

MISCELLANEOUS

STATES PARTIES TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949

as at 30 June 1982

Below we give the list, drawn up in chronological order, of the States which are parties to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, as a result of ratification, accession or a declaration of succession deposited with the Swiss Government before 30 June 1982.

The names of the States are shown in abbreviated form; sometimes the official name of the State may differ from that given in our list. The number in the left-hand margin has no special significance, and has been placed there merely to facilitate reference.

The third column contains the official date of ratification, accession or declaration of succession, while the letter in the fourth column indicates the type of official act received in Berne: R = ratification, A = accession, S = declaration of succession.

A declaration of succession is a statement made by a newly independent country that it continues from the first day of its independence to be bound by the Geneva Conventions previously applied in that country by virtue of the ratification or accession of the State from which it has become independent. The date following the letter S in the fourth column is the date on which the declaration of succession took effect.

The word "Reservations" in the last column means that the signatory State has made reservations as to the application of the Geneva Conventions on its territory.

The second list given below shows the States parties to the Conventions in alphabetical order. The number following the name of the State indicates its position in the chronological list.

OFFICIAL DATES
OF
RATIFICATIONS,
ACCESSIONS OR
DECLARATIONS
OF SUCCESSION

FORM OF OFFICIAL
ACT DEPOSITED
AT BERNE

RESERVA-
TIONS
FORMULATED

1950

1	Switzerland	21 March	R	
2	Yugoslavia	21 April	R	Reservations
3	Monaco	5 July	R	
4	Liechtenstein	21 September	R	
5	Chile	12 October	R	
6	India	9 November	R	
7	Czechoslovakia	19 December	R	Reservations

1951

8	Vatican	22 February	R	
9	Philippines, Conv. I	7 March	R	
	Conv. II, III, IV	6 October (1952)	R	
10	Lebanon	10 April	R	
11	Jordan	29 May	A	
12	Pakistan	12 June	R	Reservations
13	Denmark	27 June	R	
14	France	28 June	R	
15	Israel	6 July	R	Reservations
16	Norway	3 August	R	
17	Italy	17 December	R	

1952

18	Rep. of South Africa	31 March	A	
19	Guatemala	14 May	R	
20	Spain	4 August	R	Reservations
21	Belgium	3 September	R	
22	Mexico	29 October	R	
23	Egypt	10 November	R	

1953

24	Japan	21 April	A	
25	El Salvador	17 June	R	
26	Luxembourg	1 July	R	
27	Austria	27 August	R	
28	San Marino	29 August	A	
29	Syria	2 November	R	
30	Nicaragua	17 December	R	
31	Sweden	28 December	R	

1954

32	Turkey	10 February	R	
33	Liberia	29 March	A	
34	Cuba	15 April	R	
35	U.S.S.R.	10 May	R	Reservations
36	Romania	1 June	R	Reservations
37	Bulgaria	22 July	R	Reservations
38	Ukraine	3 August	R	Reservations
39	Byelorussia	3 August	R	Reservations
40	Netherlands	3 August	R	Reservations
41	Hungary	3 August	R	Reservations
42	Ecuador	11 August	R	
43	Fed. Rep. of Germany	3 September	A	
44	Poland	26 November	R	Reservations
45	Thailand	29 December	A	

1955

46	Finland	22 February	R	
47	United States of America	2 August	R	Reservations

1956

48	Panama	10 February	A	
49	Venezuela	13 February	R	
50	Iraq	14 February	A	
51	Peru	15 February	R	
52	Libya	22 May	A	
53	Greece	5 June	R	
54	Morocco	26 July	A	
55	Argentina	18 September	R	
56	Afghanistan	26 September	R	
57	Laos	29 October	A	
58	Dem. Rep. of Germany	30 November	A	Reservations
59	People's Rep. of China	28 December	R	Reservations

1957

60	Iran	20 February	R	
61	Haiti	11 April	A	
62	Tunisia	4 May	A	
63	Albania	27 May	R	Reservations
64	Viet Nam	28 June	A	Reservations
65	Brazil	29 June	R	
66	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	27 August	A	Reservations
67	United Kingdom	23 September	R	
68	Sudan	23 September	A	

