

UK Depository Status List

Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies (London, Moscow and Washington 27 January 1967)

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List of States which have signed the treaty in London or have deposited instruments of ratification and accession with the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

State	Date of Signature	Date of Deposit of Instrument of Ratification*	Notes
Afghanistan		17 March 1988	2
Australia		10 October 1967	2
Austria	20 February 1967	26 February 1968	
Belgium	27 January 1967	31 March 1973	
Brazil	2 February 1967	5 March 1969	1
Bulgaria	27 January 1967	19 April 1967	
Canada	27 January 1967	10 October 1967	
Chile	3 February 1967		
Cyprus	16 February 1967	5 July 1972	
Czechoslovakia	27 January 1967	11 May 1967	3
Democratic Republic of Congo (signed as Zaire)	4 May 1967		
Denmark	27 January 1967	10 October 1967	
Ecuador	16 May 1967		
Ethiopia	27 January 1967		
Finland	27 January 1967	12 July 1967	
France	25 September 1967	5 August 1970	
The Gambia	2 June 1967		
Germany, Federal Republic of	27 January 1967	10 February 1971	1
Greece		19 January 1971	2
Ghana	3 March 1967		
Holy See	5 April 1967		
Hungary	27 January 1967	26 June 1967	
Iceland	27 January 1967	5 February 1968	
India	3 March 1967	18 January 1982	
Indonesia	14 February 1967	25 June 2002	
Iran	27 January 1967		
Iraq	27 February 1967	23 September 1969	
Ireland	27 January 1967	19 July 1968	
Israel	27 January 1967	1 March 1977	
Italy	27 January 1967	4 May 1972	
Jamaica	29 June 1967	10 August 1970	
Japan	27 January 1967	10 October 1967	
Laos	30 January 1967	15 January 1973	
Lebanon	23 February 1967	31 March 1969	
Luxembourg	31 January 1967	17 January 2006	
Malaysia	21 February 1967		

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Mexico	27 January 1967	31 January 1968	
Myanmar (signed as Burma)	22 May 1967	18 March 1970	
Nepal	6 February 1967	10 October 1967	
Netherlands	10 February 1967	10 October 1969	
New Zealand	27 January 1967	31 May 1968	
Nicaragua	13 February 1967	14 August 2017	9
Niger		17 April 1967	2
Norway	3 February 1967	1 July 1969	
Pakistan	12 September 1967	8 April 1968	
Peru		1 March 1979	2
Philippines	27 January 1967		
Poland	27 January 1967	30 January 1968	
Romania	27 January 1967	9 April 1968	
Russian Federation (signed as Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)	27 January 1967	10 October 1967	
San Marino	24 April 1967	3 February 1969	
Sierra Leone	27 January 1967	25 October 1967	
South Africa		8 October 1968	2
Sri Lanka (signed as Ceylon)	10 March 1967	18 November 1986	
Sweden	27 January 1967	11 October 1967	
Switzerland	27 January 1967	18 December 1969	
Thailand	27 January 1967	5 September 1968	
Trinidad & Tobago	24 July 1967		
Tunisia	27 January 1967	28 March 1968	
Turkey	27 January 1967	27 March 1968	
United Kingdom	27 January 1967	10 October 1967	4, 5
United States of America	27 January 1967	10 October 1967	
Yugoslavia	27 January 1967		7, 8

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Accessions		
State	Date of Deposit of Instrument of Accession*	Notes
Azerbaijan	9 September 2015	
Bangladesh	14 January 1986	
Benin	2 July 1986	
China, People's Republic of	12 January 1984	
Kenya	19 January 1984	
Kuwait	20 June 1972	
Morocco	21 December 1967	
Malta	22 May 2017	
Nigeria	14 November 1967	
Paraguay	22 December 2016	
Portugal	29 May 1996	1,6
Seychelles	5 January 1978	
Singapore	10 September 1976	
Spain	27 November 1968	
Zambia	28 August 1973	

* Article XIV (4) states, "For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited **subsequent to the entry into force of this Treaty, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession**".

