

States Parties to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and/or its 1967 Protocol

(As at 31 December 2004)

Country	Convention		Protocol
	Signature	Ratification (r), accession (a), succession (s)	Accession (a), succession (s)
Albania		18 Aug 1992 a	18 Aug 1992 a
Algeria		21 Feb 1963 s	08 Nov 1967 a
Angola		23 Jun 1981 a	23 Jun 1981 a
Antigua and Barbuda		07 Sep 1995 a	07 Sep 1995 a
Argentina		15 Nov 1961 a	06 Dec 1967 a
Armenia		06 Jul 1993 a	06 Jul 1993 a
Australia		22 Jan 1954 a	13 Dec 1973 a
Austria	28 Jul 1951	01 Nov 1954 r	05 Sep 1973 a
Azerbaijan		12 Feb 1993 a	12 Feb 1993 a
Bahamas		15 Sep 1993 a	15 Sep 1993 a
Belarus		23 Aug 2001 a	23 Aug 2001 a
Belgium	28 Jul 1951	22 Jul 1953 r	08 Apr 1969 a
Belize		27 Jun 1990 a	27 Jun 1990 a
Benin		04 Apr 1962 s	06 Jul 1970 a
Bolivia		09 Feb 1982 a	09 Feb 1982 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina		01 Sep 1993 s	01 Sep 1993 s
Botswana		06 Jan 1969 a	06 Jan 1969 a
Brazil	15 Jul 1952	16 Nov 1960 r	07 Apr 1972 a
Bulgaria		12 May 1993 a	12 May 1993 a
Burkina Faso		18 Jun 1980 a	18 Jun 1980 a
Burundi		19 Jul 1963 a	15 Mar 1971 a
Cambodia		15 Oct 1992 a	15 Oct 1992 a
Cameroon		23 Oct 1961 s	19 Sep 1967 a
Canada		04 Jun 1969 a	04 Jun 1969 a
Cape Verde			09 Jul 1987 a
Central African Republic		04 Sep 1962 s	30 Aug 1967 a
Chad		19 Aug 1981 a	19 Aug 1981 a
Chile		28 Jan 1972 a	27 Apr 1972 a
China		24 Sep 1982 a	24 Sep 1982 a
Colombia	28 Jul 1951	10 Oct 1961 r	04 Mar 1980 a
Congo (Rep. of the)		15 Oct 1962 s	10 Jul 1970 a
Congo (Democratic Republic of the)		19 Jul 1965 a	13 Jan 1975 a
Costa Rica		28 Mar 1978 a	28 Mar 1978 a
Côte d'Ivoire		08 Dec 1961 s	16 Feb 1970 a
Croatia		12 Oct 1992 s	12 Oct 1992 s
Cyprus		16 May 1963 s	09 Jul 1968 a

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Czech Republic		11 May 1993 s	11 May 1993 s
Denmark	28 Jul 1951	04 Dec 1952 r	29 Jan 1968 a
Djibouti		09 Aug 1977 s	09 Aug 1977 s
Dominica		17 Feb 1994 a	17 Feb 1994 a
Dominican Republic		04 Jan 1978 a	04 Jan 1978 a
Ecuador		17 Aug 1955 a	06 Mar 1969 a
Egypt		22 May 1981 a	22 May 1981 a
El Salvador		28 Apr 1983 a	28 Apr 1983 a
Equatorial Guinea		07 Feb 1986 a	07 Feb 1986 a
Estonia		10 Apr 1997 a	10 Apr 1997 a
Ethiopia		10 Nov 1969 a	10 Nov 1969 a
Fiji		12 Jun 1972 s	12 Jun 1972 s
Finland		10 Oct 1968 a	10 Oct 1968 a
France	11 Sep 1952	23 Jun 1954 r	03 Feb 1971 a
Gabon		27 Apr 1964 a	28 Aug 1973 a
Gambia		07 Sep 1966 s	29 Sep 1967 a
Georgia		9 Aug 1999 a	9 Aug 1999 a
Germany	19 Nov 1951	01 Dec 1953 r	05 Nov 1969 a
Ghana		18 Mar 1963 a	30 Aug 1968 a
Greece	10 Apr 1952	05 Apr 1960 r	07 Aug 1968 a
Guatemala		22 Sep 1983 a	22 Sep 1983 a
Guinea		28 Dec 1965 s	16 May 1968 a
Guinea-Bissau		11 Feb 1976 a	11 Feb 1976 a
Haiti		25 Sep 1984 a	25 Sep 1984 a
Holy See	21 May 1952	15 Mar 1956 r	08 Jun 1967 a
Honduras		23 Mar 1992 a	23 Mar 1992 a
Hungary		14 Mar 1989 a	14 Mar 1989 a
Iceland		30 Nov 1955 a	26 Apr 1968 a
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		28 Jul 1976 a	28 Jul 1976 a
Ireland		29 Nov 1956 a	06 Nov 1968 a
Israel	01 Aug 1951	01 Oct 1954 r	14 Jun 1968 a
Italy	23 Jul 1952	15 Nov 1954 r	26 Jan 1972 a
Jamaica		30 Jul 1964 s	30 Oct 1980 a
Japan		03 Oct 1981 a	01 Jan 1982 a
Kazakhstan		15 Jan 1999 a	15 Jan 1999 a
Kenya		16 May 1966 a	13 Nov 1981 a
Korea (Republic of)		03 Dec 1992 a	03 Dec 1992 a
Kyrgyzstan		08 Oct 1996 a	08 Oct 1996 a
Latvia		31 Jul 1997 a	31 Jul 1997 a
Lesotho		14 May 1981 a	14 May 1981 a

