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Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

The agreement entered into force on 4 November 1946.
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Members accepting the UNESCO Constitution signed at London, 16 November 1945.

State	Effective date of Acceptance	Note
Afghanistan	4 May 1948	
Albania	16 October 1958	
Algeria	15 October 1962	
Andorra	20 October 1993	
Angola	11 March 1977	
Antigua and Barbuda	15 July 1982	
Argentine Republic	15 September 1948	
Armenia	9 June 1992	
Australia	4 November 1946	
Austria	13 August 1948	
Azerbaijan	3 June 1992	
Bahamas	23 April 1981	
Bahrain	18 January 1972	
Bangladesh	27 October 1972	
Barbados	24 October 1968	
Belarus (signed as Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic)	12 May 1954	
Belgium	29 November 1946	
Belize	10 May 1982	
Benin (signed as Dahomey)	18 October 1960	
Bhutan	13 April 1982	
Bolivia	13 November 1946	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2 June 1993	
Botswana	16 January 1980	
Brazil	4 November 1946	
Brunei Darussalam	17 March 2005	
Bulgaria	17 May 1956	
Burkina (signed as Upper Volta)	14 November 1960	
Burundi	16 November 1962	
Cambodia	3 July 1951	
Cameroon	11 November 1960	
Canada	4 November 1946	
Cape Verde	15 February 1978	
Central African Republic	11 November 1960	
Chad	19 December 1960	
Chile	7 July 1953	

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China	4 November 1946	
Colombia	31 October 1947	
Comoros	22 March 1977	
Congo, People's Republic of	24 October 1960	
Costa Rica	19 May 1950	
Côte D'Ivoire (signed as Ivory Coast)	27 October 1960	
Croatia	1 June 1992	
Cuba	29 August 1947	
Cyprus	6 February 1961	
Czech Republic	22 February 1993	
Czechoslovakia	4 November 1946	1
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	18 October 1974	
Democratic Republic of Congo (signed as Zaire)	25 November 1960	
Denmark	4 November 1946	
Djibouti	31 August 1989	
Dominica	9 January 1979	
Dominican Republic	4 November 1946	
Ecuador	22 January 1947	
Egypt, Arab Republic of	4 November 1946	
El Salvador	28 April 1948	
Equatorial Guinea	29 November 1979	
Eritrea	2 September 1993	
Estonia	14 October 1991	
Ethiopia	1 July 1955	
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	20 December 2000	
Fiji	14 July 1983	
Finland	10 October 1956	
France	4 November 1946	
Gabon	16 November 1960	
Georgia	7 October 1992	
German Democratic Republic	24 November 1972	4
Germany, Federal Republic of	11 July 1951	4
Ghana	11 April 1958	
Greece	4 November 1946	
Grenada	17 February 1975	
Guatemala	2 January 1950	
Guinea	2 February 1960	
Guinea-Bissau	1 November 1974	
Guyana	21 March 1967	

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Haiti	18 November 1946	
Honduras	16 December 1947	
Hungary	14 September 1948	
Iceland	8 June 1964	
India	4 November 1946	
Indonesia	27 May 1950	
Iran	6 September 1948	
Iraq	21 October 1948	
Ireland	3 October 1961	
Israel	16 September 1949	O ¹
Italy	27 January 1948	
Jamaica	7 November 1962	
Japan	2 July 1951	
Jordan	14 June 1950	
Kazakhstan	22 May 1992	
Kenya	7 April 1964	
Kiribati	24 October 1989	
Korea, Republic of	14 June 1950	
Kuwait	18 November 1960	
Kyrgyzstan	2 June 1992	
Laos	9 July 1951	
Latvia	14 October 1991	
Lebanon	4 November 1946	
Lesotho	29 September 1967	
Liberia	6 March 1947	
Libya	27 June 1953	
Lithuania	7 October 1991	
Luxembourg	27 October 1947	
Madagascar (signed as Malagasy Republic)	10 November 1960	
Malawi	27 October 1964	
Malaysia	16 June 1958	
Maldives	18 July 1980	
Mali	7 November 1960	
Malta	10 February 1965	
Marshall Islands	30 June 1995	
Mauritania	10 January 1962	
Mauritius	25 October 1968	
Mexico	4 November 1946	
Micronesia	19 October 1999	
Moldova	27 May 1992	

