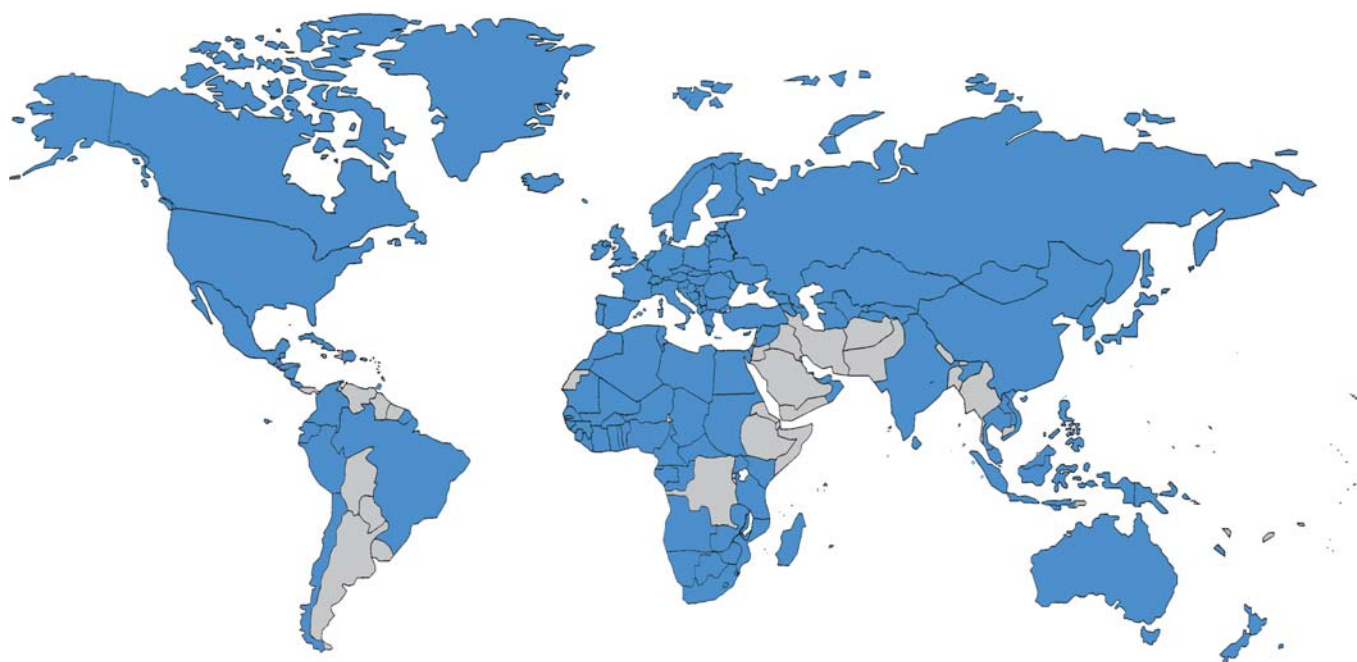


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| AG Antigua and Barbuda | CY Cyprus (EP) ² | IT Italy (EP) ² | ML Mali (OA) ² | SK Slovakia (EP) |
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| AT Austria (EP) | DM Dominica | KN Comoros | MW Malawi (AP) | ST Sao Tome and Principe |
| AU Australia | DO Dominican Republic | KN Saint Kitts and Nevis | MX Mexico | SV El Salvador |
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| BH Bahrain | FR France (EP) ² | LK Sri Lanka | NL Netherlands (EP) ² | TM Turkmenistan (EA) |
| BJ Benin (OA) ² | GA Gabon (OA) ² | LR Liberia | NO Norway (EP) ³ | TN Tunisia |
| BR Brazil | GB United Kingdom (EP) | LS Lesotho (AP) | NZ New Zealand | TR Turkey (EP) |
| BW Botswana (AP) | GD Grenada | LT Lithuania (EP) | OM Oman | TT Trinidad and Tobago |
| BY Belarus (EA) | GE Georgia | LU Luxembourg (EP) | PE Peru | TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP) |
| BZ Belize | GH Ghana (AP) | LV Latvia (EP) ² | PG Papua New Guinea | UA Ukraine |
| CA Canada | GM Gambia (AP) | LY Libya Arab Jamahiriya | PH Philippines | UG Uganda (AP) |
| CF Central African Republic (OA) ² | GN Guinea (OA) ² | MA Morocco | PL Poland (EP) | US United States of America |
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| CH Switzerland (EP) | GT Guatemala | MD Republic of Moldova (EA) | RO Romania (EP) | VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
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| CM Cameroon (OA) ² | HR Croatia (EP) ³ | | SC Seychelles | ZM Zambia (AP) |
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