

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

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*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	Honduras
Caicos Islands (see Turks and Caicos Islands)	Hong Kong <sup>3</sup>
Cape Verde	Hungary
Cayman Islands (British territory)	Iceland
Chile	India
China, Peoples Republic of (Hong Kong and Macau only) <sup>3</sup>	Ireland
Colombia	Isle of Man (British territory)
Cook Islands	Israel
Costa Rica	Italy
Croatia	Japan

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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  
 Netherland Antilles (Netherlands territory)  
 New Caledonia (French territory)  
 New Zealand  
 Niue  
 Nicaragua  
 Norway  
 Oman  
 Panama  
 Paraguay  
 Peru  
 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  
 Uzbekistan  
 Vanuatu (fka New Hebrides, a former British territory)<sup>2</sup>  
 Venezuela

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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.

***Please note: The information provided in this memo is correct and complete to the best of our knowledge but is subject to change and cannot be relied upon as legal advice.***

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