

## Status of Ratification

### CRC Optional Protocol (Sale of Children)

<b>Country</b>	<b>OPT - SC Ratification<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Entry into force</b>
Afghanistan	19 Sep 2002	19 Oct 2002
Albania	5 Feb 2008	5 Mar 2008
Algeria	27 Dec 2006	27 Jan 2007
Andorra	30 Apr 2001	18 Jan 2002
Angola	24 Mar 2005	24 Apr 2005
Antigua & Barbuda	30 Apr 2002	30 May 2002
Argentina	25 Sep 2003	25 Oct 2003
Armenia	30 Jun 2005	30 Jul 2005
Australia	8 Jan 2007	8 Feb 2007
Austria	6 May 2004	6 Jun 2004
Azerbaijan	3 July 2002	2 Aug 2002
Bahamas		
Bahrain	21 Sep 2004	21 Oct 2004

Bangladesh	6 Sep 2000	18 Jan 2002
Barbados		
Belarus	23 Jan 2002	23 Feb 2002
Belgium	17 Mar 2006	17 Apr 2006
Belize	1 Dec 2003	1 Jan 2004
Benin	31 Jan 2005	1 Mar 2005
Bhutan	26 Oct 2009	26 Nov 2009
Bolivia	3 Jun 2003	3 Jul 2003
Bosnia & Herzegovina	4 Sep 2002	4 Oct 2002
Botswana	24 Sep 2003	24 Oct 2003
Brazil	27 Jan 2004	27 Feb 2004
Brunei Darussalam	21 Nov 2006	21 Dec 2006
Bulgaria	12 Feb 2002	12 Mar 2002
Burkina Faso	31 Mar 2006	1 May 2006
Burundi	6 Nov 2007	6 Dec 2007
Cambodia	30 May 2002	30 Jun 2002
Cameroon	<i>s: 5 Oct 2001<sup>2</sup></i>	
Canada	14 Sep 2005	14 Oct 2005
Cape Verde	10 May 2002	10 Jun 2002

Central African Republic	<i>s: 27 Sep 2010<sup>2</sup></i>	
Chad	28 Aug 2002	28 Sep 2002
Chile	6 Feb 2003	6 Mar 2003
China	3 Dec 2002	3 Jan 2003
Colombia	11 Nov 2003	11 Dec 2003
Comoros	23 Feb 2007	23 Mar 2007
Congo	27 Oct 2009	27 Nov 2009
Cook Islands		
Costa Rica	9 Apr 2002	9 May 2002
Côte D'Ivoire	19 Sep 2011	19 Oct 2011
Croatia	13 May 2002	13 Jun 2002
Cuba	25 Sep 2001	18 Jan 2002
Cyprus	6 Apr 2006	6 May 2006
Czech Republic	<i>s: 26 Jan 2005<sup>2</sup></i>	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		
Democratic Republic of the Congo	11 Nov 2001	18 Jan 2002
Denmark	24 Jul 2003	24 Aug 2003
Djibouti	27 Apr 2011	27 May 2011
Dominica	20 Sep 2002	20 Oct 2002

Dominican Republic	6 Dec 2006	6 Jan 2007
Ecuador	30 Jan 2004	1 Mar 2004
Egypt	12 Jul 2002	11 Aug 2002
El Salvador	17 May 2004	17 Jun 2004
Equatorial Guinea	7 Feb 2003	7 Mar 2003
Eritrea	16 Feb 2005	16 Mar 2005
Estonia	3 Aug 2004	3 Sep 2004
Ethiopia		
Fiji	<i>s: 16 Sep 2005<sup>2</sup></i>	
Finland	<i>s: 7 Sep 2000<sup>2</sup></i>	
France	5 Feb 2003	5 Mar 2003
Gabon	1 Oct 2007	1 Nov 2007
Gambia	8 Apr 2010	8 May 2010
Georgia	28 Jun 2005	28 Jul 2005
Germany	15 Jul 2009	15 Aug 2009
Ghana	<i>s: 24 Sep 2003<sup>2</sup></i>	
Greece	22 Feb 2008	22 Mar 2008
Grenada	6 Feb 2012	6 Mar 2012
Guatemala	9 May 2002	9 Jun 2002

