

Status of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, of the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention and of the Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks

Table recapitulating the status of the Convention and of the related Agreements, as at 23 December 2003

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Afghanistan						
Albania		23 June 2003 (a)		23 June 2003 (p)		
Algeria	☐	☐11 June 1996		11 June 1996 (p)		
Andorra						
Angola	☐	5 December 1990				
Antigua and Barbuda		2 February 1989				
Argentina	☐	☐1 December 1995		1 December 1995		
Armenia		9 December 2002 (a)		9 December 2002 (a)		
Australia		5 October 1994		5 October 1994		23 December 1999
Austria		☐14 July 1995		14 July 1995		☐19 December 2003
Azerbaijan						
Bahamas		29 July 1983		28 July 1995		16 January 1997(a)
Bahrain		30 May 1985				
Bangladesh		☐27 July 2001		27 July 2001 (a)		

¹ States bound by the Agreement by having ratified, acceded or succeeded to the Convention under article 4, paragraph 1, of the Agreement.

² States bound by the Agreement under the simplified procedure set out in article 5 of the Agreement.


























³ In accordance with its article 40, the Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date of deposit of the thirtieth instrument of ratification or accession.

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<i>Barbados</i>		12 October 1993		28 July 1995 (sp)		22 September 2000(a)
<i>Belarus</i>	☐					
<i>Belgium</i>	☐	☐13 November 1998		13 November 1998		☐19 December 2003
<i>Belize</i>		13 August 1983		21 October 1994 (ds)		
<i>Benin</i>		16 October 1997		16 October 1997 (p)		
<i>Bhutan</i>						
<i>Bolivia</i>	☐	28 April 1995		28 April 1995 (p)		
<i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>		12 January 1994 (s)				
<i>Botswana</i>		2 May 1990				
<i>Brazil</i>	☐	☐22 December 1988				8 March 2000
<i>Brunei Darussalam</i>		5 November 1996		5 November 1996 (p)		
<i>Bulgaria</i>		15 May 1996		15 May 1996 (a)		
<i>Burkina Faso</i>						
<i>Burundi</i>						
<i>Cambodia</i>						
<i>Cameroon</i>		19 November 1985		28 August 2002		
<i>Canada</i>		☐7 November 2003		7 November 2003		☐3 August 1999
<i>Cape Verde</i>	☐	☐10 August 1987				
<i>Central African Republic</i>						
<i>Chad</i>						
<i>Chile</i>	☐	☐25 August 1997		25 August 1997 (a)		
<i>China</i>		☐7 June 1996		7 June 1996 (p)	☐	
<i>Colombia</i>						
<i>Comoros</i>		21 June 1994				
<i>Congo</i>						
<i>Cook Islands</i>		15 February 1995		15 February 1995 (a)		1 April 1999 (a)

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<i>Costa Rica</i>	☐	21 September 1992		20 September 2001 (a)		18 June 2001 (a)
<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>	☐	26 March 1984	☐	28 July 1995 (sp)	☐	
<i>Croatia</i>		☐5 April 1995 (s)		5 April 1995 (p)		
<i>Cuba</i>	☐	☐15 August 1984		17 October 2002 (a)		
<i>Cyprus</i>	☐	12 December 1988	☐	27 July 1995		25 September 2002 (a)
<i>Czech Republic</i>	☐	☐21 June 1996	☐	21 June 1996		
<i>Democratic People's Republic of Korea</i>	☐					
<i>Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>	☐	17 February 1989				
<i>Denmark</i>	☐		☐		☐	☐19 December 2003
<i>Djibouti</i>	☐	8 October 1991				
<i>Dominica</i>	☐	24 October 1991				
<i>Dominican Republic</i>	☐					
<i>Ecuador</i>						
<i>Egypt</i>	☐	☐26 August 1983	☐		☐	
<i>El Salvador</i>	☐					
<i>Equatorial Guinea</i>	☐	21 July 1997		21 July 1997 (p)		
<i>Eritrea</i>						
<i>Estonia</i>						
<i>Ethiopia</i>	☐					
<i>European Community</i>	☐	☐1 April 1998 (fc)	☐	1 April 1998(fc)	☐	☐19 December 2003
<i>Fiji</i>	☐	10 December 1982	☐	28 July 1995	☐	12 December 1996
<i>Finland</i>	☐	☐21 June 1996	☐	21 June 1996	☐	☐19 December 2003
<i>France</i>	☐	☐11 April 1996	☐	11 April 1996	☐	☐19 December 2003
<i>Gabon</i>	☐	11 March 1998	☐	11 March 1998 (p)	☐	
<i>Gambia</i>	☐	22 May 1984				

