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Albania AL	4 October 1995	Finland FI <sup>5</sup>	1 October 1980
Algeria DZ <sup>2</sup>	8 March 2000	France FR <sup>2,6</sup>	25 February 1978
Angola AO	27 December 2007	Gabon GA	24 January 1978
Antigua and Barbuda AG	17 March 2000	Gambia GM	9 December 1997
Armenia AM <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991	Georgia GE <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991
Australia AU	31 March 1980	Germany DE	24 January 1978
Austria AT	23 April 1979	Ghana GH	26 February 1997
Azerbaijan AZ	25 December 1995	Greece GR	9 October 1990
Bahrain BH <sup>2</sup>	18 March 2007	Grenada GD	22 September 1998
Barbados BB	12 March 1985	Guatemala GT	14 October 2006
Belarus BY <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991	Guinea GN	27 May 1991
Belgium BE	14 December 1981	Guinea-Bissau GW	12 December 1997
Belize BZ	17 June 2000	Honduras HN	20 June 2006
Benin BJ	26 February 1987	Hungary HU <sup>2</sup>	27 June 1980
Bosnia and Herzegovina BA	7 September 1996	Iceland IS	23 March 1995
Botswana BW	30 October 2003	India IN <sup>2</sup>	7 December 1998
Brazil BR	9 April 1978	Indonesia ID <sup>2</sup>	5 September 1997
Brunei Darussalam BN	24 July 2012	Ireland IE	1 August 1992
Bulgaria BG	21 May 1984	Israel IL	1 June 1996
Burkina Faso BF	21 March 1989	Italy IT	28 March 1985
Cameroon CM	24 January 1978	Japan JP	1 October 1978
Canada CA	2 January 1990	Kazakhstan KZ <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991
Central African Republic CF	24 January 1978	Kenya KE	8 June 1994
Chad TD	24 January 1978	Kyrgyzstan KG <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991
Chile CL <sup>2</sup>	2 June 2009	Lao People's Democratic Republic LA	14 June 2006
China CN <sup>3,4</sup>	1 January 1994	Latvia LV	7 September 1993
Colombia CO	28 February 2001	Lesotho LS	21 October 1995
Comoros KM	3 April 2005	Liberia LR	27 August 1994
Congo CG	24 January 1978	Libya LY	15 September 2005
Costa Rica CR	3 August 1999	Liechtenstein LI	19 March 1980
Côte d'Ivoire CI	30 April 1991	Lithuania LT	5 July 1994
Croatia HR	1 July 1998	Luxembourg LU	30 April 1978
Cuba CU <sup>2</sup>	16 July 1996	Madagascar MG	24 January 1978
Cyprus CY	1 April 1998	Malawi MW	24 January 1978
Czech Republic CZ	1 January 1993	Malaysia MY <sup>2</sup>	16 August 2006
Democratic People's Republic of Korea KP	8 July 1980	Mali ML	19 October 1984
Denmark DK	1 December 1978	Malta MT <sup>2</sup>	1 March 2007
Dominica DM	7 August 1999	Mauritania MR	13 April 1983
Dominican Republic DO	28 May 2007	Mexico MX	1 January 1995
Ecuador EC	7 May 2001	Monaco MC	22 June 1979
Egypt EG	6 September 2003	Mongolia MN	27 May 1991
El Salvador SV	17 August 2006	Montenegro ME	3 June 2006
Equatorial Guinea GQ	17 July 2001	Morocco MA	8 October 1999
Estonia EE	24 August 1994	Mozambique MZ <sup>2</sup>	18 May 2000

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Namibia NA	1 January 2004	Singapore SG	23 February 1995
Netherlands NL <sup>7</sup>	10 July 1979	Slovakia SK	1 January 1993
New Zealand NZ	1 December 1992	Slovenia SI	1 March 1994
Nicaragua NI	6 March 2003	South Africa ZA <sup>2</sup>	16 March 1999
Niger NE	21 March 1993	Spain ES	16 November 1989
Nigeria NG	8 May 2005	Sri Lanka LK	26 February 1982
Norway NO <sup>5</sup>	1 January 1980	Sudan SD	16 April 1984
Oman OM <sup>2</sup>	26 October 2001	Swaziland SZ	20 September 1994
Panama PA	(will become bound on 7 September 2012)	Sweden SE <sup>5</sup>	17 May 1978
Papua New Guinea PG	14 June 2003	Switzerland CH	24 January 1978
Peru PE	6 June 2009	Syrian Arab Republic SY	26 June 2003
Philippines PH	17 August 2001	Tajikistan TJ <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991
Poland PL <sup>5</sup>	25 December 1990	Thailand TH <sup>2</sup>	24 December 2009
Portugal PT	24 November 1992	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia MK	10 August 1995
Qatar QA <sup>2</sup>	3 August 2011	Togo TG	24 January 1978
Republic of Korea KR	10 August 1984	Trinidad and Tobago TT	10 March 1994
Republic of Moldova MD <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991	Tunisia TN <sup>2</sup>	10 December 2001
Romania RO <sup>2</sup>	23 July 1979	Turkey TR	1 January 1996
Russian Federation RU <sup>2</sup>	29 March 1978 <sup>8</sup>	Turkmenistan TM <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991
Rwanda RW	31 August 2011	Uganda UG	9 February 1995
Saint Kitts and Nevis KN	27 October 2005	Ukraine UA <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991
Saint Lucia LC <sup>2</sup>	30 August 1996	United Arab Emirates AE	10 March 1999
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines VC <sup>2</sup>	6 August 2002	United Kingdom GB <sup>10</sup>	24 January 1978
San Marino SM	14 December 2004	United Republic of Tanzania TZ	14 September 1999
Sao Tome and Principe ST	3 July 2008	United States of America US <sup>11,12</sup>	24 January 1978
Senegal SN	24 January 1978	Uzbekistan UZ <sup>2</sup>	25 December 1991
Serbia RS <sup>9</sup>	1 February 1997	Viet Nam VN	10 March 1993
Seychelles SC	7 November 2002	Zambia ZM	15 November 2001
Sierra Leone SL	17 June 1997	Zimbabwe ZW	11 June 1997

(Total: 146 States)

<sup>1</sup> All PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II of the PCT relating to the international preliminary examination.<sup>2</sup> With the declaration provided for in PCT Article 64(5).<sup>3</sup> Applies also to Hong Kong, China with effect from 1 July 1997.<sup>4</sup> Not applicable to Macau, China.<sup>5</sup> With the declaration provided for in PCT Article 64(2)(a)(ii).<sup>6</sup> Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.<sup>7</sup> Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist on 10 October 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 10 October 2010, have become part of the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.<sup>8</sup> Date of ratification of the Soviet Union, continued by the Russian Federation as from 25 December 1991.<sup>9</sup> Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from 3 June 2006.<sup>10</sup> The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the Isle of Man with effect from 29 October 1983.<sup>11</sup> With the declarations provided for in PCT Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).<sup>12</sup> Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.

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