

12. Patent Cooperation Treaty

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Status on January 13, 2012

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

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

(Total: 144 States)

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES UNDER
THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

The Patent Offices of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt¹², Finland, India¹², Israel¹², Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, the United States of America, the European Patent Office, and the Nordic Patent Institute.

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 Patent Offices of Egypt, India and Israel have been appointed to act as International Authorities with effect from dates yet to be notified to the International Bureau by those Offices when they are ready to start functioning in that capacity.