Guinea	16 Nov 2011	16 Dec 2011
Guinea-Bissau	1 Nov 2010	1 Dec 2010
Guyana	30 Jul 2010	30 Aug 2010
Haiti	<i>s: 15 Aug 2002<sup>2</sup></i>	
Holy See	24 Oct 2001	18 Jan 2002
Honduras	8 May 2002	8 Jun 2002
Hungary	24 Feb 2010	24 Mar 2010
Iceland	9 Jul 2001	18 Jan 2002
India	16 Aug 2005	16 Sep 2005
Indonesia	<i>s: 24 Sep 2001<sup>2</sup></i>	
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	26 Sep 2007	26 Oct 2007
Iraq	24 Jun 2008	24 Jul 2008
Ireland	<i>s: 7 Sep 2000<sup>2</sup></i>	
Israel	23 Jul 2008	23 Aug 2008
Italy	9 May 2002	9 Jun 2002
Jamaica	26 Aug 2011	26 Sep 2011
Japan	24 Jan 2005	24 Feb 2005
Jordan	4 Dec 2006	4 Jan 2007
Kazakhstan	24 Aug 2001	18 Jan 2002

Kenya	<i>s: 8 Sep 2000<sup>2</sup></i>	
Kiribati		
Kuwait	26 Aug 2004	26 Sep 2004
Kyrgyzstan	12 Feb 2003	12 Mar 2003
Lao People's Democratic Republic	20 Sep 2006	20 Oct 2006
Latvia	22 Feb 2006	22 Mar 2006
Lebanon	8 Nov 2004	8 Dec 2004
Lesotho	24 Sep 2003	24 Oct 2003
Liberia	<i>s: 22 Sep 2004<sup>2</sup></i>	
Libya <sup>5</sup>	18 Jun 2004	18 Jul 2004
Liechtenstein	<i>s: 8 Sep 2000<sup>2</sup></i>	
Lithuania	5 Aug 2004	5 Sep 2004
Luxembourg	2 Sep 2011	2 Oct 2011
Madagascar	22 Sep 2004	22 Oct 2004
Malawi	7 Oct 2009	7 Nov 2009
Malaysia	12 Apr 2012	12 May 2012
Maldives	10 May 2002	10 Jun 2002
Mali	16 May 2002	16 Jun 2002
Malta	28 Sep 2010	28 Oct 2010

Marshall Islands		
Mauritania	23 Apr 2007	23 May 2007
Mauritius	14 Jun 2011	14 Jul 2011
Mexico	15 Mar 2002	14 Apr 2002
Micronesia	23 Apr 2012	23 May 2012
Monaco	24 Sep 2008	24 Oct 2008
Mongolia	27 Jun 2003	27 Jul 2003
Morocco	2 Oct 2001	18 Jan 2002
Mozambique	6 Mar 2003	6 Apr 2003
Myanmar	16 Jan 2012	16 Feb 2012
Namibia	16 Apr 2002	16 May 2002
Nauru	<i>s: 8 Sep 2000<sup>2</sup></i>	
Nepal	20 Jan 2006	20 Feb 2006
Netherlands	23 Aug 2005	23 Sep 2005
New Zealand	20 Sep 2011	20 Oct 2011
Nicaragua	2 Dec 2004	2 Jan 2005
Niger	26 Oct 2004	26 Nov 2004
Nigeria	27 Sep 2010	27 Oct 2010
Niue		