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Georgia		21 March 1996 (a)		21 March 1996 (p)		
Germany		<input type="checkbox"/> 14 October 1994 (a)		14 October 1994		<input type="checkbox"/> 19 December 2003
Ghana		7 June 1983				
Greece	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 July 1995		21 July 1995		<input type="checkbox"/> 19 December 2003
Grenada		25 April 1991		28 July 1995 (sp)		
Guatemala		<input type="checkbox"/> 11 February 1997		11 February 1997 (p)		
Guinea	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 September 1985		28 July 1995 (sp)		
Guinea-Bissau		<input type="checkbox"/> 25 August 1986				
Guyana		16 November 1993				
Haiti		31 July 1996		31 July 1996 (p)		
<i>Holy See</i>						
Honduras		5 October 1993		28 July 2003 (a)		
Hungary		<input type="checkbox"/> 5 February 2002		5 February 2002 (a)		
Iceland		<input type="checkbox"/> 21 June 1985		28 July 1995 (sp)		14 February 1997
India		<input type="checkbox"/> 29 June 1995		29 June 1995		<input type="checkbox"/> 19 August 2003 (a)
Indonesia		3 February 1986		2 June 2000		
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	<input type="checkbox"/>					17 April 1998(a)
Iraq	<input type="checkbox"/>	30 July 1985				
Ireland		<input type="checkbox"/> 21 June 1996		21 June 1996		<input type="checkbox"/> 19 December 2003
Israel						
Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 13 January 1995		13 January 1995		<input type="checkbox"/> 19 December 2003
Jamaica		21 March 1983		28 July 1995 (sp)		
Japan		20 June 1996		20 June 1996		
Jordan		27 November 1995 (a)		27 November 1995 (p)		
Kazakhstan						
Kenya		2 March 1989		29 July 1994 (ds)		

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<i>Kiribati</i>		☐24 February 2003 (a)		24 February 2003 (p)		
<i>Kuwait</i>		☐2 May 1986		2 August 2002 (a)		
<i>Kyrgyzstan</i>						
<i>Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>		5 June 1998		5 June 1998 (p)		
<i>Latvia</i>						
<i>Lebanon</i>		5 January 1995		5 January 1995 (p)		
<i>Lesotho</i>						
<i>Liberia</i>						
<i>Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</i>						
<i>Liechtenstein</i>						
<i>Lithuania</i>		☐13 November 2003 (a)		13 November 2003 (a)		
<i>Luxembourg</i>		5 October 2000		5 October 2000		☐19 December 2003
<i>Madagascar</i>		22 August 2001		22 August 2001 (p)		
<i>Malawi</i>						
<i>Malaysia</i>		☐14 October 1996		14 October 1996 (p)		
<i>Maldives</i>		7 September 2000		7 September 2000		30 December 1998
<i>Mali</i>		16 July 1985				
<i>Malta</i>		☐20 May 1993		26 June 1996		☐11 November 2001(a)
<i>Marshall Islands</i>		9 August 1991 (a)				19 March 2003
<i>Mauritania</i>		17 July 1996		17 July 1996 (p)		
<i>Mauritius</i>		4 November 1994		4 November 1994 (p)		☐25 March 1997(a)
<i>Mexico</i>		18 March 1983		10 April 2003 (a)		
<i>Micronesia (Federated States of)</i>		29 April 1991 (a)		6 September 1995		23 May 1997
<i>Monaco</i>		20 March 1996		20 March 1996 (p)		9 June 1999(a)

