

STATES PARTY TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND THEIR ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS

This map shows which States were party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to their Additional Protocols, as at 31 December 2010. It also indicates which States had made the optional declaration under Article 90 of Additional Protocol I, recognizing the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission.

N.B. The names of the countries given on this map may differ from their official names



States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions: **194**

States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to 1977 Additional Protocol I: **170**









States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to 1977 Additional Protocol II: **165**

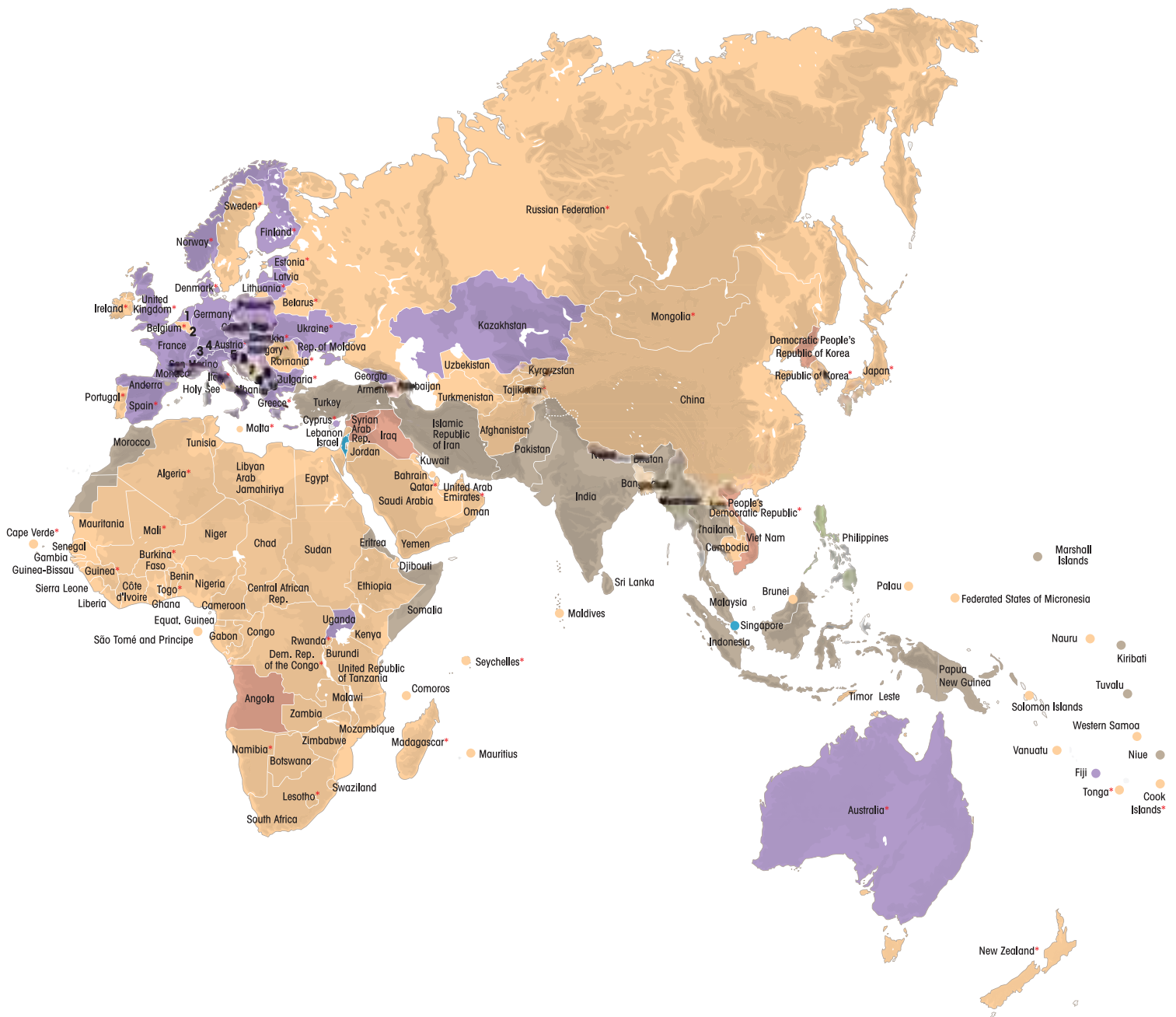
States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to both 1977 Additional Protocols: **164**

