

Parties and Non-Parties to the UN Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees

Below are states listed according to whether or not they have ratified the 1951 UN Refugee Convention and/or the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees, as of January 2004.

NON-PARTIES

Afghanistan	Cuba	Korea (North)	Maldives	Nepal	Singapore
Andorra	Eritrea	Kuwait	Marshall Islands	Oman	Sri Lanka
Bahrain	Grenada	Laos	Mauritius	Pakistan (E)	Syria
Bangladesh (E)	Guyana	Lebanon (E)	Micronesia	Palau	Thailand (E)
Barbados	India (E)	Libya	Mongolia	Qatar	United Arab Emirates
Bhutan	Indonesia	Malaysia	Myanmar	St. Lucia	Uzbekistan
Brunei	Iraq			San Marino	Vanuatu
Comoros	Jordan			Saudi Arabia	Vietnam

PARTIES

Albania					Sierra Leone
Algeria (E)					Slovakia
Angola					Slovenia
Antigua and Barbuda					Solomon Islands
Argentina (E)					Somalia (E)
Armenia					South Africa (E)
Australia (E)					Spain (E)
Austria (E)					Sudan (E)
Azerbaijan					Suriname
Bahamas					Swaziland
Belarus					Switzerland (E)
Belgium (E)					Sweden (E)
Belize					Tajikistan
Benin	Czech Republic			Peru	Tanzania (E)
Bolivia	Denmark (E)	Honduras	Mauritania	Philippines (E)	Togo
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Djibouti	Hungary (E)	Mexico (E)	Poland (E)	Trinidad and Tobago
Botswana	Dominica	Iceland	Moldova	Portugal	Tunisia (E)
Brazil (E)	Dominican Republic	Iran (E)	Monaco (C)	Romania	Turkey (E)
Bulgaria	East Timor	Ireland (E)	Morocco (E)	Russia (E)	Turkmenistan
Burkina Faso	Ecuador (E)	Israel (E)	Mozambique (E)	Rwanda	Tuvalu
Burundi	Egypt	Italy (E)	Namibia (C, E)	St. Kitts & Nevis (C)	Uganda (E)
Cambodia	El Salvador	Jamaica	Netherlands (E)	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Ukraine
Cameroon	Equatorial Guinea	Japan (E)	New Zealand (E)	Samoa	United Kingdom (E)
Canada (E)	Estonia	Kazakhstan	Nicaragua (E)	Sao Tome and Principe	United States (P, E)
Cape Verde (P)	Ethiopia (E)	Kenya (E)	Niger	Senegal	Uruguay
Central African Republic	Fiji	Korea (South) (E)	Nigeria (E)	Serbia and Montenegro (E)	Venezuela (P, E)
Chad	Finland (E)	Kyrgyzstan	Norway (E)	Seychelles	Yemen (E)
Chile (E)	France (E)	Latvia	Panama		Zambia
China (E)	Gabon	Lesotho (E)	Papua New Guinea		Zimbabwe
Colombia (E)	Gambia	Liberia	Paraguay		
Congo-Brazzaville	Georgia	Liechtenstein			
Congo-Kinshasa (E)	Germany (E)	Lithuania			
Costa Rica	Ghana	Luxembourg			
Côte d'Ivoire (E)	Greece (E)	Macedonia			
Croatia	Guatemala	Madagascar (C, E)			
Cyprus (E)	Guinea (E)	Malawi			
	Guinea-Bissau	Mali			
	Haiti	Malta			
	Holy See (E)				



The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol establish the legal standards for refugee protection. Although they do not require states to provide asylum, they explicitly prohibit *refoulement*—expelling or returning refugees to countries where they would be persecuted—and spell out the rights of refugees in exile, such as freedom of movement and the right to pursue livelihoods.

(C) Parties to the Convention only

(P) Parties to the Protocol only

(E) Members of UNHCR's Executive Committee