

12. Patent Cooperation Treaty

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Status on December 23, 2020

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	Iran ¹ (Islamic Republic of).....	October 4, 2013
Armenia ¹	December 25, 1991	Ireland.....	August 1, 1992
Australia.....	March 31, 1980	Israel.....	June 1, 1996
Austria.....	April 23, 1979	Italy.....	March 28, 1985
Azerbaijan.....	December 25, 1995	Japan.....	October 1, 1978
Bahrain ¹	March 18, 2007	Jordan.....	June 9, 2017
Barbados.....	March 12, 1985	Kazakhstan ¹	December 25, 1991
Belarus ¹	December 25, 1991	Kenya.....	June 8, 1994
Belgium.....	December 14, 1981	Kuwait.....	September 9, 2016
Belize.....	June 17, 2000	Kyrgyzstan ¹	December 25, 1991
Benin.....	February 26, 1987	Lao People's Democratic Republic ¹	June 14, 2006
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....	September 7, 1996	Latvia.....	September 7, 1993
Botswana.....	October 30, 2003	Lesotho.....	October 21, 1995
Brazil.....	April 9, 1978	Liberia.....	August 27, 1994
Brunei Darussalam.....	July 24, 2012	Libya.....	September 15, 2005
Bulgaria.....	May 21, 1984	Liechtenstein.....	March 19, 1980
Burkina Faso.....	March 21, 1989	Lithuania.....	July 5, 1994
Cambodia ¹	December 8, 2016	Luxembourg.....	April 30, 1978
Cameroon.....	January 24, 1978	Madagascar.....	January 24, 1978
Canada.....	January 2, 1990	Malawi.....	January 24, 1978
Central African Republic.....	January 24, 1978	Malaysia ¹	August 16, 2006
Chad.....	January 24, 1978	Mali.....	October 19, 1984
Chile ¹	June 2, 2009	Malta ¹	March 1, 2007
China ^{2, 3}	January 1, 1994	Mauritania.....	April 13, 1983
Colombia.....	February 28, 2001	Mexico.....	January 1, 1995
Comoros.....	April 3, 2005	Monaco.....	June 22, 1979
Congo.....	January 24, 1978	Mongolia.....	May 27, 1991
Costa Rica.....	August 3, 1999	Montenegro.....	June 3, 2006
Côte d'Ivoire.....	April 30, 1991	Morocco.....	October 8, 1999
Croatia.....	July 1, 1998	Mozambique ¹	May 18, 2000
Cuba ¹	July 16, 1996	Namibia.....	January 1, 2004
Cyprus.....	April 1, 1998	Netherlands ⁶	July 10, 1979
Czech Republic.....	January 1, 1993	New Zealand.....	December 1, 1992
Democratic People's Republic of Korea ...	July 8, 1980	Nicaragua.....	March 6, 2003
Denmark.....	December 1, 1978	Niger.....	March 21, 1993
Djibouti.....	September 23, 2016	Nigeria.....	May 8, 2005
Dominica.....	August 7, 1999	North Macedonia.....	August 10, 1995
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
Eswatini.....	September 20, 1994	Poland ⁴	December 25, 1990
Finland ⁴	October 1, 1980	Portugal.....	November 24, 1992
France ^{1, 5}	February 25, 1978	Qatar ¹	August 3, 2011
Gabon.....	January 24, 1978	Republic of Korea.....	August 10, 1984
Gambia.....	December 9, 1997	Republic of Moldova ¹	December 25, 1991
Georgia ¹	December 25, 1991	Romania ¹	July 23, 1979
Germany.....	January 24, 1978	Russian Federation ¹	March 29, 1978 ⁷
Ghana.....	February 26, 1997	Rwanda.....	August 31, 2011
Greece.....	October 9, 1990	Saint Kitts and Nevis.....	October 27, 2005
Grenada.....	September 22, 1998	Saint Lucia ¹	August 30, 1996
Guatemala.....	October 14, 2006	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ¹	August 6, 2002
Guinea.....	May 27, 1991	Samoa.....	January 2, 2020 ¹
Guinea-Bissau.....	December 12, 1997	San Marino.....	December 14, 2004
Honduras.....	June 20, 2006	Sao Tome and Principe.....	July 3, 2008
Hungary ¹	June 27, 1980	Saudi Arabia.....	August 3, 2013

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Senegal.....	January 24, 1978	Togo.....	January 24, 1978
Serbia ⁸	February 1, 1997	Trinidad and Tobago.....	March 10, 1994
Seychelles.....	November 7, 2002	Tunisia.....	December 10, 2001
Sierra Leone.....	June 17, 1997	Turkey.....	January 1, 1996
Singapore.....	February 23, 1995	Turkmenistan ¹	December 25, 1991
Slovakia.....	January 1, 1993	Uganda.....	February 9, 1995
Slovenia.....	March 1, 1994	Ukraine ¹	December 25, 1991
South Africa ¹	March 16, 1999	United Arab Emirates.....	March 10, 1999
Spain.....	November 16, 1989	United Kingdom ^{9, 10, 11}	January 24, 1978
Sri Lanka.....	February 26, 1982	United Republic of Tanzania.....	September 14, 1999
Sudan.....	April 16, 1984	United States of America ^{12, 13}	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: 153 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 Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United States of America, the European Patent Office, the Nordic Patent Institute and the Visegrad Patent Institute (23).

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 The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the territory of Gibraltar with effect from January 1, 2021.

¹¹ The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the territory of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with effect from March 23, 2021.

¹² With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

¹³ Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.