoros	April 17, 2005	Paris: April 17, 2005
Congo	May 8, 1962 ³	Paris: December 5, 1975
Costa Rica.....	June 10, 1978	Paris: June 10, 1978
Côte d'Ivoire	January 1, 1962	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: May 4, 1974
Croatia	October 8, 1991	Paris: October 8, 1991
Cuba	February 20, 1997	Paris: February 20, 1997 ^{2, 13}
Cyprus	February 24, 1964 ³	Paris: July 27, 1983 ⁴
Czech Republic.....	January 1, 1993	Paris: January 1, 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea.....	April 28, 2003	Paris: April 28, 2003 ²
Democratic Republic of the Congo.....	October 8, 1963 ³	Paris: January 31, 1975
Denmark	July 1, 1903	Paris: June 30, 1979
Djibouti.....	May 13, 2002	Paris: May 13, 2002
Dominica	August 7, 1999	Paris: August 7, 1999
Dominican Republic.....	December 24, 1997	Paris: December 24, 1997
Ecuador.....	October 9, 1991	Paris: October 9, 1991
Egypt	June 7, 1977	Paris: June 7, 1977 ²
El Salvador	February 19, 1994	Paris: February 19, 1994

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Equatorial Guinea.....	June 26, 1997	Paris: June 26, 1997
Estonia.....	October 26, 1994 ⁹	Paris: October 26, 1994
Fiji.....	December 1, 1971 ³	Brussels: December 1, 1971 Stockholm: Articles 22 to 38: March 15, 1972
Finland.....	April 1, 1928	Paris: November 1, 1986
France.....	December 5, 1887	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Articles 22 to 38: December 15, 1972
Gabon.....	March 26, 1962	Paris: June 10, 1975
Gambia.....	March 7, 1993	Paris: March 7, 1993
Georgia.....	May 16, 1995	Paris: May 16, 1995
Germany.....	December 5, 1887	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 ¹⁰ Articles 22 to 38: January 22, 1974
Ghana.....	October 11, 1991	Paris: October 11, 1991
Greece.....	November 9, 1920	Paris: March 8, 1976
Grenada.....	September 22, 1998	Paris: September 22, 1998
Guatemala.....	July 28, 1997	Paris: July 28, 1997 ²
Guinea.....	November 20, 1980	Paris: November 20, 1980
Guinea-Bissau.....	July 22, 1991	Paris: July 22, 1991
Guyana.....	October 25, 1994	Paris: October 25, 1994
Haiti.....	January 11, 1996	Paris: January 11, 1996
Holy See.....	September 12, 1935	Paris: April 24, 1975
Honduras.....	January 25, 1990	Paris: January 25, 1990
Hungary.....	February 14, 1922	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Articles 22 to 38: December 15, 1972
Iceland.....	September 7, 1947	Paris: Article 1 to 21: August 25, 1999 Articles 22 to 38: December 28, 1984
India.....	April 1, 1928	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: May 6, 1984 ^{11,12} Articles 22 to 38: January 10, 1975 ²
Indonesia.....	September 5, 1997	Paris: September 5, 1997 ²
Ireland.....	October 5, 1927	Paris: March 2, 2005
Israel.....	March 24, 1950	Paris: January 1, 2004 ²
Italy.....	December 5, 1887	Paris: November 14, 1979
Jamaica.....	January 1, 1994	Paris: January 1, 1994
Japan.....	July 15, 1899	Paris: April 24, 1975
Jordan.....	July 28, 1999	Paris: July 28, 1999 ^{2, 13}
Kazakhstan.....	April 12, 1999	Paris: April 12, 1999
Kenya.....	June 11, 1993	Paris: June 11, 1993
Kyrgyzstan.....	July 8, 1999	Paris: July 8, 1999
Latvia.....	August 11, 1995 ¹⁴	Paris: August 11, 1995
Lao People's Democratic Republic.....	March 14, 2012	Paris: March 14, 2012
Lebanon.....	September 30, 1947	Rome: September 30, 1947
Lesotho.....	September 28, 1989	Paris: September 28, 1989 ²
Liberia.....	March 8, 1989	Paris: March 8, 1989 ²
Libya.....	September 28, 1976	Paris: September 28, 1976 ²
Liechtenstein.....	July 30, 1931	Paris: September 23, 1999
Lithuania.....	December 14, 1994	Paris: December 14, 1994 ²
Luxembourg.....	June 20, 1888	Paris: April 20, 1975
Madagascar.....	January 1, 1966	Brussels: January 1, 1966
Malawi.....	October 12, 1991	Paris: October 12, 1991
Malaysia.....	October 1, 1990	Paris: October 1, 1990
Mali.....	March 19, 1962 ³	Paris: December 5, 1977
Malta.....	September 21, 1964	Rome: September 21, 1964 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 12, 1977 ²
Mauritania.....	February 6, 1973	Paris: September 21, 1976
Mauritius.....	May 10, 1989	Paris: May 10, 1989 ²
Mexico.....	June 11, 1967	Paris: December 17, 1974
Micronesia (Federated States of).....	October 7, 2003	Paris: October 7, 2003
Monaco.....	May 30, 1889	Paris: November 23, 1974
Mongolia.....	March 12, 1998	Paris: March 12, 1998 ^{2, 13}