States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to 2005 Additional Protocol III: **54**

States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, to both 1977 Additional Protocols and to 2005 Additional Protocol III: **49**

States having made the declaration under Article 90 of 1977 Additional Protocol I: **72**

	States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions only		States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to 1977 Additional Protocol I and II
	States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to 1977 Additional Protocol I only		States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, to both 1977 Additional Protocols and to 2005 Additional Protocol III
	States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, 1977 Additional Protocol II and 2005 Additional Protocol III		States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, 1977 Additional Protocol I and 2005 Additional Protocol III
	States party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions and to 2005 Additional Protocol III only		States having made the declaration under Article 90 of 1977 Additional Protocol I



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| 1 Netherlands* | 3 Switzerland* | 5 Slovenia* | 7 Bosnia and Herzegovina* | 9 Montenegro* |
| 2 Luxembourg* | 4 Liechtenstein* | 6 Croatia* | 8 Serbia* | 10 FYR Macedonia* |

ABBREVIATIONS

R/A/S =

Ratification: a treaty is generally open for signature for a certain time following the conference that has adopted it. However, a signature is not binding on a State unless it has been endorsed by ratification. The time limits having elapsed, the Conventions and the Protocols are no longer open for signature. The States that have not signed them may at any time accede or, in the appropriate circumstances, succeed to them.

Accession: instead of signing and then ratifying a treaty, a State may become party to it by the single act called accession.

Succession (declaration of): a newly independent State may declare that it will abide by a treaty which was applicable to it prior to its independence. A State may also declare that it will provisionally abide by such treaties during the time it deems necessary to examine their texts carefully and to decide on accession or succession to some or all of the said treaties (declaration of provisional application of the treaties). At present no State is bound by such a declaration.

R/D =

Reservation/Declaration: unilateral statement, however phrased or named, made by a State when ratifying, acceding or succeeding to a treaty, whereby it purports to exclude or to modify the legal effect of certain provisions of the treaty in their application to that State (provided that such reservations are not incompatible with the object and purpose of the treaty).

D90 =

Declaration provided for under article 90 of Additional Protocol I (prior acceptance of the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission).

DATES

The dates indicated are those on which the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs received the official instrument from the State that was ratifying, acceding to or succeeding to the Conventions or Protocols or accepting the competence of the Commission provided for under Article 90 of Additional Protocol I. They thus represent neither the date on which ratification, accession, succession or acceptance of the Commission was decided upon by the State concerned nor that on which the corresponding instrument was sent.

N.B. The dates given for succession to the Geneva Conventions by **Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Jamaica, Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal and Sierra Leone** used to be those on which the corresponding instruments had been officially adopted. They have now been replaced by the dates on which the depositary received those instruments.

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Except as mentioned in footnotes at the end of the tables, for all States the entry into force of the 1949 Geneva Conventions and of the Additional Protocols occurs six months after the date given in the present document; for States which have made a declaration of succession, entry into force takes place retroactively, on the day of their accession to independence. The 1949 Geneva Conventions entered into force on 21 October 1950. The 1977 Additional Protocols entered into force on 7 December 1978. The 2005 Additional Protocol III entered into force on 14 January 2007.

NAMES OF COUNTRIES

The names of countries given in the following list may differ from the official names of States.

UPDATE SINCE 31.12.2009

All of the world's 194 States are party to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949.

