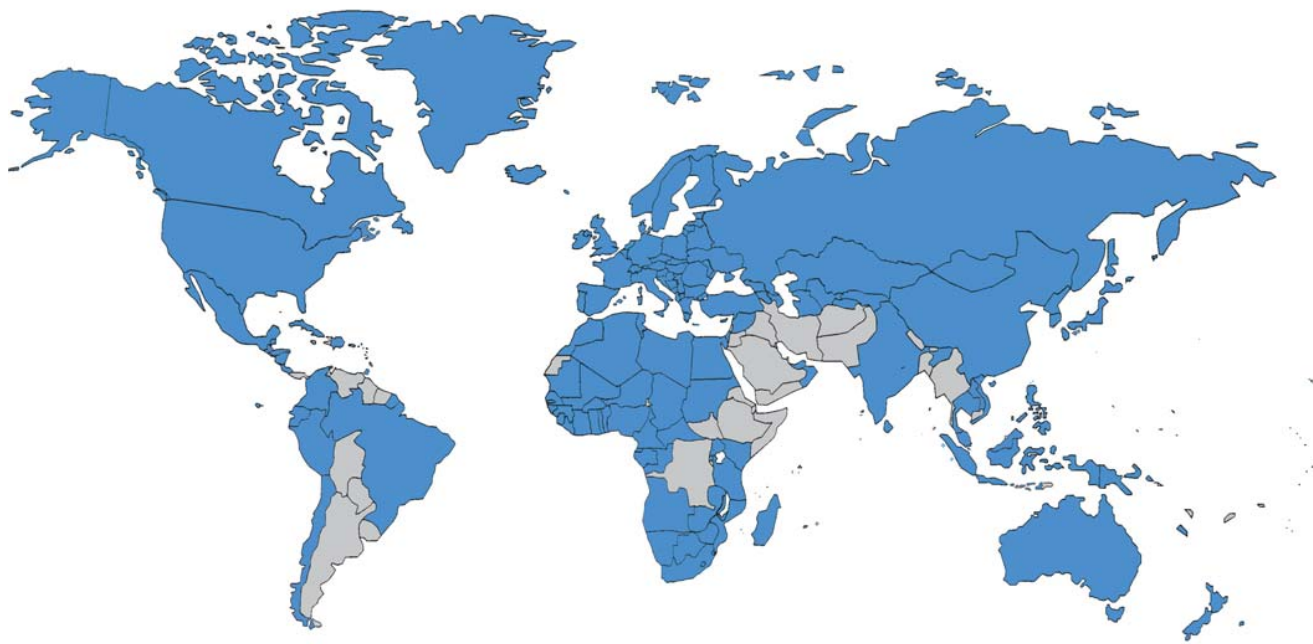


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AL Albania (EP) <sup>1,2</sup>	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) <sup>3</sup>	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>3</sup>
AM Armenia (EA)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AO Angola	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AT Austria (EP)	DM Dominica	KN Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
AU Australia	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>3</sup>
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DZ Algeria	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) <sup>3</sup>
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BG Bulgaria (EP)	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP)	TN Tunisia
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BR Brazil	GB United Kingdom (EP)	MA Morocco	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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BY Belarus (EA)	GE Georgia	MD Republic of Moldova (EA) <sup>5</sup>	PH Philippines	UG Uganda (AP)
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CA Canada	GM Gambia (AP)	MG Madagascar	PT Portugal (EP)	UZ Uzbekistan
CF Central African Republic (OA) <sup>3</sup>	GN Guinea (OA) <sup>3</sup>	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (EP)	QA Qatar	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
CG Congo (OA) <sup>3</sup>	GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA) <sup>3</sup>	ML Mali (OA) <sup>3</sup>	RO Romania (EP)	VN Viet Nam
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