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Mongolia		13 August 1996		13 August 1996 (p)		
Morocco						
Mozambique		13 March 1997		13 March 1997 (a)		
Myanmar		21 May 1996		21 May 1996 (a)		
Namibia		18 April 1983		28 July 1995 (sp)		8 April 1998
Nauru		23 January 1996		23 January 1996 (p)		10 January 1997(a)
Nepal		2 November 1998		2 November 1998 (p)		
Netherlands		☐28 June 1996		28 June 1996	☐	☐19 December 2003
New Zealand		19 July 1996		19 July 1996		18 April 2001
Nicaragua	☐	☐3 May 2000		3 May 2000 (p)		
Niger						
Nigeria		14 August 1986		28 July 1995 (sp)		
Niue						
Norway		☐24 June 1996		24 June 1996 (a)		☐30 December 1996
Oman	☐	☐17 August 1989		26 February 1997 (a)		
Pakistan		☐26 February 1997		26 February 1997 (p)		
Palau		30 September 1996 (a)		30 September 1996 (p)		
Panama		☐1 July 1996		1 July 1996 (p)		
Papua New Guinea		14 January 1997		14 January 1997 (p)		4 June 1999
Paraguay		26 September 1986		10 July 1995		
Peru						
Philippines	☐	☐8 May 1984		23 July 1997		
Poland		13 November 1998		13 November 1998		
Portugal		☐3 November 1997		3 November 1997		☐19 December 2003
Qatar	☐	9 December 2002		9 December 2002 (p)		
Republic of Korea		29 January 1996		29 January 1996		
Republic of Moldova						

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Romania	☐	☐17 December 1996		17 December 1996 (a)		
Russian Federation	☐	☐12 March 1997		12 March 1997 (a)		☐4 August 1997
Rwanda						
Saint Kitts and Nevis		7 January 1993				
Saint Lucia		27 March 1985				9 August 1996
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		1 October 1993				
Samoa		14 August 1995		14 August 1995 (p)		25 October 1996
San Marino						
Sao Tome and Principe	☐	3 November 1987				
Saudi Arabia		☐24 April 1996		24 April 1996 (p)		
Senegal		25 October 1984		25 July 1995		30 January 1997
Serbia and Montenegro	⁴	☐12 March 2001 (s)		28 July 1995 (sp) ⁵		
Seychelles		16 September 1991		15 December 1994		20 March 1998
Sierra Leone		12 December 1994		12 December 1994 (p)		
Singapore		17 November 1994		17 November 1994 (p)		
Slovakia		8 May 1996		8 May 1996		
Slovenia		☐16 June 1995 (s)		16 June 1995		
Solomon Islands		23 June 1997		23 June 1997 (p)		13 February 1997(a)
Somalia		24 July 1989				

⁴ The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Convention on 10 December 1982 and 5 May 1986, respectively.

⁵ The former Yugoslavia had signed the Agreement and notified the Secretary-General that it had selected the application of the simplified procedure set out in articles 4 (3) (c) and 5 of the Agreement, on 12 May 1995 and 28 July 1995, respectively. On 12 March 2001, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Yugoslavia a notification confirming the signature and the notification of application of the simplified procedure under article 5. As of 4 February 2003, the country name changed to Serbia and Montenegro.

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South Africa	☐	☐23 December 1997	✍	23 December 1997		14 August 2003 (a)
Spain	☐	☐15 January 1997	✍	15 January 1997	✍	☐19 December 2003
Sri Lanka	✍	19 July 1994	✍	28 July 1995 (sp)	✍	24 October 1996
Sudan	☐	23 January 1985	✍			
Suriname	✍	9 July 1998		9 July 1998 (p)		
Swaziland	✍		✍			
Sweden	☐	☐25 June 1996	✍	25 June 1996	✍	☐19 December 2003
Switzerland	✍		✍			
Syrian Arab Republic						
Tajikistan						
Thailand	✍					
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		19 August 1994 (s)		19 August 1994 (p)		
Timor-Leste						
Togo	✍	16 April 1985	✍	28 July 1995 (sp)		
Tonga		2 August 1995 (a)		2 August 1995 (p)	✍	31 July 1996
Trinidad and Tobago	✍	25 April 1986	✍	28 July 1995 (sp)		
Tunisia	✍	☐24 April 1985	✍	24 May 2002		
Turkey						
Turkmenistan						
Tuvalu	✍	9 December 2002		9 December 2002 (p)		
Uganda	✍	9 November 1990	✍	28 July 1995 (sp)	✍	
Ukraine	☐	☐26 July 1999	✍	26 July 1999	✍	27 February 2003

