

12. Patent Cooperation Treaty

PCT (Washington, 1970), amended in 1979 and modified in 1984 and 2001
(PCT Union)
Status on April 13, 2017

State	Date on which State became party to the Treaty	State	Date on which State became party to the Treaty
Albania.....	October 4, 1995	Hungary ¹	June 27, 1980
Algeria ¹	March 8, 2000	Iceland.....	March 23, 1995
Angola.....	December 27, 2007	India ¹	December 7, 1998
Antigua and Barbuda.....	March 17, 2000	Indonesia ¹	September 5, 1997
Armenia ¹	December 25, 1991	Iran ¹ (Islamic Republic of).....	October 4, 2013
Australia.....	March 31, 1980	Ireland.....	August 1, 1992
Austria.....	April 23, 1979	Israel.....	June 1, 1996
Azerbaijan.....	December 25, 1995	Italy.....	March 28, 1985
Bahrain ¹	March 18, 2007	Japan.....	October 1, 1978
Barbados.....	March 12, 1985	Jordan.....	June 9, 2017
Belarus ¹	December 25, 1991	Kazakhstan ¹	December 25, 1991
Belgium.....	December 14, 1981	Kenya.....	June 8, 1994
Belize.....	June 17, 2000	Kuwait.....	September 9, 2016
Benin.....	February 26, 1987	Kyrgyzstan ¹	December 25, 1991
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....	September 7, 1996	Lao People's Democratic Republic ¹	June 14, 2006
Botswana.....	October 30, 2003	Latvia.....	September 7, 1993
Brazil.....	April 9, 1978	Lesotho.....	October 21, 1995
Brunei Darussalam.....	July 24, 2012	Liberia.....	August 27, 1994
Bulgaria.....	May 21, 1984	Libya.....	September 15, 2005
Burkina Faso.....	March 21, 1989	Liechtenstein.....	March 19, 1980
Cambodia ¹	December 8, 2016	Lithuania.....	July 5, 1994
Cameroon.....	January 24, 1978	Luxembourg.....	April 30, 1978
Canada.....	January 2, 1990	Madagascar.....	January 24, 1978
Central African Republic.....	January 24, 1978	Malawi.....	January 24, 1978
Chad.....	January 24, 1978	Malaysia ¹	August 16, 2006
Chile ¹	June 2, 2009	Mali.....	October 19, 1984
China ^{2,3}	January 1, 1994	Malta ¹	March 1, 2007
Colombia.....	February 28, 2001	Mauritania.....	April 13, 1983
Comoros.....	April 3, 2005	Mexico.....	January 1, 1995
Congo.....	January 24, 1978	Monaco.....	June 22, 1979
Costa Rica.....	August 3, 1999	Mongolia.....	May 27, 1991
Côte d'Ivoire.....	April 30, 1991	Montenegro.....	June 3, 2006
Croatia.....	July 1, 1998	Morocco.....	October 8, 1999
Cuba ¹	July 16, 1996	Mozambique ¹	May 18, 2000
Cyprus.....	April 1, 1998	Namibia.....	January 1, 2004
Czech Republic.....	January 1, 1993	Netherlands ⁶	July 10, 1979
Democratic People's Republic of Korea.....	July 8, 1980	New Zealand.....	December 1, 1992
Denmark.....	December 1, 1978	Nicaragua.....	March 6, 2003
Djibouti.....	September 23, 2016	Niger.....	March 21, 1993
Dominica.....	August 7, 1999	Nigeria.....	May 8, 2005
Dominican Republic.....	May 28, 2007	Norway ⁴	January 1, 1980
Ecuador.....	May 7, 2001	Oman ¹	October 26, 2001
Egypt.....	September 6, 2003	Panama.....	September 7, 2012
El Salvador.....	August 17, 2006	Papua New Guinea.....	June 14, 2003
Equatorial Guinea.....	July 17, 2001	Peru.....	June 6, 2009
Estonia.....	August 24, 1994	Philippines.....	August 17, 2001
Finland ⁴	October 1, 1980	Poland ⁴	December 25, 1990
France ^{1,5}	February 25, 1978	Portugal.....	November 24, 1992
Gabon.....	January 24, 1978	Qatar ¹	August 3, 2011
Gambia.....	December 9, 1997	Republic of Korea.....	August 10, 1984
Georgia ¹	December 25, 1991	Republic of Moldova ¹	December 25, 1991
Germany.....	January 24, 1978	Romania ¹	July 23, 1979
Ghana.....	February 26, 1997	Russian Federation ¹	March 29, 1978 ⁷
Greece.....	October 9, 1990	Rwanda.....	August 31, 2011
Grenada.....	September 22, 1998	Saint Kitts and Nevis.....	October 27, 2005
Guatemala.....	October 14, 2006	Saint Lucia ¹	August 30, 1996
Guinea.....	May 27, 1991	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ¹	August 6, 2002
Guinea-Bissau.....	December 12, 1997	San Marino.....	December 14, 2004
Honduras.....	June 20, 2006	Sao Tome and Principe.....	July 3, 2008
		Saudi Arabia.....	August 3, 2013

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Senegal.....	January 24, 1978	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	August 10, 1995
Serbia ⁸	February 1, 1997	Togo.....	January 24, 1978
Seychelles.....	November 7, 2002	Trinidad and Tobago.....	March 10, 1994
Sierra Leone.....	June 17, 1997	Tunisia ¹	December 10, 2001
Singapore.....	February 23, 1995	Turkey.....	January 1, 1996
Slovakia.....	January 1, 1993	Turkmenistan ¹	December 25, 1991
Slovenia.....	March 1, 1994	Uganda.....	February 9, 1995
South Africa ¹	March 16, 1999	Ukraine ¹	December 25, 1991
Spain.....	November 16, 1989	United Arab Emirates.....	March 10, 1999
Sri Lanka.....	February 26, 1982	United Kingdom ⁹	January 24, 1978
Sudan.....	April 16, 1984	United Republic of Tanzania.....	September 14, 1999
Swaziland.....	September 20, 1994	United States of America ^{10,11}	January 24, 1978
Sweden ⁴	May 17, 1978	Uzbekistan ¹	December 25, 1991
Switzerland.....	January 24, 1978	Viet Nam.....	March 10, 1993
Syrian Arab Republic.....	June 26, 2003	Zambia.....	November 15, 2001
Tajikistan ¹	December 25, 1991	Zimbabwe.....	June 11, 1997
Thailand ¹	December 24, 2009		

(Total: 152 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 Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey¹², Ukraine, the United States of America, the European Patent Office, the Nordic Patent Institute and the Visegrad Patent Institute (22).

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

¹¹ Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.

¹² The Turkish Patent Institute has been appointed to act as an International Authority with effect from a date yet to be notified to the International Bureau by the Institute when it is ready to start functioning in that capacity.