

12. Patent Cooperation Treaty

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Status on October 15, 2018

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

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Saudi Arabia	August 3, 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	August 10, 1995
Senegal.....	January 24, 1978	Togo	January 24, 1978
Serbia ⁸	February 1, 1997	Trinidad and Tobago.....	March 10, 1994
Seychelles	November 7, 2002	Tunisia ¹	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	January 24, 1978
Sri Lanka.....	February 26, 1982	United Republic of Tanzania	September 14, 1999
Sudan	April 16, 1984	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 Philippines¹², 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 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 Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has been appointed to act as an International Authority with effect from a date yet to be notified to the International Bureau by the Office when it is ready to start functioning in that capacity.