Ratifications, accessions or successions to Additional Protocol I: 1

▶ Iraq 01.04.2010

Ratifications, accessions or successions to Additional Protocol II: 0

Ratifications, accessions or successions to Additional Protocol III: 3

▶ Serbia 18.08.2010

▶ Spain 10.12.2010

▶ Ukraine 19.01.2010

TOTALS

Number of States Parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949: 194

Number of States Parties to Additional Protocol I: 170

Number of States having made the declaration under Article 90: 72

Number of States Parties to Additional Protocol II: 165

Number of States Parties to Additional Protocol III: 54

Number of States Members of the United Nations: 192

States Parties to the Geneva Conventions but not members of the United Nations: **Cook Islands** and **Holy See**

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Country	GENEVA CONVENTIONS		PROTOCOL I			PROTOCOL II		PROTOCOL III				
	R/A/S	R/D	R/A/S	R/D	D90	R/A/S	R/D	R/A/S	R/D			
Afghanistan	26.09.1956	R	10.11.2009	A		10.11.2009	A					
Albania	27.05.1957	R	16.07.1993	A		16.07.1993	A	06.02.2008	A			
Algeria	20.06.1960	A	16.08.1989	A	X	16.08.1989	A					
	03.07.1962	A	16.08.1989	A	X	16.08.1989	A					
Andorra	17.09.1993	A										
Angola	20.09.1984	A	20.09.1984	A	X							
Antigua and Barbuda	06.10.1986	S	06.10.1986	A		06.10.1986	A					
Argentina	18.09.1956	R	26.11.1986	A	X	11.10.1996	26.11.1986	A	X			
Armenia	07.06.1993	A	07.06.1993	A			07.06.1993	A				
Australia	14.10.1958	R	21.06.1991	R	X	23.09.1992	21.06.1991	R	15.07.2009	R		
Austria	27.08.1953	R	13.08.1982	R	X	13.08.1982	13.08.1982	R	X	03.06.2009	R	
Azerbaijan	01.06.1993	A										
Bahamas	11.07.1975	S	10.04.1980	A			10.04.1980	A				
Bahrain	30.11.1971	A	30.10.1986	A			30.10.1986	A				
Bangladesh	04.04.1972	S	08.09.1980	A			08.09.1980	A				
Barbados	10.09.1968	S	19.02.1990	A			19.02.1990	A				
Belarus	03.08.1954	R	23.10.1989	R		23.10.1989	23.10.1989	R				
Belgium	03.09.1952	R	20.05.1986	R	X	27.03.1987	20.05.1986	R				
Belize	29.06.1984	A	29.06.1984	A			29.06.1984	A	03.04.2007	A		
Benin	14.12.1961	S	28.05.1986	A			28.05.1986	A				
Bhutan	10.01.1991	A										
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	10.12.1976	R	08.12.1983	A		10.08.1992	08.12.1983	A				
Bosnia and Herzegovina	31.12.1992	S	31.12.1992	S		31.12.1992	31.12.1992	S				
Botswana	29.03.1968	A	23.05.1979	A			23.05.1979	A				