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Montenegro	June 3, 2006	Paris: June 3, 2006
Morocco.....	June 16, 1917	Paris: May 17, 1987
Namibia	March 21, 1990	Paris: December 24, 1993
Nepal	January 11, 2006	Paris: January 11, 2006 ²
Netherlands.....	November 1, 1912	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: January 30, 1986 ¹⁵ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: January 10, 1975 ¹⁶
New Zealand.....	April 24, 1928	Rome: December 4, 1947
Nicaragua.....	August 23, 2000	Paris: August 23, 2000
Niger.....	May 2, 1962 ³	Paris: May 21, 1975
Nigeria.....	September 14, 1993	Paris: September 14, 1993
Norway	April 13, 1896	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 11, 1995 ¹⁰ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: June 13, 1974
Oman	July 14, 1999	Paris: July 14, 1999 ^{2, 13}
Pakistan	July 5, 1948	Rome: July 5, 1948 ⁶ Stockholm: Articles 22 to 38: January 29 or February 26, 1970
Panama	June 8, 1996	Paris: June 8, 1996
Paraguay	January 2, 1992	Paris: January 2, 1992
Peru.....	August 20, 1988	Paris: August 20, 1988
Philippines.....	August 1, 1951	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: June 18, 1997 ¹³ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: July 16, 1980
Poland.....	January 28, 1920	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 22, 1994 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: August 4, 1990
Portugal	March 29, 1911	Paris: January 12, 1979 ¹⁷
Qatar	July 5, 2000	Paris: July 5, 2000
Republic of Korea.....	August 21, 1996	Paris: August 21, 1996
Republic of Moldova.....	November 2, 1995	Paris: November 2, 1995
Romania.....	January 1, 1927	Paris: September 9, 1998
Russian Federation	March 13, 1995	Paris: March 13, 1995
Rwanda.....	March 1, 1984	Paris: March 1, 1984
Saint Kitts and Nevis	April 9, 1995	Paris: April 9, 1995
Saint Lucia.....	August 24, 1993	Paris: August 24, 1993 ²
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	August 29, 1995	Paris: August 29, 1995
Samoa	July 21, 2006	Paris: July 21, 2006 ¹⁹
Saudi Arabia	March 11, 2004	Paris: March 11, 2004
Senegal	August 25, 1962	Paris: August 12, 1975
Serbia ¹⁸	April 27, 1992	Paris: April 27, 1992 ⁴
Singapore.....	December 21, 1998	Paris: December 21, 1998
Slovakia	January 1, 1993	Paris: January 1, 1993
Slovenia	June 25, 1991	Paris: June 25, 1991 ⁴
South Africa	October 3, 1928	Brussels: August 1, 1951 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: March 24, 1975 ²
Spain.....	December 5, 1887	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: February 19, 1974
Sri Lanka	July 20, 1959 ³	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: December 27, 2005 ¹³ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: September 23, 1978
Sudan	December 28, 2000	Paris: December 28, 2000 ¹³
Suriname.....	February 23, 1977	Paris: February 23, 1977
Swaziland	December 14, 1998	Paris: December 14, 1998
Sweden	August 1, 1904	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: September 20, 1973
Switzerland.....	December 5, 1887	Paris: September 25, 1993
Syrian Arab Republic	June 11, 2004	Paris: June 11, 2004 ¹³
Tajikistan	March 9, 2000	Paris: March 9, 2000
Thailand.....	July 17, 1931	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: September 2, 1995 ¹⁹ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 29, 1980 ²
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	September 8, 1991	Paris: September 8, 1991
Togo.....	April 30, 1975	Paris: April 30, 1975
Tonga.....	June 14, 2001	Paris: June 14, 2001