1958

69	Dominican Rep.	22 January	A
70	Ghana	2 August	A
71	Indonesia	30 September	A
72	Australia	14 October	R
73	Cambodia	8 December	A
74	Mongolia	20 December	A

1959

75	Sri Lanka Conv. IV	23 February	A
	Conv. I, II, III	28 February	R
76	New Zealand	2 May	R

1960

77	Algeria	20 June	A
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1961

78	Zaire	20 February	S — as from 30. 6.60
79	Portugal	14 March	R
80	Nigeria	9 June	S — as from 1.10.60
81	Paraguay	23 October	R
82	Upper Volta	7 November	S — as from 5. 8.60
83	Colombia	8 November	R
84	Benin	14 December	S — as from 1. 8.60
85	Ivory Coast	28 December	S — as from 7. 8.60

Reservations

1962

86	Togo	6 January	S — as from 27. 4.60
87	Cyprus	23 May	A
88	Somalia	12 July	A
89	Malaysia	24 August	A
90	Ireland	27 September	R
91	Mauritania	27 October	S — as from 28.11.60
92	Tanzania	12 December	S — as from 9.12.61

1963

93	Senegal	23 April	S — as from 20. 6.60
94	Trinidad and Tobago Conv. I	17 May	A
	Conv. II, III, IV	24 September	A
95	Saudi Arabia	18 May	A
96	Madagascar	13 July	S — as from 26. 6.60
97	Cameroon	16 September	S — as from 1. 1.60

1964

98	Nepal	7 February	A	
99	Rwanda	21 March	S — as from	1. 7.62
100	Niger	16 April	S — as from	3. 8.60
101	Uganda	18 May	A	
102	Jamaica	17 July	S — as from	6. 8.62

1965

103	Gabon	20 February	S — as from	17. 8.60
104	Canada	14 May	R	
105	Mali	24 May	A	
106	Sierra Leone	31 May	S — as from	27. 4.61
107	Iceland	10 August	A	
108	Honduras	31 December	A	

1966

109	Central African Rep.	1 August	S — as from	13. 8.60
110	Rep. of Korea	16 August	A	
111	Kenya	20 September	A	
112	Gambia	11 October	S — as from	18. 2.65
113	Zambia	19 October	A	

Reservations

1967

114	Congo (Brazzaville)	30 January	S — as from	15. 8.60
115	Kuwait	2 September	A	

1968

116	Malawi	5 January	A	
117	Botswana	29 March	A	
118	Lesotho	20 May	S — as from	4.10.66
119	Guyana	22 July	S — as from	26. 5.66
120	Malta	22 August	S — as from	21. 9.64
121	Barbados	10 September	S — as from	30.11.66

1969

122	Uruguay	5 March	R	
123	Ethiopia	2 October	R	
124	Costa Rica	15 October	A	

Reservations

1970

125	Yemen Arab Rep.	16 July	A	
126	Chad	5 August	A	
127	Mauritius	18 August	S — as from	12. 3.68

1971

128	Fiji	9 August	S — as from 10.10.70
129	Bahrain	30 November	A
130	Burundi	27 December	S — as from 1. 7.62

1972

131	Bangladesh	4 April	S — as from 26. 3.71
132	United Arab Emirates	10 May	A

1973

133	Singapore	27 April	A
134	Swaziland	20 June	A

1974

135	Oman	31 January	A
136	Guinea Bissau	21 February	A

Reservations

1975

137	Bahamas	11 July	S — as from 10. 7.73
138	Qatar	15 October	A

1976

139	Sao Tome and Principe	21 May	A
140	Papua New Guinea	26 May	S — as from 16. 9.75
141	Suriname	13 October	S — as from 25.11.75
142	Bolivia	10 December	R

1977

143	People's dem. Rep. of Yemen	25 May	A
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1978

144	Djibouti Conv. I	26 January	S — as from 27. 6.77
	Conv. II, III, IV	6 March	S — as from 27. 6.77
145	Tonga	13 April	S — as from 4. 6.70

1981

146	Tuvalu	19 February	S — as from 1.10.78
147	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1 April	A
148	Grenada	13 April	S — as from 7. 2.74
149	Solomon Islands	6 July	S — as from 7. 7.78
150	Saint Lucia	18 September	S — as from 22. 2.79
151	Commonwealth of Dominica	28 September	S — as from 3.11.78

