

Status of Ratification

CAT

Country	Ratification ¹	Entry into force	Article 21 Declaration ²	Article 22 Declaration ²	Article 28 Declaration (Re: Art. 20) ²	Amendment re: Articles 17(7) & 18(5) ³
Afghanistan	1 Apr 1987	26 Jun 1987			1 Apr 1987	
Albania	11 May 1994	10 Jun 1994				
Algeria	12 Sep 1989	12 Oct 1989	12 Sep 1989	12 Sep 1989		
Andorra	22 Sep 2006	22 Oct 2006	22 Nov 2006	22 Nov 2006		
Angola						
Antigua & Barbuda	19 Jul 1993	18 Aug 1993				
Argentina	24 Sep 1986	26 Jun 1987	24 Sep 1986	24 Sep 1986		
Armenia	13 Sep 1993	13 Oct 1993				
Australia	8 Aug 1989	7 Sep 1989	28 Jan 1993	28 Jan 1993		15 Oct 1993
Austria	29 Jul 1987	28 Aug 1987	29 Jul 1987	29 Jul 1987		
Azerbaijan	16 Aug 1996	15 Sep 1996		4 Feb 2002		
Bahamas	<i>s: 16 Dec 2008⁴</i>					
Bahrain	6 Mar 1998	5 Apr 1998				

Bangladesh	5 Oct 1998	4 Nov 1998				
Barbados						
Belarus	13 Mar 1987	26 Jun 1987				
Belgium	25 Jun 1999	25 Jul 1999	25 Jun 1999	25 Jun 1999		
Belize	17 Mar 1986	26 Jun 1987				
Benin	12 Mar 1992	11 Apr 1992				
Bhutan						
Bolivia	12 Apr 1999	12 May 1999	14 Feb 2006	14 Feb 2006		
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1 Sep 1993	6 Mar 1992 ⁵	4 Jun 2003	4 Jun 2003		
Botswana	8 Sep 2000	8 Oct 2000				
Brazil	28 Sep 1989	28 Oct 1989		26 Jun 2006		
Brunei Darussalam						
Bulgaria	16 Dec 1986	26 Jun 1987	12 May 1993	12 May 1993		2 Mar 1995
Burkina Faso	4 Jan 1999	3 Feb 1999				
Burundi	18 Feb 1993	20 Mar 1993		10 Jun 2003		
Cambodia	15 Oct 1992	14 Nov 1992				
Cameroon	19 Dec 1986	26 Jun 1987	12 Oct 2000	12 Oct 2000		
Canada	24 Jun 1987	24 Jul 1987	13 Nov 1989	13 Nov 1989		8 Feb 1995
Cape Verde	4 Jun 1992	4 Jul 1992				

Central African Republic						
Chad	9 Jun 1995	9 Jul 1995				
Chile	30 Sep 1988	30 Oct 1988	15 Mar 2004	15 Mar 2004		
China	4 Oct 1988	3 Nov 1988			4 Oct 1988	10 Jul 2002
Colombia	8 Dec 1987	7 Jan 1988				1 Sep 1999
Comoros	<i>s: 22 Sep 2000</i> ⁴					
Congo	30 Jul 2003	30 Aug 2003				
Cook Islands						
Costa Rica	11 Nov 1993	11 Dec 1993	27 Feb 2002	27 Feb 2002		
Côte d'Ivoire	18 Dec 1995	17 Jan 1996				
Croatia	12 Oct 1992	8 Oct 1991 ⁶	12 Oct 1992 ⁶	12 Oct 1992 ⁶		
Cuba	17 May 1995	16 Jun 1995				
Cyprus	18 Jul 1991	17 Aug 1991	8 Apr 1993	8 Apr 1993		22 Feb 1994
Czech Republic	22 Feb 1993	1 Jan 1993 ⁷	3 Sep 1996	3 Sep 1996		
Democratic People's Republic of Korea						
Democratic Republic of the Congo	18 Mar 1996	17 Apr 1996				
Denmark	27 May 1987	26 Jun 1987	27 May 1987	27 May 1987		3 Sep 1993
Djibouti	5 Nov 2002	5 Dec 2002				

