

## Status of Ratification

### CEDAW

Country	Ratification <sup>1</sup>	Entry into force	Amendment re: Article 20(1) <sup>2</sup>
Afghanistan	5 Mar 2003	4 Apr 2003	
Albania	11 May 1994	10 Jun 1994	20 May 2011
Algeria	22 May 1996	21 Jun 1996	
Andorra	15 Jan 1997	14 Feb 1997	14 Oct 2002
Angola	17 Sep 1986	17 Oct 1986	
Antigua & Barbuda	1 Aug 1989	31 Aug 1989	
Argentina	15 Jul 1985	14 Aug 1985	9 Jul 09
Armenia	13 Sep 1993	13 Oct 1993	
Australia	28 Jul 1983	27 Aug 1983	4 Jun 1998
Austria	31 Mar 1982	30 Apr 1982	11 Sep 2000
Azerbaijan	10 Jul 1995	9 Aug 1995	23 May 2008
Bahamas	8 Oct 1993	7 Nov 1993	17 Jan 2003
Bahrain	18 Jun 2002	18 Jul 2002	
Bangladesh	6 Nov 1984	6 Dec 1984	3 May 2007

Barbados	16 Oct 1980	3 Sep 1981	
Belarus	4 Feb 1981	3 Sep 1981	
Belgium	10 Jul 1985	9 Aug 1985	
Belize	16 May 1990	15 Jun 1990	
Benin	12 Mar 1992	11 Apr 1992	
Bhutan	31 Aug 1981	30 Sep 1981	
Bolivia	8 Jun 1990	8 Jul 1990	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1 Sep 1993	1 Oct 1993 <sup>4</sup>	
Botswana	13 Aug 1996	12 Sep 1996	
Brazil	1 Feb 1984	2 Mar 1984	5 Mar 1997
Brunei Darussalam	24 May 2006	24 Jun 2006	
Bulgaria	8 Feb 1982	10 Mar 1982	24 Sep 2010
Burkina Faso	14 Oct 1987	13 Nov 1987	
Burundi	8 Jan 1992	7 Feb 1992	
Cambodia	15 Oct 1992	14 Nov 1992	
Cameroon	23 Aug 1994	22 Sep 1994	
Canada	10 Dec 1981	9 Jan 1982	3 Nov 1997
Cape Verde	5 Dec 1980	3 Sep 1981	
Central African Republic	21 Jun 1991	21 Jul 1991	

Chad	9 Jun 1995	9 Jul 1995	
Chile	7 Dec 1989	6 Jan 1990	8 May 1998
China	4 Nov 1980	3 Sep 1981	10 Jul 2002
Colombia	19 Jan 1982	18 Feb 1982	
Comoros	31 Oct 1994	30 Nov 1994	
Congo	26 Jul 1982	25 Aug 1982	
Cook Islands	11 Aug 2006	11 Sep 2006	27 Nov 2007
Costa Rica	4 Apr 1986	4 May 1986	27 Apr 2009
Côte d'Ivoire	18 Dec 1995	17 Jan 1996	
Croatia	9 Sep 1992	9 Oct 1992 <sup>5</sup>	24 Oct 2003
Cuba	17 Jul 1980	3 Sep 1981	7 Mar 2008
Cyprus	23 Jul 1985	22 Aug 1985	30 Jul 2002
Czech Republic	22 Feb 1993	24 Mar 1993 <sup>6</sup>	30 Jun 2011
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	27 Feb 2001	28 Mar 2001	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	17 Oct 1986	16 Nov 1986	
Denmark	21 Apr 1983	21 May 1983	12 Mar 1996
Djibouti	2 Dec 1998	1 Jan 1999	
Dominica	15 Sep 1980	3 Sep 1981	
Dominican Republic	2 Sep 1982	2 Oct 1982	

