

## **COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES THAT ARE PARTY TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION ABOLISHING THE REQUIREMENT OF LEGALIZATION**

*Footnotes mentioning objections to accession indicate U.S. objections only. Objections raised by other countries are not included unless the U.S. has also raised an objection.*

Albania	Curacao (Netherlands Antilles territory)
Andorra	Cyprus
Anguilla (British territory)	Czech Republic
Antigua and Barbuda <sup>2</sup>	Denmark
Argentina	Djibouti, Republic of (a former French territory) <sup>1</sup>
Armenia	Dominica <sup>2</sup>
Aruba (Netherlands territory)	Dominican Republic
Australia	Ecuador
Austria	El Salvador
Azerbaijan	Estonia
Bahama Islands <sup>2</sup>	Falkland Islands (British territory)
Bahrain	Fiji <sup>2</sup>
Barbados <sup>2</sup>	Finland
Belarus	France
Belgium	French Guiana (French department)
Belize	French Polynesia (French collectivity)
Bermuda (British territory)	Georgia
Bolivia	Germany
Bonaire (Netherlands Antilles territory)	Gibraltar (British territory)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Gilbert Islands and Ellice Islands (see Kiribati and Tuvalu) <sup>1</sup>
Botswana, Republic of (fka Bechuanaland Protectorate) <sup>2</sup>	Greece
Brazil	Grenada <sup>2</sup>
British Antarctic Territory (British territory) <sup>4</sup>	Guadeloupe (French department)
Brunei Darussalam	Guatemala
Bulgaria	Guernsey, Bailiwick of (British territory)
Burundi	Guyana
Caicos Islands (see Turks and Caicos Islands)	Honduras
Cape Verde	Hong Kong <sup>3</sup>
Cayman Islands (British territory)	Hungary
Chile	Iceland
China, Peoples Republic of (Hong Kong and Macau only) <sup>3</sup>	India
Colombia	Ireland
Cook Islands	Isle of Man (British territory)
Costa Rica	Israel
Croatia	Italy

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Japan  
Jersey (British territory)  
Kazakhstan  
Kiribati (fka Gilbert Islands)<sup>1</sup>  
Korea, Republic of (South)  
Kosovo  
Kyrgyzstan (Kyrgyz Republic)  
Latvia  
Lesotho (fka Basutoland)<sup>2</sup>  
Liberia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macau<sup>3</sup>  
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of  
Malawi  
Malta  
Marshall Islands  
Martinique (French department)  
Mauritius<sup>2</sup>  
Mayotte (French department)  
Mexico  
Moldova  
Monaco  
Mongolia  
Montenegro (one of the successor states to Yugoslavia)<sup>2</sup>  
Montserrat (British territory)  
Morocco  
Namibia  
Netherlands  
Netherlands Antilles (Netherlands territory)  
New Caledonia (French territory)  
New Zealand  
Niue  
Nicaragua  
Norway  
Oman  
Palau (*effective June 23, 2020*)  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal  
Reunion (French department)  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Saba (Netherlands Antilles territory)  
St. Eustatius (Netherlands Antilles territory)  
St. Helena (British territory)  
St. Kitts and Nevis  
St. Lucia  
St. Martin (French collectivity)  
St. Martin (Netherlands Antilles territory)  
St. Pierre and Miquelon (French collectivity)  
S St. Vincent and the Grenadines<sup>2</sup>  
Samoa  
San Marino  
Sao Tome and Principe  
Serbia (one of the successor states to Yugoslavia)<sup>2</sup>  
Seychelles  
Slovak Republic (Slovakia)  
Slovenia  
Solomon Islands (fka British Solomon Islands, former British territory)<sup>1</sup>  
South Africa  
South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands (British territory)  
Spain  
Suriname  
Swaziland, Kingdom of<sup>2</sup>  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Tajikistan  
Tonga<sup>2</sup>  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Turks and Caicos Islands (British territory)  
Tuvalu (fka Ellice Islands)<sup>1</sup>  
Ukraine  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
United States of America<sup>5</sup>  
Uruguay

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Uzbekistan  
 Vanuatu (fka New Hebrides, a former British territory)<sup>2</sup>  
 Venezuela  
 Virgin Islands (British territory)  
 Wallis and Futuna Islands (French territory)

*Footnotes:*

<sup>1</sup> Since receiving or declaring independence, this party has not made any declaration regarding continuation in force of the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents. Though many *Competent Authorities* view these, and the states below, as parties to the Convention, in the absence of any formal declaration, one should consult the appropriate consular office in question or the U.S. Department of State prior to reliance on an Apostille. Though some *Competent Authorities* may prepare Apostilles, the U.S. Department of State currently does not issue Apostilles for: Angola, Comoros Islands, Guyana, Kosovo, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe.

<sup>2</sup> This country achieved independence and declared that it considers itself bound by the Convention or acceded to the Convention.

<sup>3</sup> This Convention applies to the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau only, as a result of extensions made by the UK and Portugal, respectively. Upon the restoration of Hong Kong and Macau, China declared that the Convention will continue to apply for Hong Kong and Macau.

<sup>4</sup> The U.S. does not recognize the claims of other nations in Antarctica. It is doubtful that an Apostille can be obtained in the U.S. for use in the British Antarctic Territory.

<sup>5</sup> Documents originating from U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands) destined for other countries do require an Apostille, as is true for Hague party countries preparing documents destined for use in U.S. territories. However, documents prepared in the U.S. for use in U.S. territories, and vice-versa, may simply require notarization or certification.

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