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Trinidad and Tobago	August 16, 1988	Paris: August 16, 1988
Tunisia	December 5, 1887	Paris: August 16, 1975 ²
Turkey.....	January 1, 1952	Paris: January 1, 1996 ²
Ukraine	October 25, 1995	Paris: October 25, 1995
United Arab Emirates	July 14, 2004	Paris: July 14, 2004 ¹³
United Kingdom.....	December 5, 1887	Paris: January 2, 1990 ^{10, 20}
United Republic of Tanzania ...	July 25, 1994	Paris: July 25, 1994 ²
United States of America.....	March 1, 1989	Paris: March 1, 1989
Uruguay	July 10, 1967	Paris: December 28, 1979
Uzbekistan	April 19, 2005	Paris: April 19, 2005 ¹³
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	December 30, 1982	Paris: December 30, 1982 ²
Viet Nam	October 26, 2004	Paris: October 26, 2004 ^{2, 13}
Yemen.....	July 14, 2008	Paris: July 14, 2008 ¹³
Zambia.....	January 2, 1992	Paris: January 2, 1992
Zimbabwe.....	April 18, 1980	Rome: April 18, 1980 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 30, 1981

(Total: 165 States)

¹ “Paris” means the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971 (Paris Act); “Stockholm” means the said Convention as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967 (Stockholm Act); “Brussels” means the said Convention as revised at Brussels on June 26, 1948 (Brussels Act); “Rome” means the said Convention as revised at Rome on June 2, 1928 (Rome Act); “Berlin” means the said Convention as revised at Berlin on November 13, 1908 (Berlin Act).

² With the declaration provided for in Article 33(2) relating to the International Court of Justice.

³ Date on which the declaration of continued adherence was sent, after the accession of the State to independence.

⁴ Subject to the reservation concerning the right of translation.

⁵ Burkina Faso, which had acceded to the Berne Convention (Brussels Act) as from August 19, 1963, denounced the said Convention as from September 20, 1970. Later on, Burkina Faso acceded again to the Berne Convention (Paris Act); this accession took effect on January 24, 1976.

⁶ This State deposited its instrument of ratification of (or of accession to) the Stockholm Act in its entirety; however, Articles 1 to 21 (substantive clauses) of the said Act have not entered into force.

⁷ In accordance with the provision of Article 29 of the Stockholm Act applicable to the States outside the Union which accede to the said Act, this State is bound by Articles 1 to 20 of the Brussels Act.

⁸ The Paris Act applies also to Hong Kong, China with effect from July 1, 1997, and to Macao, China with effect from December 20, 1999.

⁹ Estonia acceded to the Berne Convention (Berlin Act, 1908) with effect from June 9, 1927. It lost its independence on August 6, 1940, and regained it on August 20, 1991.

¹⁰ This State has declared that it admits the application of the Appendix of the Paris Act to works of which it is the State of origin by States which have made a declaration under Article VI(1)(i) of the Appendix or a notification under Article I of the Appendix. The declarations took effect on October 18, 1973, for Germany, on March 8, 1974, for Norway and on September 27, 1971, for the United Kingdom.

¹¹ This State declared that its ratification shall not apply to the provisions of Article 14*bis*(2)(b) of the Paris Act (presumption of legitimation for some authors who have brought contributions to the making of the cinematographic work).

¹² This State notified the designation of the competent authority provided by Article 15(4) of the Paris Act.

¹³ Pursuant to Article I of the Appendix of the Paris Act, this State availed itself of the faculties provided for in Articles II and III of the said Appendix. The relevant declaration is effective until October 10, 2014.

¹⁴ Latvia acceded to the Berne Convention (Rome Act, 1928) with effect from May 15, 1937. It lost its independence on July 21, 1940, and regained it on August 21, 1991.

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¹⁵ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

¹⁶ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe. Articles 22 to 38 of the Paris Act apply also to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist on October 10, 2010. As from that date, Articles 22 to 38 continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Articles 22 to 38 also continue 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.

¹⁷ Pursuant to the provisions of Article 14*bis*(2)(c) of the Paris Act, this State has made a declaration to the effect that the undertaking by authors to bring contributions to the making of a cinematographic work must be in a written agreement. This declaration was received on November 5, 1986.

¹⁸ Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from June 3, 2006.

¹⁹ Pursuant to Article I of the Appendix of the Paris Act, this State availed itself of the faculty provided for in Article II of the said Appendix. The relevant declaration is effective until October 10, 2014.

²⁰ The United Kingdom extended the application of the Paris Act to the Isle of Man with effect from March 18, 1996.