Ecuador	9 Nov 1981	9 Dec 1981	22 Dec 2011
Egypt	18 Sep 1981	18 Oct 1981	2 Aug 2001
El Salvador	19 Aug 1981	18 Sep 1981	
Equatorial Guinea	23 Oct 1984	22 Nov 1984	
Eritrea	5 Sep 1995	5 Oct 1995	
Estonia	21 Oct 1991	20 Nov 1991	
Ethiopia	10 Sep 1981	10 Oct 1981	
Fiji	28 Aug 1995	27 Sep 1995	
Finland	4 Sep 1986	4 Oct 1986	18 Mar 1996
France	14 Dec 1983	13 Jan 1984	8 Aug 1997
Gabon	21 Jan 1983	20 Feb 1983	
Gambia	16 Apr 1993	16 May 1993	
Georgia	26 Oct 1994	25 Nov 1994	30 Sep 2005
Germany <sup>7</sup>	10 Jul 1985	9 Aug 1985	25 Feb 2002
Ghana	2 Jan 1986	1 Feb 1986	
Greece	7 Jun 1983	7 Jul 1983	
Grenada	30 Aug 1990	29 Sep 1990	12 Dec 2007
Guatemala	12 Aug 1982	11 Sep 1982	3 Jun 1999
Guinea	9 Aug 1982	8 Sep 1982	

Guinea-Bissau	23 Aug 1985	22 Sep 1985	
Guyana	17 Jul 1980	3 Sep 1981	
Haiti	20 Jul 1981	3 Sep 1981	
Holy See			
Honduras	3 Mar 1983	2 Apr 1983	
Hungary	22 Dec 1980	3 Sep 1981	
Iceland	18 Jun 1985	18 Jul 1985	8 May 2002
India	9 Jul 1993	8 Aug 1993	
Indonesia	13 Sep 1984	13 Oct 1984	
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)			
Iraq	13 Aug 1986	12 Sep 1986	
Ireland	23 Dec 1985	22 Jan 1986	11 Jun 2004
Israel	3 Oct 1991	2 Nov 1991	
Italy	10 Jun 1985	10 Jul 1985	31 May 1996
Jamaica	19 Oct 1984	18 Nov 1984	
Japan	25 Jun 1985	25 Jul 1985	12 Jun 2003
Jordan	1 Jul 1992	31 Jul 1992	11 Jan 2002
Kazakhstan	26 Aug 1998	25 Sep 1998	
Kenya	9 Mar 1984	8 Apr 1984	

Kiribati	17 Mar 2004	17 Apr 2004	
Kuwait	2 Sep 1994	2 Oct 1994	23 May 2011
Kyrgyzstan	10 Feb 1997	12 Mar 1997	
Lao People=s Democratic Republic	14 Aug 1981	13 Sep 1981	
Latvia	14 Apr 1992	14 May 1992	
Lebanon	16 Apr 1997	16 May 1997	
Lesotho	22 Aug 1995	21 Sep 1995	12 Nov 2001
Liberia	17 Jul 1984	16 Aug 1984	16 Sep 2005
Libya <sup>16</sup>	16 May 1989	15 Jun 1989	
Liechtenstein	22 Dec 1995	21 Jan 1996	15 Apr 1997
Lithuania	18 Jan 1994	17 Feb 1994	5 Aug 2004
Luxembourg	2 Feb 1989	4 Mar 1989	1 Jul 2003
Madagascar	17 Mar 1989	16 Apr 1989	19 Jul 1996
Malawi	12 Mar 1987	11 Apr 1987	
Malaysia	5 Jul 1995	4 Aug 1995	
Maldives	1 Jul 1993	31 Jul 1993	7 Feb 2002
Mali	10 Sep 1985	10 Oct 1985	20 Jun 2002
Malta	8 Mar 1991	7 Apr 1991	5 Mar 1997
Marshall Islands	2 Mar 2006	2 Apr 2006	

Mauritania	10 May 2001	9 Jun 2001	
Mauritius	9 Jul 1984	8 Aug 1984	29 Oct 2002
Mexico	23 Mar 1981	3 Sep 1981	16 Sep 1996
Micronesia	1 Sep 2004	1 Oct 2004	
Monaco	18 Mar 2005	18 Apr 2005	
Mongolia	20 Jul 1981	3 Sep 1981	19 Dec 1997
Morocco	21 Jun 1993	21 Jul 1993	31 Mar 2010
Mozambique	21 Apr 1997	21 May 1997	
Myanmar	22 Jul 1997	21 Aug 1997	
Namibia	23 Nov 1992	23 Dec 1992	
Nauru	23 Jun 2011	23 Jul 2011	23 Jun 2011
Nepal	22 Apr 1991	22 May 1991	
Netherlands <sup>8</sup>	23 Jul 1991	22 Aug 1991	10 Dec 1997
New Zealand	10 Jan 1985	9 Feb 1985	26 Sep 1996
Nicaragua	27 Oct 1981	26 Nov 1981	
Niger	8 Oct 1999	7 Nov 1999	1 May 2002
Nigeria	13 Jun 1985	13 Jul 1985	
Niue			
Norway	21 May 1981	3 Sep 1981	29 Mar 1996