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Liberia		15 Oct 1964 a	27 Feb 1980 a
Liechtenstein	28 Jul 1951	08 Mar 1957 r	20 May 1968 a
Lithuania		28 Apr 1997 a	28 Apr 1997 a
Luxembourg	28 Jul 1951	23 Jul 1953 r	22 Apr 1971 a
Macedonia (The former Yugoslav Republic of)		18 Jan 1994 s	18 Jan 1994 s
Madagascar		18 Dec 1967 a	
Malawi		10 Dec 1987 a	10 Dec 1987 a
Mali		02 Feb 1973 s	02 Feb 1973 a
Malta		17 Jun 1971 a	15 Sep 1971 a
Mauritania		05 May 1987 a	05 May 1987 a
Mexico		07 Jun 2000 a	07 Jun 2000 a
Moldova (Republic of)		31 Jan 2002 a	31 Jan 2002 a
Monaco		18 May 1954 a	
Morocco		07 Nov 1956 s	20 Apr 1971 a
Mozambique		16 Dec 1983 a	01 May 1989 a
Namibia		17 Feb 1995 a	17 Feb 1995 a
Netherlands	28 Jul 1951	03 May 1956 r	29 Nov 1968 a
New Zealand		30 Jun 1960 a	06 Aug 1973 a
Nicaragua		28 Mar 1980 a	28 Mar 1980 a
Niger		25 Aug 1961 s	02 Feb 1970 a
Nigeria		23 Oct 1967 a	02 May 1968 a
Norway	28 Jul 1951	23 Mar 1953 r	28 Nov 1967 a
Panama		02 Aug 1978 a	02 Aug 1978 a
Papua New Guinea		17 Jul 1986 a	17 Jul 1986 a
Paraguay		01 Apr 1970 a	01 Apr 1970 a
Peru		21 Dec 1964 a	15 Sep 1983 a
Philippines		22 Jul 1981 a	22 Jul 1981 a
Poland		27 Sep 1991 a	27 Sep 1991 a
Portugal		22 Dec 1960 a	13 Jul 1976 a
Romania		07 Aug 1991 a	07 Aug 1991 a
Russian Federation		02 Feb 1993 a	02 Feb 1993 a
Rwanda		03 Jan 1980 a	03 Jan 1980 a
Saint Kitts and Nevis		01 Feb 2002 a	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		03 Nov 1993 a	03 Nov 2003 a
Samoa		21 Sep 1988 a	29 Nov 1994 a
Sao Tome and Principe		01 Feb 1978 a	01 Feb 1978 a
Senegal		02 May 1963 s	03 Oct 1967 a
Serbia and Montenegro ¹	28 Jul 1951	12 Mar 2001 s	12 Mar 2001 s
Seychelles		23 Apr 1980 a	23 Apr 1980 a

¹ As of 4 February 2003, following the adoption and promulgation of the Constitutional Charter of Serbia and Montenegro by the Assembly of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the official name of "The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" has been changed to "Serbia and Montenegro".

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Sierra Leone		22 May 1981 a	22 May 1981 a
Slovakia		04 Feb 1993 s	04 Feb 1993 s
Slovenia		06 Jul 1992 s	06 Jul 1992 s
Solomon Islands		28 Feb 1995 a	12 Apr 1995 a
Somalia		10 Oct 1978 a	10 Oct 1978 a
South Africa		12 Jan 1996 a	12 Jan 1996 a
Spain		14 Aug 1978 a	14 Aug 1978 a
Sudan		22 Feb 1974 a	23 May 1974 a
Suriname		29 Nov 1978 s	29 Nov 1978 s
Swaziland		14 Feb 2000 a	28 Jan 1969 a
Sweden	28 Jul 1951	26 Oct 1954 r	04 Oct 1967 a
Switzerland	28 Jul 1951	21 Jan 1955 r	20 May 1968 a
Tajikistan		07 Dec 1993 a	07 Dec 1993 a
Tanzania (United Republic of)		12 May 1964 a	04 Sep 1968 a
Timor-Leste		07 May 2003 a	07 May 2003 a
Togo		27 Feb 1962 s	01 Dec 1969 a
Trinidad and Tobago		10 Nov 2000 a	10 Nov 2000 a
Tunisia		24 Oct 1957 s	16 Oct 1968 a
Turkey	24 Aug 1951	30 Mar 1962 r	31 Jul 1968 a
Turkmenistan		02 Mar 1998 a	02 Mar 1998 a
Tuvalu		07 Mar 1986 s	07 Mar 1986 s
Uganda		27 Sep 1976 a	27 Sep 1976 a
Ukraine		10 Jun 2002 a	4 Apr 2002 a
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	28 Jul 1951	11 Mar 1954 r	04 Sep 1968 a
United States of America			01 Nov 1968 a
Uruguay		22 Sep 1970 a	22 Sep 1970 a
Venezuela			19 Sep 1986 a
Yemen		18 Jan 1980 a	18 Jan 1980 a
Zambia		24 Sep 1969 s	24 Sep 1969 a
Zimbabwe		25 Aug 1981 a	25 Aug 1981 a

The dates indicated are the dates of deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession by the respective States Parties with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in New York. In accordance with article 43(2), the Convention enters into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit. The Protocol enters into force on the date of deposit (article VIII (2)).

States Parties to the 1951 Convention: 142

States Parties to the 1967 Protocol: 142

States Parties to both the Convention and Protocol: 139

States Parties to the 1951 Convention only: Madagascar, Monaco and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

States Parties to the 1967 Protocol only: Cape Verde, United States of America and Venezuela.