

**Status of Ratification
CESCR OPT**

(Not yet in force⁴)

Country	Ratification¹	Entry into force	Article 10 Declaration²	Article 11 Declaration³
Afghanistan				
Albania				
Algeria				
Andorra				
Angola				
Antigua & Barbuda				
Argentina	24 Oct 2011			
Armenia	<i>s: 29 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Australia				
Austria				
Azerbaijan	<i>s: 25 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Bahamas				
Bahrain				
Bangladesh				

Barbados				
Belarus				
Belgium	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Belize				
Benin				
Bhutan				
Bolivia	13 Jan 2012			
Bosnia & Herzegovina	18 Jan 2012			
Botswana				
Brazil				
Brunei Darussalam				
Bulgaria				
Burkina Faso				
Burundi				
Cambodia				
Cameroon				
Canada				
Cape Verde	<i>s: 26 Sep 2011⁵</i>			
Central African Republic				

Chad				
Chile	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
China				
Colombia				
Comoros				
Congo	<i>s: 25 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Cook Islands				
Costa Rica	<i>s: 28 Apr 2011⁵</i>			
Côte d'Ivoire				
Croatia				
Cuba				
Cyprus				
Czech Republic				
Democratic People's Republic of Korea				
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<i>s: 23 Sep 2010⁵</i>			
Denmark				
Djibouti				
Dominica				
Dominican Republic				

Ecuador	11 Jun 2010			
Egypt				
El Salvador	20 Sep 2011		20 Sep 2011	20 Sep 2011
Equatorial Guinea				
Eritrea				
Estonia				
Ethiopia				
Fiji				
Finland	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
France				
Gabon	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Gambia				
Georgia				
Germany				
Ghana	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Greece				
Grenada				
Guatemala	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Guinea				

Guinea-Bissau	<i>s: 25 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Guyana				
Haiti				
Holy See				
Honduras				
Hungary				
Iceland				
India				
Indonesia				
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)				
Iraq				
Ireland	<i>s: 23 Mar 2012⁵</i>			
Israel				
Italy	<i>s: 28 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Jamaica				
Japan				
Jordan				
Kazakhstan	<i>s: 23 Sep 2010⁵</i>			
Kenya				

Kiribati				
Kuwait				
Kyrgyzstan				
Lao People's Democratic Republic				
Latvia				
Lebanon				
Lesotho				
Liberia				
Libya ⁶				
Liechtenstein				
Lithuania				
Luxembourg	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Madagascar	<i>s: 25 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Malawi				
Malaysia				
Maldives	<i>s: 21 Sep 2011⁵</i>			
Mali	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Malta				
Marshall Islands				

Mauritania				
Mauritius				
Mexico				
Micronesia				
Monaco				
Mongolia	1 Jul 2010			
Morocco				
Mozambique				
Myanmar				
Namibia				
Nauru				
Nepal				
Netherlands	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
New Zealand				
Nicaragua				
Niger				
Nigeria				
Niue				
Norway				

Oman				
Pakistan				
Palau				
Panama				
Papua New Guinea				
Paraguay	<i>s: 6 Oct 2009⁵</i>			
Peru				
Philippines				
Poland				
Portugal	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Qatar				
Republic of Korea				
Republic of Moldova				
Republic of Montenegro	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Republic of Serbia				
Romania				
Russian Federation				
Rwanda				
Saint Kitts & Nevis				

Saint Lucia				
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines				
Samoa				
San Marino				
Sao Tome & Principe				
Saudi Arabia				
Senegal	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Seychelles				
Sierra Leone				
Singapore				
Slovakia	7 Mar 2012			
Slovenia	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Solomon Islands	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Somalia				
South Africa				
South Sudan ⁷				
Spain	23 Sep 2010			
Sri Lanka				
Sudan				

Suriname				
Swaziland				
Sweden				
Switzerland				
Syrian Arab Republic				
Tajikistan				
Thailand				
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia				
Timor-Leste	<i>s: 28 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Togo	<i>s: 25 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Tonga				
Trinidad & Tobago				
Tunisia				
Turkey				
Turkmenistan				
Tuvalu				
Uganda				
Ukraine	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
United Arab Emirates				
United Kingdom of Great Britain & N.				

Ireland				
United Republic of Tanzania				
United States of America				
Uruguay	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009⁵</i>			
Uzbekistan				
Vanuatu				
Venezuela	<i>s: 04 Oct 2011⁵</i>			
Viet Nam				
Yemen				
Zambia				
Zimbabwe				
	8 State parties 32 signatories		1	1

¹ “Ratification” includes ratification, accession or succession.

² In the case of CESCROPT - Article 10, the State has the option of making a declaration that it recognizes the competence of the Committee to receive and consider communications to the effect that a State Party claims that another State Party is not fulfilling its obligations under the Covenant.

³ In the case of CESCROPT - Article 11, the State has the option of making a declaration in accordance with Article 11. Under Article 11, a State may make a declaration recognizing the Competence of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

to examine information, or conduct confidential inquiries where the Committee has received reliable information indicating grave or systematic violations by a State party of any of the economic, social and cultural rights set forth in the CESCRC.

⁴ The Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights was opened for signature on 10 December 2008. The Optional Protocol will enter into force three months after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession.

⁵ "s" means the State is a signatory only.

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.