Brazil	29.06.1957	R	05.05.1992	A		23.11.1993	05.05.1992	A	28.08.2009	R		
Brunei Darussalam	14.10.1991	A	14.10.1991	A			14.10.1991	A				
Bulgaria	22.07.1954	R	26.09.1989	R		09.05.1994	26.09.1989	R	13.09.2006	R		
Burkina Faso	07.11.1961	S	20.10.1987	R		24.05.2004	20.10.1987	R				
Burundi	27.12.1971	S	10.06.1993	A			10.06.1993	A				
Cambodia	08.12.1958	A	14.01.1998	A			14.01.1998	A				
Cameroon	16.09.1963	S	16.03.1984	A			16.03.1984	A				
Canada	14.05.1965	R	20.11.1990	R	X	20.11.1990	20.11.1990	R	X	26.11.2007	R	X
Cape Verde	11.05.1984	A	16.03.1995	A		16.03.1995	16.03.1995	A				
Central African Republic	01.08.1966	S	17.07.1984	A			17.07.1984	A				
Chad	05.08.1970	A	17.01.1997	A			17.01.1997	A				
Chile	12.10.1950	R	24.04.1991	R		24.04.1991	24.04.1991	R	06.07.2009	R		
China	28.12.1956	R	14.09.1983	A	X		14.09.1983	A	X			
Colombia	08.11.1961	R	01.09.1993	A		17.04.1996	14.08.1995	A				
Comoros	21.11.1985	A	21.11.1985	A			21.11.1985	A				
Congo	04.02.1967	S	10.11.1983	A			10.11.1983	A				
Congo, Democratic Republic of	24.02.1961	S	03.06.1982	A		12.12.2002	12.12.2002	A				
Cook Islands	07.05.2002	S	07.05.2002	A		07.05.2002	07.05.2002	A				
Costa Rica	15.10.1969	A	15.12.1983	A		09.12.1999	15.12.1983	A	30.06.2008	R		
Côte d'Ivoire	28.12.1961	S	20.09.1989	R			20.09.1989	R				
Croatia	11.05.1992	S	11.05.1992	S		11.05.1992	11.05.1992	S	13.06.2007	R		
Cuba	15.04.1954	R	25.11.1982	A			23.06.1999	A				
Cyprus	23.05.1962	A	01.06.1979	R		14.10.2002	18.03.1996	A	27.11.2007	R		
Czech Republic	05.02.1993	S	05.02.1993	S		02.05.1995	05.02.1993	S	23.05.2007	R		
Denmark	27.06.1951	R	17.06.1982	R	X	17.06.1982	17.06.1982	R	25.05.2007	R		
Djibouti	06.03.1978	S	08.04.1991	A			08.04.1991	A				
Dominica	28.09.1981	S	25.04.1996	A			25.04.1996	A				
Dominican Republic	22.01.1958	A	26.05.1994	A			26.05.1994	A	01.04.2009	R		
Ecuador	11.08.1954	R	10.04.1979	R			10.04.1979	R				
Egypt	10.11.1952	R	09.10.1992	R	X		09.10.1992	R	X			
El Salvador	17.06.1953	R	23.11.1978	R			23.11.1978	R	12.09.2007	R		
Equatorial Guinea	24.07.1986	A	24.07.1986	A			24.07.1986	A				
Eritrea	14.08.2000	A										
Estonia	18.01.1993	A	18.01.1993	A		20.02.2009	18.01.1993	A	28.02.2008	R		
Ethiopia	02.10.1969	R	08.04.1994	A			08.04.1994	A				
Fiji	09.08.1971	S	30.07.2008	A			30.07.2008	A	30.07.2008	A		
Finland	22.02.1955	R	07.08.1980	R	X	07.08.1980	07.08.1980	R	14.01.2009	R		
France	28.06.1951	R	11.04.2001	A	X		24.02.1984	A	X	17.07.2009	R	