Dominica						
Dominican Republic	24 Jan 2012	24 Feb 2012				
Ecuador	30 Mar 1988	29 Apr 1988	6 Sep 1988	6 Sep 1988		6 Sep 1995
Egypt	25 Jun 1986	26 Jun 1987				
El Salvador	17 Jun 1996	17 Jul 1996				
Equatorial Guinea	8 Oct 2002	7 Nov 2002			8 Oct 2002	
Eritrea						
Estonia	21 Oct 1991	20 Nov 1991				
Ethiopia	14 Mar 1994	13 Apr 1994				
Fiji						
Finland	30 Aug 1989	29 Sep 1989	30 Aug 1989	30 Aug 1989		5 Feb 1993
France	18 Feb 1986	26 Jun 1987	23 Jun 1988	23 Jun 1988		24 May 1994
Gabon	8 Sep 2000	8 Oct 2000				
Gambia	<i>s: 23 Oct 1985⁴</i>					
Georgia	26 Oct 1994	25 Nov 1994	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2005		
Germany ⁸	1 Oct 1990	31 Oct 1990	19 Oct 2001	19 Oct 2001		8 Oct 1996
Ghana	7 Sep 2000	7 Oct 2000	7 Sep 2000	7 Sep 2000		
Greece	6 Oct 1988	5 Nov 1988	6 Oct 1988	6 Oct 1988		
Grenada						

Guatemala	5 Jan 1990	4 Feb 1990		25 Sep 2003		
Guinea	10 Oct 1989	9 Nov 1989				
Guinea-Bissau	<i>s: 12 Sep 2000⁴</i>					
Guyana	19 May 1988	18 Jun 1988				
Haiti						
Holy See	26 Jun 2002	26 Jul 2002				
Honduras	5 Dec 1996	4 Jan 1997				
Hungary	15 Apr 1987	26 Jun 1987	13 Sep 1989	13 Sep 1989		
Iceland	23 Oct 1996	22 Nov 1996	23 Oct 1996	23 Oct 1996		23 Oct 1996
India	<i>s: 14 Oct 1997⁴</i>					
Indonesia	28 Oct 1998	27 Nov 1998				
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)						
Iraq	7 Jul 2011	7 Aug 2011				
Ireland	11 Apr 2002	11 May 2002	11 Apr 2002	11 Apr 2002		
Israel	3 Oct 1991	2 Nov 1991			3 Oct 1991	
Italy	12 Jan 1989	11 Feb 1989	10 Oct 1989	10 Oct 1989		
Jamaica						
Japan	29 Jun 1999	29 Jul 1999	29 Jun 1999			
Jordan	13 Nov 1991	13 Dec 1991				

Kazakhstan	26 Aug 1998	25 Sep 1998	21 Feb 2008	21 Feb 2008		
Kenya	21 Feb 1997	23 Mar 1997				
Kiribati						
Kuwait	8 Mar 1996	7 Apr 1996			8 Mar 1996	
Kyrgyzstan	5 Sep 1997	5 Oct 1997				
Lao People's Democratic Republic	<i>s: 21 Sep 2010⁴</i>					
Latvia	14 Apr 1992	14 May 1992				
Lebanon	5 Oct 2000	4 Nov 2000				
Lesotho	12 Nov 2001	12 Dec 2001				
Liberia	22 Sep 2004	22 Oct 2004				16 Sep 2005
Libyan ¹⁵	16 May 1989	15 Jun 1989				
Liechtenstein	2 Nov 1990	2 Dec 1990	2 Nov 1990	2 Nov 1990		24 Aug 1994
Lithuania	1 Feb 1996	2 Mar 1996				
Luxembourg	29 Sep 1987	29 Oct 1987	29 Sep 1987	29 Sep 1987		31 Jan 2005
Madagascar	13 Dec 2005	13 Jan 2006				
Malawi	11 Jun 1996	11 Jul 1996				
Malaysia						
Maldives	20 Apr 2004	20 May 2004				
Mali	26 Feb 1999	28 Mar 1999				