Oman	7 Feb 2006	7 Mar 2006	
Pakistan	12 Mar 1996	11 Apr 1996	
Palau	<i>s: 20 Sep 2011<sup>3</sup></i>		
Panama	29 Oct 1981	28 Nov 1981	5 Nov 1996
Papua New Guinea	12 Jan 1995	11 Feb 1995	
Paraguay	6 Apr 1987	6 May 1987	
Peru	13 Sep 1982	13 Oct 1982	
Philippines	5 Aug 1981	4 Sep 1981	12 Nov 2003
Poland	30 Jul 1980	3 Sep 1981	23 Dec 2010
Portugal	30 Jul 1980	3 Sep 1981	8 Jan 2002
Qatar	29 Apr 2009	29 May 2009	
Republic of Korea	27 Dec 1984	26 Jan 1985	12 Aug 1996
Republic of Moldova	1 Jul 1994	31 Jul 1994	
Republic of Montenegro <sup>15</sup>	23 Oct 2006 <sup>15</sup>	3 Jun 2006 <sup>15</sup>	
Republic of Serbia <sup>9</sup>	26 Feb 1982 <sup>9</sup>	28 Mar 1982	
Romania	7 Jan 1982	6 Feb 1982	
Russian Federation	23 Jan 1981	3 Sep 1981	
Rwanda	2 Mar 1981	3 Sep 1981	
Saint Kitts & Nevis	25 Apr 1985	25 May 1985	

Saint Lucia	8 Oct 1982	7 Nov 1982	
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	4 Aug 1981	3 Sep 1981	
Samoa	25 Sep 1992	25 Oct 1992	
San Marino	10 Dec 2003	10 Jan 2004	
Sao Tome & Principe	3 Jun 2003	3 Jul 2003	
Saudi Arabia	7 Sep 2000	7 Oct 2000	
Senegal	5 Feb 1985	7 Mar 1985	
Seychelles	5 May 1992	4 Jun 1992	
Sierra Leone	11 Nov 1988	11 Dec 1988	
Singapore	5 Oct 1995	4 Nov 1995	30 Aug 2010
Slovakia	28 May 1993	27 Jun 1993 <sup>10</sup>	
Slovenia	6 Jul 1992	5 Aug 1992 <sup>11</sup>	10 Nov 2006
Solomon Islands	6 May 2002	5 Jun 2002	
Somalia			
South Africa	15 Dec 1995	14 Jan 1996	
South Sudan <sup>17</sup>			
Spain	5 Jan 1984	4 Feb 1984	26 Jan 2010
Sri Lanka	5 Oct 1981	4 Nov 1981	
Sudan			

Suriname	1 Mar 1993	31 Mar 1993	
Swaziland	26 Mar 2004	26 Apr 2004	
Sweden	2 Jul 1980	3 Sep 1981	17 Jul 1996
Switzerland	27 Mar 1997	26 Apr 1997	2 Dec 1997
Syrian Arab Republic	28 Mar 2003	27 Apr 2003	
Tajikistan	26 Oct 1993	25 Nov 1993	
Thailand	9 Aug 1985	8 Sep 1985	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	18 Jan 1994	17 Feb 1994 <sup>12</sup>	
Timor-Leste	16 Apr 2003	16 May 2003	
Togo	26 Sep 1983	26 Oct 1983	
Tonga			
Trinidad & Tobago	12 Jan 1990	11 Feb 1990	
Tunisia	20 Sep 1985	20 Oct 1985	
Turkey	20 Dec 1985	19 Jan 1986	9 Dec 1999
Turkmenistan	1 May 1997	31 May 1997	
Tuvalu	6 Oct 1999	5 Nov 1999	
Uganda	22 Jul 1985	21 Aug 1985	
Ukraine	12 Mar 1981	3 Sep 1981	
United Arab Emirates	6 Oct 2004	6 Nov 2004	