On 30 June 1982, 151 States were parties to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

Afghanistan	56	Germany (Fed. Rep.)	43	Nepal	98
Albania	63	Ghana	70	Netherlands	40
Algeria	77	Greece	53	New Zealand	76
Argentina	55	Grenada	148	Nicaragua	30
Australia	72	Guatemala	19	Niger	100
Austria	27	Guinea Bissau	136	Nigeria	80
		Guyana	119	Norway	16
Bahamas	137				
Bahrain	129	Haiti	61	Oman	135
Bangladesh	131	Holy See	8		
Barbados	121	Honduras	108	Pakistan	12
Belgium	21	Hungary	41	Panama	48
Benin	84			Papua New Guinea	140
Bolivia	142	Iceland	107	Paraguay	81
Botswana	117	India	6	Peru	51
Brazil	65	Indonesia	71	Philippines	9
Bulgaria	37	Iran	60	Poland	44
Burundi	130	Iraq	50	Portugal	79
Byelorussia	39	Ireland	90		
		Israel	15	Qatar	138
Cambodia	73	Italy	17		
Cameroon	97	Ivory Coast	85	Romania	36
Canada	104			Rwanda	99
Central African Rep.	109	Jamaica	102		
Chad	126	Japan	24	San Marino	28
Chile	5	Jordan	11	Saint Lucia	150
China (People's Rep.)	59			St. Vincent & the Grenadines	147
Colombia	83	Kenya	111	Salvador	25
Congo (Brazzaville)	114	Korea	66	Sao Tome & Principe	139
Costa Rica	124	(Dem. People's Rep.)		Saudi Arabia	95
Cuba	34	Korea (Rep.)	110	Senegal	93
Cyprus	87	Kuwait	115	Sierra Leone	106
Czechoslovakia	7			Singapore	133
		Laos	57	Solomon Islands	149
Denmark	13	Lebanon	10	Somalia	88
Djibouti	144	Lesotho	118	South Africa	18
Dominica		Liberia	33	Spain	20
(Commonwealth of)	151	Libya	52	Sri Lanka	75
Dominican Rep.	69	Liechtenstein	4	Sudan	68
		Luxembourg	26	Suriname	141
Ecuador	42			Swaziland	134
Egypt	23	Madagascar	96	Sweden	31
Ethiopia	123	Malawi	116	Switzerland	1
		Malaysia	89	Syria	29
Fiji	128	Mali	105		
Finland	46	Malta	120	Tanzania	92
France	14	Mauritania	91	Thailand	45
		Mauritius	127	Togo	86
Gabon	103	Mexico	22	Tonga	145
Gambia	112	Monaco	3	Trinidad and Tobago	94
German (Dem. Rep.)	58	Mongolia	74	Tunisia	62
		Morocco	54		

Turkey	32	Upper Volta	82	Yemen Arab Republic	125
Tuvalu	146	Uruguay	122	Yemen	143
Uganda	101	U.S.A.	47	(People's Dem. Rep.)	
Ukraine	38	U.S.S.R.	35	Yugoslavia	2
United Arab Emirates	132	Venezuela	49	Zaire	78
United Kingdom	67	Viet Nam	64	Zambia	113

Round Tables in San Remo on the Refugee Phenomenon

In June 1981 and April 1982 the International Humanitarian Law Institute organized two Round Tables in San Remo on the refugee problems. The subjects discussed were complementary: in 1981 participants examined the problems caused by the arrival *en masse* of people seeking asylum; in 1982 they studied the circumstances leading to the massive displacement of refugees.

The starting-point of the 1982 Round Table discussions was the fact that up till then discussions had almost exclusively concentrated on situations of mass exodus both past and present in order to bring aid to the victims. That had been the focal point of the 1981 Round Table discussions. However, it was considered high time to tackle the causes of these displacements of people, which are, primarily, violation of human rights, armed conflicts, foreign occupation and socio-economic factors.

The debates of the San Remo Round Tables were in line with the general concern apparent in the world with regard to the refugee problem. In recent years a number of proposals have in fact been made to the UN concerning international co-operation to prevent new flows of refugees, human rights and mass exodus, reinforcing the United Nations system for coping with natural disasters and other situations of a similar nature,