Norway	2 Oct 2001	18 Jan 2002
Oman	17 Sep 2004	17 Oct 2004
Pakistan	5 Jul 2011	5 Aug 2011
Palau		
Panama	9 Feb 2001	18 Jan 2002
Papua New Guinea		
Paraguay	18 Aug 2003	18 Sep 2003
Peru	8 May 2002	8 Jun 2002
Philippines	28 May 2002	28 Jun 2002
Poland	4 Feb 2005	4 Mar 2005
Portugal	16 May 2003	16 Aug 2003
Qatar	14 Dec 2001	18 Jan 2002
Republic of Korea	24 Sep 2004	24 Oct 2004
Republic of Moldova	12 Apr 2007	12 May 2007
Republic of Montenegro <sup>4</sup>	23 Oct 2006 <sup>4</sup>	3 Jun 2006 <sup>4</sup>
Republic of Serbia <sup>3</sup>	10 Oct 2002	10 Nov 2002
Romania	18 Oct 2001	18 Jan 2002
Russian Federation		
Rwanda	14 Mar 2002	14 Apr 2002



Saint Kitts & Nevis		
Saint Lucia	<i>s: 22 Sep 2011<sup>2</sup></i>	
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	15 Sep 2005	15 Oct 2005
Samoa		
San Marino	26 Sep 2011	26 Oct 2011
Sao Tome & Principe		
Saudi Arabia	18 Aug 2010	18 Sep 2010
Senegal	5 Nov 2003	5 Dec 2003
Seychelles	<i>s: 23 Jan 2001<sup>2</sup></i>	
Sierra Leone	17 Sep 2001	18 Jan 2002
Singapore		
Slovakia	25 Jun 2004	25 Jul 2004
Slovenia	23 Sep 2004	23 Oct 2004
Solomon Islands	<i>s: 24 Sep 2009<sup>2</sup></i>	
Somalia		
South Africa	30 Jun 2003	30 Jul 2003
South Sudan <sup>6</sup>		
Spain	18 Dec 2001	18 Jan 2002
Sri Lanka	22 Sep 2006	22 Oct 2006

Sudan	2 Nov 2004	2 Dec 2004
Suriname	18 May 2012	18 Jun 2012
Swaziland		
Sweden	19 Jan 2007	19 Feb 2007
Switzerland	19 Sep 2006	19 Oct 2006
Syrian Arab Republic	15 May 2003	15 Jun 2003
Tajikistan	5 Aug 2002	4 Sep 2002
Thailand	11 Jan 2006	11 Feb 2006
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 Oct 2003	17 Nov 2003
Timor-Leste	16 Apr 2003	16 May 2003
Togo	2 Jul 2004	2 Aug 2004
Tonga		
Trinidad & Tobago		
Tunisia	13 Sep 2002	13 Oct 2002
Turkey	19 Aug 2002	19 Sep 2002
Turkmenistan	28 Mar 2005	28 Apr 2005
Tuvalu		
Uganda	30 Nov 2001	18 Jan 2002
Ukraine	3 Jul 2003	3 Aug 2003

United Arab Emirates		
United Kingdom of Great Britain & N. Ireland	20 Feb 2009	20 Mar 2009
United Republic of Tanzania	24 Apr 2003	24 May 2003
United States of America	23 Dec 2002	23 Jan 2003
Uruguay	3 Jul 2003	3 Aug 2003
Uzbekistan	23 Dec 2008	23 Jan 2009
Vanuatu	17 May 2007	17 June 2007
Venezuela	9 May 2002	8 Jun 2002
Viet Nam	20 Dec 2001	20 Jan 2002
Yemen	15 Dec 2004	15 Jan 2005
Zambia	<i>s: 29 Sep 2008<sup>2</sup></i>	
Zimbabwe	14 Feb 2012	14 Mar 2012
	<b>157 State parties</b> <b>17 signatories</b>	

<sup>1</sup> “Ratification” includes ratification, accession or succession.

<sup>2</sup> “s” means that the State is a signatory only.

<sup>3</sup> Formerly Yugoslavia. 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>4</sup> Serbia and Montenegro (now known as the Republic of Serbia) had previously ratified the CRC Optional Protocol (Sale of Children/Prostitution/Pornography) on 10 October 2002. 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.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.