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<i>United Arab Emirates</i>						
United Kingdom		☐25 July 1997 (a)		25 July 1997		☐10 December 2001 ⁶

⁶ On 19 December 2003, an instrument of ratification was lodged by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

It will be recalled that on 4 December 1995, the Agreement was signed by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of Bermuda, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Pitcairn Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, St. Helena including Ascension Island, and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Subsequently, on 27 June 1996, the Agreement was signed by the United Kingdom for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

On 3 December 1999, an instrument of ratification was lodged by the United Kingdom on behalf of Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, Bermuda, Turks and Caicos Islands, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands and Anguilla with the following declarations:

"1. The United Kingdom understands that the terms 'geographical particularities', 'specific characteristics of the sub-region or region', 'socio-economic geographical and environmental factors', 'natural characteristics of that sea' or any other similar terms employed in reference to a geographical region do not prejudice the rights and duties of States under international law.

2. The United Kingdom understands that no provision of this Agreement may be interpreted in such a way as to conflict with the principle of freedom of the high seas, recognized by international law.

3. The United Kingdom understands that the term 'States whose nationals fish on the high seas' shall not provide any new grounds for jurisdiction based on the nationality of persons involved in fishing on the high seas rather than on the principle of flag State jurisdiction.

4. The Agreement does not grant any State the right to maintain or apply unilateral measures during the transitional period as referred to in Article 21(3). Thereafter, if no agreement has been reached, states shall act only in accordance with the provisions provided for in Articles 21 and 22 of the Agreement."

Upon a request for clarification as to why the above ratification excluded the metropolitan territory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and subsequent consultations, the following additional declaration was provided by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 10 December 2001:

"1. The United Kingdom is a keen supporter of the Straddling Fish Stocks Agreement. Legislation of the European Communities (Council decision 10176/97 of 8 June 1998) binds the United Kingdom as a matter of EC law to deposit its instrument of ratification in relation to the metropolitan territory simultaneously with the European Community and the other Member States.

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United Republic of Tanzania		☐30 September 1985		25 June 1998		
United States of America						☐21 August 1996
Uruguay	☐	☐10 December 1992			☐	☐10 September 1999
Uzbekistan						
Vanuatu		10 August 1999		10 August 1999(p)		
Venezuela						
Viet Nam		☐25 July 1994				
Yemen	☐	☐21 July 1987				
Zambia		7 March 1983		28 July 1995 (sp)		
Zimbabwe		24 February 1993		28 July 1995 (sp)		
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It is hoped that this event will take place later this year. The constraints imposed by that Council decision only apply in respect of the United Kingdom metropolitan territory and those overseas territories to which the EC treaties apply.

2. In the light of its temporary inability to ratify the Agreement in relation to the metropolitan territory, and the strong desire of the United Kingdom to implement the Agreement in respect of those overseas territories to which the EC treaty does not apply, because of the advantages it will bring to them, the United Kingdom lodged its instrument of ratification to the Agreement, with declarations, in respect of those overseas territories on 3 December 1999.

3. The United Kingdom is concerned that upon entry into force of the Agreement, the overseas territories covered by this ratification should enjoy the rights and obligations accruing under the Agreement. I would therefore be grateful if you would arrange for the above formal declaration to be circulated in order in order to make it clear to all concerned the nature of the United Kingdom's approach to ratification of this convention. ..."

Accordingly, the above action was accepted in deposit on 10 December 2001, the date on which the second declaration was lodged with the Secretary-General.