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	R/A/S	R/D	R/A/S	R/D	D90	R/A/S	R/D	R/A/S	R/D		
Gabon	26.02.1965	S	08.04.1980	A		08.04.1980	A				
Gambia	20.10.1966	S	12.01.1989	A		12.01.1989	A				
Georgia	14.09.1993	A	14.09.1993	A		14.09.1993	A	19.03.2007	R		
Germany	03.09.1954	A	X	14.02.1991	R	X	14.02.1991	R	X	17.06.2009	R
Ghana	02.08.1958	A	28.02.1978	R		28.02.1978	R				
Greece	05.06.1956	R	31.03.1989	R	04.02.1998	15.02.1993	A	26.10.2009	R		
Grenada	13.04.1981	S	23.09.1998	A		23.09.1998	A				
Guatemala	14.05.1952	R	19.10.1987	R		19.10.1987	R	14.03.2008	R		
Guinea	11.07.1984	A	11.07.1984	A	20.12.1993	11.07.1984	A				
Guinea-Bissau	21.02.1974	A	X	21.10.1986	A		21.10.1986	A			
Guyana	22.07.1968	S	18.01.1988	A		18.01.1988	A	21.09.2009	A		
Haiti	11.04.1957	A	20.12.2006	A		20.12.2006	A				
Holy See	22.02.1951	R	21.11.1985	R	X	21.11.1985	R	X			
Honduras	31.12.1965	A	16.02.1995	R		16.02.1995	R	08.12.2006	R		
Hungary	03.08.1954	R	12.04.1989	R	23.09.1991	12.04.1989	R	15.11.2006	R		
Iceland	10.08.1965	A	10.04.1987	R	X	10.04.1987	R	04.08.2006	R		
India	09.11.1950	R									
Indonesia	30.09.1958	A									
Iran, Islamic Republic of	20.02.1957	R	X								
Iraq	14.02.1956	A	01.04.2010	A							
Ireland	27.09.1962	R	19.05.1999	R	X	19.05.1999	19.05.1999	R	X		
Israel	06.07.1951	R	X					22.11.2007	R	X	
Italy	17.12.1951	R	27.02.1986	R	X	27.02.1986	27.02.1986	R	29.01.2009	R	
Jamaica	20.07.1964	S	29.07.1986	A		29.07.1986	A				
Japan	21.04.1953	A	31.08.2004	A	X	31.08.2004	A				
Jordan	29.05.1951	A	01.05.1979	R		01.05.1979	R				
Kazakhstan	05.05.1992	S	05.05.1992	S		05.05.1992	S	24.06.2009	A		
Kenya	20.09.1966	A	23.02.1999	A		23.02.1999	A				
Kiribati	05.01.1989	S									
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	27.08.1957	A	X	09.03.1988	A						
Korea, Republic of	16.08.1966	A	X	15.01.1982	R	X	16.04.2004	15.01.1982	R		
Kuwait	02.09.1967	A	X	17.01.1985	A		17.01.1985	A			
Kyrgyzstan	18.09.1992	S	18.09.1992	S		18.09.1992	S				
Lao People's Democratic Republic	29.10.1956	A	18.11.1980	R	30.01.1998	18.11.1980	R				
Latvia	24.12.1991	A	24.12.1991	A		24.12.1991	A	02.04.2007	R		
Lebanon	10.04.1951	R	23.07.1997	A		23.07.1997	A				
Lesotho	20.05.1968	S	20.05.1994	A	13.08.2010	20.05.1994	A				
Liberia	29.03.1954	A	30.06.1988	A		30.06.1988	A				
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	22.05.1956	A	07.06.1978	A		07.06.1978	A				
Liechtenstein	21.09.1950	R	10.08.1989	R	X	10.08.1989	10.08.1989	R	X	24.08.2006	R
Lithuania	03.10.1996	A	13.07.2000	A	13.07.2000	13.07.2000	A	28.11.2007	R		
Luxembourg	01.07.1953	R	29.08.1989	R	12.05.1993	29.08.1989	R				
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	01.09.1993	S	X	01.09.1993	S	X	01.09.1993	01.09.1993	S	14.10.2008	R
Madagascar	18.07.1963	S	08.05.1992	R	27.07.1993	08.05.1992	R				
Malawi	05.01.1968	A	07.10.1991	A		07.10.1991	A				
Malaysia	24.08.1962	A									
Maldives	18.06.1991	A	03.09.1991	A		03.09.1991	A				
Mali	24.05.1965	A	08.02.1989	A	09.05.2003	08.02.1989	A				
Malta	22.08.1968	S	17.04.1989	A	X	17.04.1989	17.04.1989	A	X		
Marshall Islands	01.06.2004	A									
Mauritania	30.10.1962	S	14.03.1980	A		14.03.1980	A				
Mauritius	18.08.1970	S	22.03.1982	A	X	22.03.1982	A				
Mexico	29.10.1952	R	10.03.1983	A				07.07.2008	R		
Micronesia, Federated States of	19.09.1995	A	19.09.1995	A		19.09.1995	A				
Moldova, Republic of	24.05.1993	A	24.05.1993	A		24.05.1993	A	19.08.2008	R	X	
Monaco	05.07.1950	R	07.01.2000	A	26.10.2007	07.01.2000	A	12.03.2007	R		
Mongolia	20.12.1958	A	06.12.1995	R	X	06.12.1995	06.12.1995	R			
Montenegro	02.08.2006	A	02.08.2006	A	02.08.2006	02.08.2006	A				
Morocco	26.07.1956	A									
Mozambique	14.03.1983	A	14.03.1983	A		12.11.2002	A				
Myanmar	25.08.1992	A									
Namibia	22.08.1991	S	17.06.1994	A	X	21.07.1994	17.06.1994	A	X		