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Monaco	6 July 1949	
Mongolia	1 November 1962	
Montenegro	1 March 2007	
Morocco	7 November 1956	
Mozambique	11 October 1976	
Myanmar (signed as Burma)	27 June 1949	
Namibia (formerly United Nations Council for Namibia)	2 November 1978	
Nauru	17 October 1996	
Nepal	1 May 1953	
Netherlands	1 January 1947	
New Zealand	4 November 1946	
Nicaragua	22 February 1952	
Niger	10 November 1960	
Nigeria	14 November 1960	
Niue	26 October 1993	
Norway	4 November 1946	
Oman	10 February 1972	
Pakistan	14 September 1949	
Palau	20 September 1999	
Palestine	23 November 2011	O ²
Panama	10 January 1950	
Papua New Guinea	4 October 1976	
Paraguay	20 June 1955	
People's Democratic Republic of Yemen	15 October 1968	6
Peru	21 November 1946	
Philippines	21 November 1946	
Poland	6 November 1946	
Portugal	11 September 1974	7
Qatar	27 January 1972	
Republic of South Sudan	27 October 2011	
Republic of Vietnam	6 July 1951	
Romania	27 July 1956	
Russian Federation (signed as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	21 April 1954	5
Rwanda	7 November 1962	
Samoa (signed as Western Samoa)	3 April 1981	
San Marino	12 November 1974	
São Tomé and Príncipe	22 January 1980	
Saudi Arabia	4 November 1946	

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Senegal	10 November 1960	
Seychelles	18 October 1976	
Sierra Leone	28 March 1962	
Singapore	28 October 1965	9
Slovakia	9 February 1993	
Slovenia	27 May 1992	
Solomon Islands	7 September 1993	
Somali Democratic Republic	15 November 1960	
South Africa	12 December 1994	8
Spain	30 January 1953	
Sri Lanka (signed as Ceylon)	14 November 1949	
St Christopher and Nevis	26 October 1983	
St Lucia	6 March 1980	
St Vincent and the Grenadines	14 January 1983	
Sudan	26 November 1956	
Surinam	16 July 1976	
Swaziland	25 January 1978	
Sweden	23 January 1950	
Switzerland	28 January 1949	
Syria	16 November 1946	
Tajikistan	6 April 1993	
Tanzania	6 March 1962	
Thailand	1 January 1949	
The Cook Islands	25 October 1989	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28 June 1993	
The Gambia	1 August 1973	
Timor-Leste (East Timor)	5 June 2003	
Togo	17 November 1960	
Tonga	29 September 1980	
Trinidad and Tobago	2 November 1962	
Tunisia	8 November 1956	
Turkey	4 November 1946	
Turkmenistan	17 August 1993	
Tuvalu	21 October 1991	
Uganda	9 November 1962	
Ukraine (formerly Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)	12 May 1954	
United Arab Emirates	20 April 1972	
United Kingdom	1 July 1997	2

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United States of America	1 October 2003	3
Uruguay	8 November 1947	
Uzbekistan	26 October 1993	
Vanuatu	10 February 1994	
Venezuela	25 November 1946	
Yemen Arab Republic	2 April 1962	6
Yugoslavia	31 March 1950	10
Zambia	9 November 1964	
Zimbabwe	22 September 1980	

Reservations (R), Declarations (D) and Objections (O)

O¹ On 14 December 2011 the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as depositary, received an Objection from the Government of the State of Israel to the acceptance of the UNESCO Constitution by Palestine on 23 November, 2011, in the following terms:

“The Government of the State of Israel objects to that accession as it contradicts Article II of the Constitution of UNESCO as well as the established norms and practices of International Law.”

O² On 14 April 2013 the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as depositary, received the following Objection from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine, dated 2 April 2013:

“The Government of the State of Palestine has noted that the communication of Israel of the above-mentioned Constitution contains a declaration with respect to the State of Palestine.
The Government of the State of Palestine considers that such declaration, which is explicitly of a political nature, is incompatible with the purposes and objectives of the Constitution.”

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Notes

- 1 See now separate entries for the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- 2 Previously a State Party with effect from 4 November 1946 until withdrawal on 31 December 1985. Further instrument of Acceptance submitted 1 July 1997.
- 3 Previously a State Party with effect from 4 November 1946 until withdrawal on 31 December 1984. Further instrument of Acceptance submitted 1 October 2003.
- 4 The Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic united to form one sovereign State on 3 October 1990.
- 5 The Russian Federation gave notice on 30 December 1991 that membership of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is continued by the Russian Federation.
- 6 The Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen merged to form the Republic of Yemen on 5 May 1990.
- 7 Previously a State Party from 11 March, 1965 to 31 December 1972.
- 8 Previously a State Party from 4 November 1946 to 31 December 1956.
- 9 Withdrew with effect from 31 December 1985, but re-accepted the Constitution with effect 8 October 2007.
- 10 See also:
 - i. Acceptance of Federal Republic of Yugoslavia with effect 20 December 2000.
 - ii. Acceptance of the Republic of Montenegro with effect from 1 March 2007.From 4 February 2003 to 2 June 2006, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was known as Serbia and Montenegro.
On 3 June 2006, the Republic of Serbia became the continuation state of Serbia and Montenegro.

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Amendments to Articles II (6) and IX of the Constitution proposed at the 28th Session of the UNESCO General Conference (1995): Resolution 20.1

(Subject to acceptance by Member States. Entry into force follows acceptance by two thirds of
Member States)

State	Date of Acceptance
Argentina	8 February 2000
Chile	27 October 1998
Federal Republic of Germany	24 April 1996

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