

## 12. Patent Cooperation Treaty

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### Status on April 15, 2011

State	Date on which State became party to the Treaty	State	Date on which State became party to the Treaty
Albania.....	October 4, 1995	Hungary <sup>1</sup> .....	June 27, 1980
Algeria <sup>1</sup> .....	March 8, 2000	Iceland.....	March 23, 1995
Angola.....	December 27, 2007	India <sup>1</sup> .....	December 7, 1998
Antigua and Barbuda.....	March 17, 2000	Indonesia <sup>1</sup> .....	September 5, 1997
Armenia <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991	Ireland.....	August 1, 1992
Australia.....	March 31, 1980	Israel.....	June 1, 1996
Austria.....	April 23, 1979	Italy.....	March 28, 1985
Azerbaijan.....	December 25, 1995	Japan.....	October 1, 1978
Bahrain <sup>1</sup> .....	March 18, 2007	Kazakhstan <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991
Barbados.....	March 12, 1985	Kenya.....	June 8, 1994
Belarus <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991	Kyrgyzstan <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991
Belgium.....	December 14, 1981	Lao People's Democratic Republic <sup>1</sup>	June 14, 2006
Belize.....	June 17, 2000	Latvia.....	September 7, 1993
Benin.....	February 26, 1987	Lesotho.....	October 21, 1995
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....	September 7, 1996	Liberia.....	August 27, 1994
Botswana.....	October 30, 2003	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.....	September 15, 2005
Brazil.....	April 9, 1978	Liechtenstein.....	March 19, 1980
Bulgaria.....	May 21, 1984	Lithuania.....	July 5, 1994
Burkina Faso.....	March 21, 1989	Luxembourg.....	April 30, 1978
Cameroon.....	January 24, 1978	Madagascar.....	January 24, 1978
Canada.....	January 2, 1990	Malawi.....	January 24, 1978
Central African Republic.....	January 24, 1978	Malaysia <sup>1</sup> .....	August 16, 2006
Chad.....	January 24, 1978	Mali.....	October 19, 1984
Chile <sup>1</sup> .....	June 2, 2009	Malta <sup>1</sup> .....	March 1, 2007
China <sup>2,3</sup> .....	January 1, 1994	Mauritania.....	April 13, 1983
Colombia.....	February 28, 2001	Mexico.....	January 1, 1995
Comoros.....	April 3, 2005	Monaco.....	June 22, 1979
Congo.....	January 24, 1978	Mongolia.....	May 27, 1991
Costa Rica.....	August 3, 1999	Montenegro.....	June 3, 2006
Côte d'Ivoire.....	April 30, 1991	Morocco.....	October 8, 1999
Croatia.....	July 1, 1998	Mozambique <sup>1</sup> .....	May 18, 2000
Cuba <sup>1</sup> .....	July 16, 1996	Namibia.....	January 1, 2004
Cyprus.....	April 1, 1998	Netherlands <sup>6</sup> .....	July 10, 1979
Czech Republic.....	January 1, 1993	New Zealand.....	December 1, 1992
Democratic People's Republic of Korea.....	July 8, 1980	Nicaragua.....	March 6, 2003
Denmark.....	December 1, 1978	Niger.....	March 21, 1993
Dominica.....	August 7, 1999	Nigeria.....	May 8, 2005
Dominican Republic.....	May 28, 2007	Norway <sup>4</sup> .....	January 1, 1980
Ecuador.....	May 7, 2001	Oman <sup>1</sup> .....	October 26, 2001
Egypt.....	September 6, 2003	Papua New Guinea.....	June 14, 2003
El Salvador.....	August 17, 2006	Peru.....	June 6, 2009
Equatorial Guinea.....	July 17, 2001	Philippines.....	August 17, 2001
Estonia.....	August 24, 1994	Poland <sup>4</sup> .....	December 25, 1990
Finland <sup>4</sup> .....	October 1, 1980	Portugal.....	November 24, 1992
France <sup>1,5</sup> .....	February 25, 1978	Republic of Korea.....	August 10, 1984
Gabon.....	January 24, 1978	Republic of Moldova <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991
Gambia.....	December 9, 1997	Romania <sup>1</sup> .....	July 23, 1979
Georgia <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991	Russian Federation <sup>1</sup> .....	March 29, 1978 <sup>7</sup>
Germany.....	January 24, 1978	Saint Kitts and Nevis.....	October 27, 2005
Ghana.....	February 26, 1997	Saint Lucia <sup>1</sup> .....	August 30, 1996
Greece.....	October 9, 1990	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines <sup>1</sup>	August 6, 2002
Grenada.....	September 22, 1998	San Marino.....	December 14, 2004
Guatemala.....	October 14, 2006	Sao Tome and Principe.....	July 3, 2008
Guinea.....	May 27, 1991	Senegal.....	January 24, 1978
Guinea-Bissau.....	December 12, 1997	Serbia <sup>8</sup> .....	February 1, 1997
Honduras.....	June 20, 2006	Seychelles.....	November 7, 2002
		Sierra Leone.....	June 17, 1997

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Singapore .....	February 23, 1995	Togo .....	January 24, 1978
Slovakia .....	January 1, 1993	Trinidad and Tobago .....	March 10, 1994
Slovenia .....	March 1, 1994	Tunisia <sup>1</sup> .....	December 10, 2001
South Africa <sup>1</sup> .....	March 16, 1999	Turkey .....	January 1, 1996
Spain .....	November 16, 1989	Turkmenistan <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991
Sri Lanka .....	February 26, 1982	Uganda .....	February 9, 1995
Sudan .....	April 16, 1984	Ukraine <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991
Swaziland .....	September 20, 1994	United Arab Emirates .....	March 10, 1999
Sweden <sup>4</sup> .....	May 17, 1978	United Kingdom <sup>9</sup> .....	January 24, 1978
Switzerland .....	January 24, 1978	United Republic of Tanzania .....	September 14, 1999
Syrian Arab Republic .....	June 26, 2003	United States of America <sup>10,11</sup> .....	January 24, 1978
Tajikistan <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991	Uzbekistan <sup>1</sup> .....	December 25, 1991
Thailand <sup>1</sup> .....	December 24, 2009	Viet Nam .....	March 10, 1993
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia .....	August 10, 1995	Zambia .....	November 15, 2001
		Zimbabwe .....	June 11, 1997

(Total: 142 States)

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES UNDER  
THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

The Patent Offices of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt<sup>12</sup>, Finland, India<sup>12</sup>, Israel<sup>12</sup>, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, the United States of America, the European Patent Office, and the Nordic Patent Institute.

<sup>1</sup> With the declaration provided for in Article 64(5).

<sup>2</sup> Applies also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from July 1, 1997.

<sup>3</sup> Not applicable to the Macau Special Administrative Region.

<sup>4</sup> With the declaration provided for in Article 64(2)(a)(ii).

<sup>5</sup> Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Date of ratification of the Soviet Union, continued by the Russian Federation as from December 25, 1991.

<sup>8</sup> Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from June 3, 2006.

<sup>9</sup> The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the Isle of Man with effect from October 29, 1983.

<sup>10</sup> With the declarations provided for in Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).

<sup>11</sup> Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.

<sup>12</sup> The Patent Offices of Egypt, India and Israel have been appointed to act as International Authorities with effect from dates yet to be notified to the International Bureau by those Offices when they are ready to start functioning in that capacity.