Malta	13 Sep 1990	13 Oct 1990	13 Sep 1990	13 Sep 1990		
Marshall Islands						
Mauritania	17 Nov 2004	17 Dec 2004			17 Nov 2004	
Mauritius	9 Dec 1992	8 Jan 1993				
Mexico	23 Jan 1986	26 Jun 1987		15 Mar 2002		15 Mar 2002
Micronesia						
Monaco	6 Dec 1991	5 Jan 1992	6 Dec 1991	6 Dec 1991		
Mongolia	24 Jan 2002	23 Feb 2002				
Morocco	21 Jun 1993	21 Jul 1993		19 Oct 2006		
Mozambique	14 Sep 1999	14 Oct 1999				
Myanmar						
Namibia	28 Nov 1994	28 Dec 1994				
Nauru	<i>s:12 Nov 2001</i> ⁴					
Nepal	14 May 1991	13 Jun 1991				
Netherlands ⁹	21 Dec 1988	20 Jan 1989	21 Dec 1988	21 Dec 1988		24 Jan 1995
New Zealand	10 Dec 1989	9 Jan 1990	10 Dec 1989	10 Dec 1989		8 Oct 1993
Nicaragua	5 Jul 2005	5 Aug 2005				
Niger	5 Oct 1998	4 Nov 1998				
Nigeria	28 Jun 2001	28 Jul 2001				

Niue						
Norway	9 Jul 1986	26 Jun 1987	9 Jul 1986	9 Jul 1986		6 Oct 1993
Oman						
Pakistan	23 Jun 2010	23 Jul 2010			23 Jun 2010	
Palau	<i>s: 20 Sep 2011</i> ⁴					
Panama	24 Aug 1987	23 Sep 1987				
Papua New Guinea						
Paraguay	12 Mar 1990	11 Apr 1990	29 May 2002	29 May 2002		
Peru	7 Jul 1988	6 Aug 1988	17 Oct 2002	17 Oct 2002		
Philippines	18 Jun 1986	26 Jun 1987				27 Nov 1996
Poland	26 Jul 1989	25 Aug 1989	12 May 1993	12 May 1993		23 Mar 2009
Portugal	9 Feb 1989	11 Mar 1989	9 Feb 1989	9 Feb 1989		17 Apr 1998
Qatar	11 Jan 2000	10 Feb 2000				
Republic of Korea	9 Jan 1995	8 Feb 1995	9 Nov 2007	9 Nov 2007		
Republic of Moldova	28 Nov 1995	28 Dec 1995	2 Sep 2011	2 Sep 2011		
Republic of Montenegro ¹⁴	23 Oct 2006 ¹⁴	3 Jun 2006 ¹⁴	23 Oct 2006 ¹⁴	23 Oct 2006 ¹⁴		
Republic of Serbia ¹²	10 Sep 1991 ¹²	10 Oct 1991	10 Sep 1991 ¹²	10 Sep 1991 ¹²		
Romania	18 Dec 1990	17 Jan 1991				
Russian Federation	3 Mar 1987	26 Jun 1987	1 Oct 1991	1 Oct 1991		

Rwanda	15 Dec 2008	15 Jan 2009				
Saint Kitts & Nevis						
Saint Lucia						
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	1 Aug 2001	31 Aug 2001				
Samoa						
San Marino	27 Nov 2006	27 Dec 2006				
Sao Tome & Principe	<i>s: 6 Sep 2000</i> ⁴					
Saudi Arabia	23 Sep 1997	22 Oct 1997			23 Sep 1997	
Senegal	21 Aug 1986	26 Jun 1987	16 Oct 1996	16 Oct 1996		
Seychelles	5 May 1992	4 Jun 1992		6 Aug 2001		23 Jul 1993
Sierra Leone	25 Apr 2001	25 May 2001				
Singapore						
Slovakia	28 May 1993	28 May 1993 ¹⁰	17 Mar 1995	17 Mar 1995		
Slovenia	16 Jul 1993	15 Aug 1993 ¹¹	16 Jul 1993	16 Jul 1993		
Solomon Islands						
Somalia	24 Jan 1990	23 Feb 1990				
South Africa	10 Dec 1998	9 Jan 1999	10 Dec 1998	10 Dec 1998		
South Sudan ¹⁶						
Spain	21 Oct 1987	20 Nov 1987	21 Oct 1987	21 Oct 1987		5 May 1999