United Kingdom of Great Britain & N. Ireland <sup>13</sup>	7 Apr 1986	7 May 1986	19 Nov 1996
United Republic of Tanzania	20 Aug 1985	19 Sep 1985	
United States of America	<i>s: 17 Jul 1980</i> <sup>3</sup>		
Uruguay	9 Oct 1981	8 Nov 1981	8 Jan 2004
Uzbekistan	19 Jul 1995	18 Aug 1995	
Vanuatu	8 Sep 1995	8 Oct 1995	
Venezuela	2 May 1983	1 Jun 1983	
Viet Nam	17 Feb 1982	19 Mar 1982	
Yemen	30 May 1984 <sup>14</sup>	29 Jun 1984	
Zambia	21 Jun 1985	21 Jul 1985	
Zimbabwe	13 May 1991	12 Jun 1991	
	<b>187 State parties</b> <b>2 signatories</b>		<b>65</b>

<sup>1</sup> ARatification@ includes ratification, accession or succession.

<sup>2</sup> Dates represent acceptance of the amendment. The amendment to article 20(1) of CEDAW extends the amount of annual meeting time of the Committee.

<sup>3</sup> As@ means that the State is a signatory only.

<sup>4</sup> The former Yugoslavia had previously ratified CEDAW on 26 February 1982. Subsequent to dissolution, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina deposited with the Secretary-General notification of succession, with effect from 6 March 1992.

- <sup>5</sup> The former Yugoslavia had previously ratified CEDAW on 26 February 1982. Subsequent to dissolution, the Government of Croatia deposited with the Secretary-General notification of succession, with effect from 8 October 1991, the date on which Croatia became an independent state.
- <sup>6</sup> Czechoslovakia had ratified CEDAW on 16 February 1982. In a letter dated 16 February 1993, the Government of the Czech Republic notified the Secretary-General that it considered itself bound, as of 1 January 1993, the date of dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.
- <sup>7</sup> On 3 October 1990 the Federal Republic of Germany notified the Secretary-General that through the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany, with effect from 3 October 1990, the two German states had united to form one sovereign state, to act in the United Nations under the designation AGermany@. The date of ratification of CEDAW denotes the date of ratification of the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with its notification of 3 October 1990. The German Democratic Republic had ratified CEDAW on 9 July 1980.
- <sup>8</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.
- <sup>9</sup> Formerly Yugoslavia. The table information contains the original date of ratification by the former Yugoslavia. On 12 March 2001, the Government of Yugoslavia notified the Secretary-General of its intent to succeed to the Convention, as from 27 April 1992. Further, effective 4 February 2003, the State of Yugoslavia changed its name to Serbia and Montenegro. Effective 3 June 2006 the State changed its name again, to Republic of Serbia.
- <sup>10</sup> Czechoslovakia had ratified CEDAW on 16 February 1982. In a letter dated 19 May 1993, the Government of Slovakia notified the Secretary-General that it considered itself bound, as of 1 January 1993, the date of dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.
- <sup>11</sup> The former Yugoslavia had previously ratified CEDAW on 26 February 1982. Slovenia declared its independence from the former Yugoslavia on 25 June 1991. The government of Slovenia deposited notification of succession with the Secretary-General on 1 July 1992.
- <sup>12</sup> The former Yugoslavia had previously ratified CEDAW on 26 February 1982. Subsequent to dissolution, the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia deposited with the Secretary-General notification of succession, with effect from 17 May 1991, the date on which it assumed responsibility for its international relations.

- 13 For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, and Turks and Caicos Islands.
- 14 On 19 May 1990 the Yemen Arab Republic and the People=s Democratic Republic of Yemen informed the Secretary-General that the Republics would merge into a single State called the Republic of Yemen on 22 May 1990. As concerns the treaties concluded prior to their union by the Yemen Arab Republic or the People=s Democratic Republic of Yemen, the Republic of Yemen is a party as from the date when one of these States first became a party to those treaties. Prior to unification, the People=s Democratic Republic of Yemen had ratified CEDAW on 30 May 1984.
- 15 The former Yugoslavia (subsequently Serbia and Montenegro, now known as the Republic of Serbia) had previously ratified CEDAW on 26 February 1982. 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.