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Country	GENEVA CONVENTIONS		PROTOCOL I			PROTOCOL II		PROTOCOL III		
	R/A/S	R/D	R/A/S	R/D	D90	R/A/S	R/D	R/A/S	R/D	
Nauru	27.06.2006	A	27.06.2006	A		27.06.2006	A			
Nepal	07.02.1964	A								
Netherlands	03.08.1954	R	26.06.1987	R	X	26.06.1987	26.06.1987	R	X	
New Zealand	02.05.1959	R	08.02.1988	R	X	08.02.1988	08.02.1988	R	X	
Nicaragua	17.12.1953	R	19.07.1999	R			19.07.1999	R		
Niger	21.04.1964	S	08.06.1979	R			08.06.1979	R		
Nigeria	20.06.1961	S	10.10.1988	A			10.10.1988	A		
Norway	03.08.1951	R	14.12.1981	R		14.12.1981	14.12.1981	R		
Oman	31.01.1974	A	29.03.1984	A	X		29.03.1984	A	X	
Pakistan	12.06.1951	R	X							
Palau	25.06.1996	A	25.06.1996	A			25.06.1996	A		
Panama	10.02.1956	A	18.09.1995	R		26.10.1999	18.09.1995	R		
Papua New Guinea	26.05.1976	S								
Paraguay	23.10.1961	R	30.11.1990	A		30.01.1998	30.11.1990	A		
Peru	15.02.1956	R	14.07.1989	R			14.07.1989	R		
Philippines	06.10.1952	R					11.12.1986	A		
Poland	26.11.1954	R	23.10.1991	R		02.10.1992	23.10.1991	R		
Portugal	14.03.1961	R	X	27.05.1992	R	X	01.07.1994	27.05.1992	R	X
Qatar	15.10.1975	A	05.04.1988	A	X	24.09.1991	05.01.2005	A		
Romania	01.06.1954	R	21.06.1990	R		31.05.1995	21.06.1990	R		
Russian Federation	10.05.1954	R	X	29.09.1989	R	X	29.09.1989	29.09.1989	R	X
Rwanda	05.05.1964	S	19.11.1984	A		08.07.1993	19.11.1984	A		
Saint Kitts and Nevis	14.02.1986	S	14.02.1986	A			14.02.1986	A		
Saint Lucia	18.09.1981	S	07.10.1982	A			07.10.1982	A		
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	01.04.1981	A	08.04.1983	A			08.04.1983	A		
Samoa	23.08.1984	S	23.08.1984	A			23.08.1984	A		
San Marino	29.08.1953	A	05.04.1994	R			05.04.1994	R		
Sao Tome and Principe	21.05.1976	A	05.07.1996	A			05.07.1996	A		
Saudi Arabia	18.05.1963	A	21.08.1987	A	X		28.11.2001	A		
Senegal	18.05.1963	S	07.05.1985	R			07.05.1985	R		
Serbia	16.10.2001	S	16.10.2001	S		16.10.2001	16.10.2001	S		
Seychelles	08.11.1984	A	08.11.1984	A		22.05.1992	08.11.1984	A		
Sierra Leone	10.06.1965	S	21.10.1986	A			21.10.1986	A		
Singapore	27.04.1973	A							07.07.2008	R
Slovakia	02.04.1993	S	02.04.1993	S		13.03.1995	02.04.1993	S		
Slovenia	26.03.1992	S	26.03.1992	S		26.03.1992	26.03.1992	S		
Solomon Islands	06.07.1981	S	19.09.1988	A			19.09.1988	A		
Somalia	12.07.1962	A								
South Africa	31.03.1952	A	21.11.1995	A			21.11.1995	A		
Spain	04.08.1952	R	21.04.1989	R	X	21.04.1989	21.04.1989	R		
Sri Lanka	28.02.1959	R								
Sudan	23.09.1957	A	07.03.2006	A			13.07.2006	A		
Suriname	13.10.1976	S	X	16.12.1985	A		16.12.1985	A		
Swaziland	28.06.1973	A	02.11.1995	A			02.11.1995	A		
Sweden	28.12.1953	R	31.08.1979	R	X	31.08.1979	31.08.1979	R		
Switzerland	31.03.1950	R	17.02.1982	R		17.02.1982	17.02.1982	R		
Syrian Arab Republic	02.11.1953	R	14.11.1983	A	X					
Tajikistan	13.01.1993	S	13.01.1993	S		10.09.1997	13.01.1993	S		
Tanzania, United Republic of	12.12.1962	S	15.02.1983	A			15.02.1983	A		
Thailand	29.12.1954	A								
Timor-Leste	08.05.2003	A	12.04.2005	A			12.04.2005	A		
Togo	06.01.1962	S	21.06.1984	R		21.11.1991	21.06.1984	R		
Tonga	13.04.1978	S	20.01.2003	A		20.01.2003	20.01.2003	A		
Trinidad and Tobago	24.09.1963	A	20.07.2001	A		20.07.2001	20.07.2001	A		
Tunisia	04.05.1957	A	09.08.1979	R			09.08.1979	R		
Turkey	10.02.1954	R								
Turkmenistan	10.04.1992	S	10.04.1992	S			10.04.1992	S		
Tuvalu	19.02.1981	S								
Uganda	18.05.1964	A	13.03.1991	A			13.03.1991	A		
Ukraine	03.08.1954	R	25.01.1990	R		25.01.1990	25.01.1990	R		
United Arab Emirates	10.05.1972	A	09.03.1983	A	X	06.03.1992	09.03.1983	A	X	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	23.09.1957	R	X	28.01.1998	R	X	17.05.1999	28.01.1998	R	