Sri Lanka	3 Jan 1994	2 Feb 1994				
Sudan	<i>s: 4 Jun 1986⁴</i>					
Suriname						
Swaziland	26 Mar 2004	26 Apr 2004				
Sweden	8 Jan 1986	26 Jun 1987	8 Jan 1986	8 Jan 1986		14 May 1993
Switzerland	2 Dec 1986	26 Jun 1987	2 Dec 1986	2 Dec 1986		10 Dec 1993
Syrian Arab Republic	19 Aug 2004	19 Sep 2004			19 Aug 2004	
Tajikistan	11 Jan 1995	10 Feb 1995				
Thailand	2 Oct 2007	2 Nov 2007				
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12 Dec 1994	12 Dec 1994 ¹³				
Timor-Leste	16 Apr 2003	16 May 2003				
Togo	18 Nov 1987	18 Dec 1987	18 Nov 1987	18 Nov 1987		
Tonga						
Trinidad & Tobago						
Tunisia	23 Sep 1988	23 Oct 1988	23 Sep 1988	23 Sep 1988		
Turkey	2 Aug 1988	1 Sep 1988	2 Aug 1988	2 Aug 1988		
Turkmenistan	25 Jun 1999	25 Jul 1999				
Tuvalu						
Uganda	3 Nov 1986	26 Jun 1987	19 Dec 2001			

Ukraine	24 Feb 1987	26 Jun 1987	12 Sep 2003	12 Sep 2003		17 Jun 1994
United Arab Emirates						
United Kingdom of Great Britain & N. Ireland	8 Dec 1988	7 Jan 1989	8 Dec 1988			7 Feb 1994
United Republic of Tanzania						
United States of America	21 Oct 1994	20 Nov 1994	21 Oct 1994			
Uruguay	24 Oct 1986	26 Jun 1987	27 Jul 1988	27 Jul 1988		
Uzbekistan	28 Sep 1995	28 Oct 1995				
Vanuatu	12 Jul 2011	12 Aug 2011				
Venezuela	29 Jul 1991	28 Aug 1991	26 Apr 1994	26 Apr 1994		
Viet Nam						
Yemen	5 Nov 1991	5 Dec 1991				
Zambia	7 Oct 1998	6 Nov 1998				
Zimbabwe						
	149 State parties 11 signatories		62	65	9	28

¹ “Ratification” includes ratification, accession or succession.

² In the case of CAT - Article 21, CAT - Article 22, and CAT - Article 28 (re: Article 20), the State has the option of making a declaration in accordance with the terms of the Convention.

Article 21 provides for an inter-state complaint mechanism. The Committee against Torture may receive and consider communications to the effect that a State Party claims that another State Party is not fulfilling its obligations under the Convention.

Article 22 provides for an individual complaint mechanism. The Committee against Torture may receive and consider communications from or on behalf of individuals subject to its jurisdiction who claim to be victims of a violation by a State Party of the provisions of the Convention.

Article 28 allows a State Party to declare that it does not recognize the competence of the Committee against Torture to examine information, investigate or conduct confidential inquiries where the Committee has received reliable information which appears to it to contain well-founded indications that torture is being systematically practiced in the territory of the state party (under article 20 of the Convention).

³ Dates represent acceptance of the amendment. The amendment to articles 17(7) and 18(5) provides for the financing of the Committee from the regular UN budget.

⁴ “s” means that the State is a signatory only.

⁵ The former Yugoslavia had previously ratified CAT on 10 September 1991. Subsequent to dissolution, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina deposited with the Secretary-General notification of succession, with effect from 6 March 1992.

⁶ The former Yugoslavia had previously ratified CAT on 10 September 1991. 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.

⁷ Czechoslovakia had ratified CAT on 7 July 1988. 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.

⁸ 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 “Germany”. The date of ratification of CAT 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 CAT on 9 September 1987.

⁹ For the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

- ¹⁰ Czechoslovakia had ratified CAT on 7 July 1988. 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.
- ¹¹ The former Yugoslavia had previously ratified CAT on 10 September 1991. 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.
- ¹² 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.
- ¹³ The former Yugoslavia had previously ratified CAT on 10 September 1991. 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.
- ¹⁴ The former Yugoslavia (subsequently Serbia and Montenegro, now known as the Republic of Serbia) had previously ratified CAT and made the declarations under Articles 21 and 22 on 10 September 1991. 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.
- ¹⁵ 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.
- ¹⁶ 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.