

Status of Ratification
CEDAW Optional Protocol

Country	OPT Ratification¹	Entry into force	Article 10 Declaration (Re: Articles 8 & 9)³
Afghanistan			
Albania	23 Jun 2003	23 Sep 2003	
Algeria			
Andorra	14 Oct 2002	14 Jan 2003	
Angola	1 Nov 2007	1 Feb 2008	
Antigua & Barbuda	5 Jun 2006	5 Sep 2006	
Argentina	20 Mar 2007	20 Jun 2007	
Armenia	14 Sep 2006	14 Dec 2006	
Australia	4 Dec 2008	4 Mar 2009	
Austria	6 Sep 2000	22 Dec 2000	
Azerbaijan	1 Jun 2001	1 Sep 2001	
Bahamas			
Bahrain			

Bangladesh	6 Sep 2000	22 Dec 2000	6 Sep 2000
Barbados			
Belarus	3 Feb 2004	3 May 2004	
Belgium	17 Jun 2004	17 Sep 2004	
Belize	9 Dec 2002	9 Mar 2003	9 Dec 2002
Benin	<i>s: 25 May 2000²</i>		
Bhutan			
Bolivia	27 Sep 2000	27 Dec 2000	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	4 Sep 2002	4 Dec 2002	
Botswana	21 Feb 2007	21 May 2007	
Brazil	28 Jun 2002	28 Sep 2002	
Brunei Darussalam			
Bulgaria	20 Sep 2006	20 Dec 2006	
Burkina Faso	10 Oct 2005	10 Jan 2006	
Burundi	<i>s: 13 Nov 2001²</i>		
Cambodia	13 Oct 2010	13 Jan 2011	
Cameroon	7 Jan 2005	7 Apr 2005	
Canada	18 Oct 2002	18 Jan 2003	
Cape Verde	10 Oct 2011	10 Jan 2012	

Central African Republic			
Chad			
Chile	<i>s: 10 Dec 1999²</i>		
China			
Colombia	23 Jan 2007	23 Apr 2007	23 Jan 2007
Comoros			
Congo	<i>s: 29 Sep 2008²</i>		
Cook Islands	27 Nov 2007	27 Feb 2008	
Costa Rica	20 Sep 2001	20 Dec 2001	
Côte d'Ivoire	20 Jan 2012	20 Apr 2012	
Croatia	7 Mar 2001	7 Jun 2001	
Cuba	<i>s: 17 Mar 2000²</i>		
Cyprus	26 Apr 2002	26 Jul 2002	
Czech Republic	26 Feb 2001	26 May 2001	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea			
Democratic Republic of the Congo			
Denmark	31 May 2000	22 Dec 2000	
Djibouti			
Dominica			

Dominican Republic	10 Aug 2001	10 Nov 2001	
Ecuador	5 Feb 2002	5 May 2002	
Egypt			
El Salvador	<i>s: 4 Apr 2001²</i>		
Equatorial Guinea	16 Oct 2009	16 Jan 2010	
Eritrea			
Estonia			
Ethiopia			
Fiji			
Finland	29 Dec 2000	29 Mar 2001	
France	9 Jun 2000	22 Dec 2000	
Gabon	5 Nov 2004	5 Feb 2005	
Gambia			
Georgia	1 Aug 2002	1 Nov 2002	
Germany ⁷	15 Jan 2002	15 Apr 2002	
Ghana	3 Feb 2011	3 May 2011	
Greece	24 Jan 2002	24 Apr 2002	
Grenada			
Guatemala	9 May 2002	9 Aug 2002	

Guinea			
Guinea-Bissau	5 Aug 2009	5 Nov 2009	
Guyana			
Haiti			
Holy See			
Honduras			
Hungary	22 Dec 2000	22 Mar 2001	
Iceland	6 Mar 2001	6 Jun 2001	
India			
Indonesia	<i>s: 28 Feb 2000²</i>		
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)			
Iraq			
Ireland	7 Sep 2000	22 Dec 2000	
Israel			
Italy	22 Sep 2000	22 Dec 2000	
Jamaica			
Japan			
Jordan			
Kazakhstan	24 Aug 2001	24 Nov 2001	

Kenya			
Kiribati			
Kuwait			
Kyrgyzstan	22 Jul 2002	22 Oct 2002	
Lao People=s Democratic Republic			
Latvia			
Lebanon			
Lesotho	24 Sep 2004	24 Dec 2004	
Liberia	<i>s: 22 Sep 2004²</i>		
Libya ⁶	18 Jun 2004	18 Sep 2004	
Liechtenstein	24 Oct 2001	24 Jan 2002	
Lithuania	5 Aug 2004	5 Nov 2004	
Luxembourg	1 Jul 2003	1 Oct 2003	
Madagascar	<i>s: 7 Sep 2000²</i>		
Malawi	<i>s: 7 Sep 2000²</i>		
Malaysia			
Maldives	13 Mar 2006	13 Jun 2006	
Mali	5 Dec 2000	5 Mar 2001	
Malta			