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	R/A/S	R/D	R/A/S	R/D	D90	R/A/S	R/D	R/A/S	R/D
United States of America	02.08.1955	R X						08.03.2007	R
Uruguay	05.03.1969	R X	13.12.1985	A	17.07.1990	13.12.1985	A		
Uzbekistan	08.10.1993	A	08.10.1993	A		08.10.1993	A		
Vanuatu	27.10.1982	A	28.02.1985	A		28.02.1985	A		
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	13.02.1956	R	23.07.1998	A		23.07.1998	A		
Viet Nam	28.06.1957	A X	19.10.1981	R					
Yemen	16.07.1970	A X	17.04.1990	R		17.04.1990	R		
Zambia	19.10.1966	A	04.05.1995	A		04.05.1995	A		
Zimbabwe	07.03.1983	A	19.10.1992	A		19.10.1992	A		

NOTES

Djibouti

Djibouti's declaration of succession in respect of the First Geneva Convention was dated 26.01.1978.

France

On accession to Additional Protocol II, France made a communication concerning Additional Protocol I.

Ghana

Entry into force of Additional Protocols I and II on 07.12.1978.

Namibia

An instrument of accession to the Geneva Conventions and the 1977 Additional Protocols was deposited by the United Nations Council for Namibia on 18.10.1983. In an instrument deposited on 22.08.1991, Namibia declared its succession to the Geneva Conventions, which were previously applicable pursuant to South Africa's accession on 31.03.1952.

Niue

Pursuant to New Zealand law at the time of accession, and consistent with customary international law, the Geneva Conventions apply to Niue by virtue of New Zealand's accession, on 02.05.1959, to the four 1949 Geneva Conventions.

Palestine

On 21.06.1989, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs received a letter from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva informing the Swiss Federal

Council "that the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, entrusted with the functions of the Government of the State of Palestine by decision of the Palestine National Council, decided, on 04.05.1989, to adhere to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the two Protocols additional thereto".

On 13.09.1989, the Swiss Federal Council informed the States that it was not in a position to decide whether the letter constituted an instrument of accession, "due to the uncertainty within the international community as to the existence or non-existence of a State of Palestine".

Philippines

The First Geneva Convention was ratified on 07.03.1951.

Republic of Korea

The Geneva Conventions entered into force on 23.09.1966, the Republic of Korea having invoked Art.62/61/141/157 common respectively to the First, Second, Third and Fourth Conventions (immediate effect).

Sri Lanka

Accession to the Fourth Geneva Convention on 23.02.1959 (Ceylon had signed only the First, Second, and Third Geneva Conventions).

Switzerland

Entry into force of the Geneva Conventions on 21.10.1950.

Trinidad and Tobago

Accession to the First Geneva Convention on 17.03.1963.