Successions		
State	Date of Deposit of Instrument of Succession	
Antigua & Barbuda	26 January 1989	
Bahamas	11 August 1976	
Czech Republic	29 September 1993	1
Fiji	14 August 1972	
Mauritius	21 April 1969	
Papua New Guinea	27 October 1980	
Slovakia	17 May 1993	1
St Vincent & The Grenadines	13 May 1999	
Tonga	7 July 1971	

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Notes	
1	See Declarations and Reservations below.
2	These States did not sign in London.
3	See separate entries for Czech Republic and Slovakia.
4	The United Kingdom's ratification was in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Associated States (Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla and St. Lucia and Territories under the territorial sovereignty of the United Kingdom, as well as the State of Brunei, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the Kingdom of Tonga and the British Solomon Islands Protectorate). See also declarations.
5	Ceased to apply to Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997; Applies to Hong Kong (SAR) with effect from 1 July 1997.
6	Applied to Macao until 19 December 1999.
7	As of 4 February 2003, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia became known as Serbia and Montenegro.
8	On 3 June 2006, the Republic of Serbia became the continuation state of Serbia and Montenegro.
9	Also ratified at Washington, 30 June 2017 and Moscow (date unknown).

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Declarations and Reservations		
Brazil	Declaration	“The Brazilian Government interprets Article 10 of the Treaty as clearly indicating that the granting of tracking facilities by the Parties to the Treaty will depend on an agreement among the interested States.”
China, People’s Republic of	Declaration	“The Government of the People’s Republic of China declares as null and void the signature on and ratification of the said Treaty in Washington on 27 January 1967 and 24 July 1970 respectively by the Taiwan authorities usurping the name of China.”
Czech Republic		<p>In a note dated the 15 September 1993, received on 29 September 1993, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic notified the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the following:</p> <p>“In conformity with the valid principles of international law and to the extent defined by it, the Czech Republic, as a successor State to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, considers itself bound, as of 1 January, i.e. the date of the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, by the multilateral international treaties to which the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic was a party on that date, including reservations and declarations to their provisions made earlier by the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic. From among the treaties deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland this applies to the following:</p> <p>Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies, done at London, Moscow and Washington, January 27, 1967.”</p>
Germany, Federal Republic of	Declaration	(Translation) The above-mentioned Treaty will also apply to Land Berlin with effect from the date it enters into force for the Federal Republic of Germany.
Portugal	Declaration	<p>In a Note dated 3 November 1999 received on 15 November 1999:</p> <p>“In accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Government of the Portuguese Republic and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the Question of Macau, signed on 13 April 1987, the Portuguese Republic will continue to have international responsibility for Macau until 19 December 1999 and from that date onwards the People’s Republic of China will resume the exercise of sovereignty over Macau with effect from 20 December 1999.</p>

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Declarations and Reservations

From 20 December 1999 onwards the Portuguese Republic will cease to be responsible for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the Convention to Macau.”

Slovak Republic Declaration

In a note dated 17 May 1993, received on 17 May 1993, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic notified the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the following:

“In conformity with the valid principles of international law and to the extent defined by it, the Slovak Republic as one of the successor States to the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, considers itself bound, as of 1st January 1993, i.e. the date of the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, by multilateral international treaties to which the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic was a party on that date, including reservations and declarations to their provisions made earlier by the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic. From among the treaties deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland this applies to the following:
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United Kingdom

In a communication dated 14 February 1967 sent to all States recognised by the United Kingdom, Her Majesty's Government recalled their view that if a regime is not recognised as the Government of a State, neither signature nor the deposit of any instrument by it, nor notification of any of those acts will bring about the recognition of that regime by any other State.
At the time of ratification the Government of the United Kingdom declared that "this Treaty will not be applicable in regard to Southern Rhodesia unless and until the Government of the United Kingdom informs the other depository Governments that it is in a position to ensure that the obligations imposed by the Treaty in respect of that territory can be fully implemented."

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