Marshall Islands			
Mauritania			
Mauritius	31 Oct 2008	31 Jan 2009	
Mexico	15 Mar 2002	15 Jun 2002	
Micronesia			
Monaco			
Mongolia	28 Mar 2002	28 Jun 2002	
Morocco			
Mozambique	4 Nov 2008	4 Feb 2009	
Myanmar			
Namibia	26 May 2000	22 Dec 2000	
Nauru			
Nepal	15 Jun 2007	15 Sep 2007	
Netherlands ⁸	22 May 2002	22 Aug 2002	
New Zealand	7 Sep 2000	22 Dec 2000	
Nicaragua			
Niger	30 Sep 2004	30 Dec 2004	
Nigeria	22 Nov 2004	22 Feb 2005	
Niue			

Norway	5 Mar 2002	5 Jun 2002	
Oman			
Pakistan			
Palau			
Panama	9 May 2001	9 Aug 2001	
Papua New Guinea			
Paraguay	14 May 2001	14 Aug 2001	
Peru	9 Apr 2001	9 Jul 2001	
Philippines	12 Nov 2003	12 Feb 2004	
Poland	22 Dec 2003	22 Mar 2004	
Portugal	26 Apr 2002	26 Jul 2002	
Qatar			
Republic of Korea	18 Oct 2006	18 Jan 2007	
Republic of Moldova	28 Feb 2006	28 May 2006	
Republic of Montenegro ⁵	23 Oct 2006 ⁵	3 Jun 2006 ³	
Republic of Serbia ⁴	31 Jul 2003	31 Oct 2003	
Romania	25 Aug 2003	25 Nov 2003	
Russian Federation	28 Jul 2004	28 Oct 2004	
Rwanda	15 Dec 2008	15 Mar 2009	

Saint Kitts & Nevis	20 Jan 2006	20 Apr 2006	
Saint Lucia			
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines			
Samoa			
San Marino	15 Sep 2005	15 Dec 2005	
Sao Tome & Principe	<i>s: 6 Sep 2000²</i>		
Saudi Arabia			
Senegal	26 May 2000	22 Dec 2000	
Seychelles	1 Mar 2011	1 Jun 2011	
Sierra Leone	<i>s: 8 Sep 2000²</i>		
Singapore			
Slovakia	17 Nov 2000	17 Feb 2001	
Slovenia	23 Sep 2004	23 Dec 2004	
Solomon Islands	6 May 2002	6 Aug 2002	
Somalia			
South Africa	18 Oct 2005	18 Jan 2006	
South Sudan ⁷			
Spain	6 Jul 2001	6 Oct 2001	
Sri Lanka	15 Oct 2002	15 Jan 2003	

Sudan			
Suriname			
Swaziland			
Sweden	24 Apr 2003	24 Jul 2003	
Switzerland	29 Sep 2008	29 Dec 2008	
Syrian Arab Republic			
Tajikistan	<i>s: 7 Sep 2000²</i>		
Thailand	14 Jun 2000	22 Dec 2000	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 Oct 2003	17 Jan 2004	
Timor-Leste	16 Apr 2003	16 Jul 2003	
Togo			
Tonga			
Trinidad & Tobago			
Tunisia	23 Sep 2008	23 Dec 2008	
Turkey	29 Oct 2002	29 Jan 2003	
Turkmenistan	20 May 2009	20 Aug 2009	
Tuvalu			
Uganda			
Ukraine	26 Sep 2003	26 Dec 2003	

United Arab Emirates			
United Kingdom of Great Britain & N. Ireland ¹²	17 Dec 2004	17 Mar 2005	
United Republic of Tanzania	12 Jan 2006	12 Apr 2006	
United States of America			
Uruguay	26 Jul 2001	26 Oct 2001	
Uzbekistan			
Vanuatu	17 May 2007	17 August 2007	
Venezuela	13 May 2002	13 Aug 2002	
Viet Nam			
Yemen			
Zambia	<i>s: 29 Sep 2008²</i>		
Zimbabwe			
	104 State parties 14 signatories		3

¹ ARatification@ includes ratification, accession or succession.

² As@ means that the State is a signatory only.

³ In the case of CEDAW - OPT - Article 10 (re: Articles 8 and 9), the State has the option of making a declaration in accordance with the terms of the Convention. Article 10 allows a State Party to declare that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee on the elimination of Discrimination Against Women to examine information, investigate or conduct confidential

inquiries where the Committee has received reliable information indicating grave or systematic violations of the rights set forth in CEDAW.

- 4 Formerly Yugoslavia. Effective 4 February 2003, the State of Yugoslavia changed its name to Serbia and Montenegro. Effective 6 June 2006 the State changed its name again, to Republic of Serbia.
- 5 Serbia and Montenegro (now known as the Republic of Serbia) had previously ratified the CEDAW Optional Protocol on 31 July 2003. On 3 June 2006, the Republic of Montenegro became an independent state, and subsequently deposited on 23 October 2006 its notification of succession to the treaties to which Serbia and Montenegro was a party or a signatory, as from 3 June 2006.
- 6 Formerly Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. In August 2011, the Permanent Mission of Libya notified the Secretary-General of a Declaration by the National Transitional Council of 3 August changing the official name of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to "Libya" and changing Libya's national flag.
- 7 The Republic of South Sudan formally seceded from Sudan on 9 July 2011, as a result of an internally monitored referendum held in January 2011, and was admitted as a U.N. member state by the General Assembly on 14 July 2011.