

MEMBERSHIP
OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANISATION

| State | Effective date of Acceptance |
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| Australia | 4 November, 1946 |
| Brazil | 4 November, 1946 |
| Canada | 4 November, 1946 |
| China | 4 November, 1946 |
| Czechoslovakia | 4 November, 1946 (1) |
| Denmark | 4 November, 1946 |
| Dominican Republic | 4 November, 1946 |
| Egypt, Arab Republic of | 4 November, 1946 |
| France | 4 November, 1946 |
| Greece | 4 November, 1946 |
| India | 4 November, 1946 |
| Lebanon | 4 November, 1946 |
| Mexico | 4 November, 1946 |
| New Zealand | 4 November, 1946 |
| Norway | 4 November, 1946 |
| Saudi Arabia | 4 November, 1946 |
| Turkey | 4 November, 1946 |
| United Kingdom | 1 July , 1997 (2) |
| United States of America | 1 October, 2003 (3) |
| Poland | 6 November, 1946 |
| Bolivia | 13 November, 1946 |
| Syria | 16 November, 1946 |
| Haiti | 18 November, 1946 |
| Peru | 21 November, 1946 |
| Philippines | 21 November, 1946 |
| Venezuela | 25 November, 1946 |
| Belgium | 29 November, 1946 |
| Netherlands | 1 January, 1947 |
| Ecuador | 22 January, 1947 |
| Liberia | 6 March, 1947 |
| Cuba | 29 August, 1947 |
| Luxembourg | 27 October, 1947 |
| Colombia | 31 October, 1947 |
| Uruguay | 8 November, 1947 |
| Honduras | 16 December, 1947 |
| Italy | 27 January, 1948 |
| El Salvador | 28 April, 1948 |
| Afghanistan | 4 May, 1948 |
| Austria | 13 August, 1948 |
| Iran | 6 September, 1948 |
| Hungary | 14 September, 1948 |
| Argentine Republic | 15 September, 1948 |
| Iraq | 21 October, 1948 |
| Thailand | 1 January, 1949 |
| Switzerland | 28 January, 1949 |
| Myanmar (formerly Burma) | 27 June, 1949 |

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| Monaco | 6 July, 1949 |
| Pakistan | 14 September, 1949 |
| Israel | 16 September, 1949 (O) [See below] |
| Sri Lanka | 14 November, 1949 |
| Guatemala | 2 January, 1950 |
| Panama | 10 January, 1950 |
| Sweden | 23 January, 1950 |
| Yugoslavia | 31 March, 1950 (10) |
| Costa Rica | 19 May, 1950 |
| Indonesia | 27 May, 1950 |
| Jordan | 14 June, 1950 |
| Korea, Republic of | 14 June, 1950 |
| Japan | 2 July, 1951 |
| Cambodia | 3 July, 1951 |
| Republic of Vietnam | 6 July, 1951 |
| Laos | 9 July, 1951 |
| Germany, Federal Republic of | 11 July, 1951 (4) |
| Nicaragua | 22 February, 1952 |
| Spain | 30 January, 1953 |
| Nepal | 1 May, 1953 |
| Libya | 27 June, 1953 |
| Chile | 7 July, 1953 |
| Russian Federation (formerly Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) | 21 April, 1954 (5) |
| Belarus (formerly Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic) | 12 May, 1954 |
| Ukraine (formerly Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic) | 12 May, 1954 |
| Paraguay | 20 June, 1955 |
| Ethiopia | 1 July, 1955 |
| Bulgaria | 17 May, 1956 |
| Romania | 27 July, 1956 |
| Finland | 10 October, 1956 |
| Morocco | 7 November, 1956 |
| Tunisia | 8 November, 1956 |
| Sudan | 26 November, 1956 |
| Ghana | 11 April, 1958 |
| Malaysia | 16 June, 1958 |
| Albania | 16 October, 1958 |
| Guinea | 2 February, 1960 |
| Benin (formerly Dahomey) | 18 October, 1960 |
| Congo, People's Republic of | 24 October, 1960 |
| Cote d'Ivoire (formerly Ivory Coast) | 27 October, 1960 |
| Mali | 7 November, 1960 |
| Senegal | 10 November, 1960 |
| Niger | 10 November, 1960 |
| Malagasy Republic | 10 November, 1960 |
| Cameroon | 11 November, 1960 |

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| Central African Republic | 11 November, 1960 |
| Nigeria | 14 November, 1960 |
| Burkina (formerly Upper Volta) | 14 November, 1960 |
| Somali Democratic Republic | 15 November, 1960 |
| Gabon | 16 November, 1960 |
| Togo | 17 November, 1960 |
| Kuwait | 18 November, 1960 |
| Zaire | 25 November, 1960 |
| Chad | 19 December, 1960 |
| Cyprus | 6 February, 1961 |
| Ireland | 3 October, 1961 |
| Mauretania | 10 January, 1962 |
| Tanzania | 6 March, 1962 |
| Sierra Leone | 28 March, 1962 |
| Yemen Arab Republic | 2 April, 1962 (6) |
| Algeria | 15 October, 1962 |
| Mongolia | 1 November, 1962 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 2 November, 1962 |
| Jamaica | 7 November, 1962 |
| Rwanda | 7 November, 1962 |
| Uganda | 9 November, 1962 |
| Burundi | 16 November, 1962 |
| Kenya | 7 April, 1964 |
| Iceland | 8 June, 1964 |
| Malawi | 27 October, 1964 |
| Zambia | 9 November, 1964 |
| Malta | 10 February, 1965 |
| Singapore | 28 October, 1965 (9) |
| Guyana | 21 March, 1967 |
| Lesotho | 29 September, 1967 |
| People's Democratic Republic of Yemen | 15 October, 1968 (6) |
| Barbados | 24 October, 1968 |
| Mauritius | 25 October, 1968 |
| Bahrain | 18 January, 1972 |
| Qatar | 27 January, 1972 |
| Oman | 10 February, 1972 |
| United Arab Emirates | 20 April, 1972 |
| Bangladesh | 27 October, 1972 |
| German Democratic Republic | 24 November, 1972 (4) |
| The Gambia | 1 August, 1973 |
| Portugal | 11 September, 1974 (7) |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 18 October, 1974 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 1 November, 1974 |
| San Marino | 12 November, 1974 |
| Grenada | 17 February, 1975 |
| Surinam | 16 July, 1976 |
| Papua New Guinea | 4 October, 1976 |
| Mozambique | 11 October, 1976 |
| Seychelles | 18 October, 1976 |

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| Angola | 11 March, 1977 |
| The Comoros | 22 March, 1977 |
| Swaziland | 25 January, 1978 |
| Cape Verde | 15 February, 1978 |
| Namibia (formerly United Nations Council for Namibia) | 2 November, 1978 |
| Dominica | 9 January, 1979 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 29 November, 1979 |
| Botswana | 16 January, 1980 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 22 January, 1980 |
| St. Lucia | 6 March, 1980 |
| Maldives | 18 July, 1980 |
| Zimbabwe | 22 September, 1980 |
| Tonga | 29 September, 1980 |
| Western Samoa | 3 April, 1981 |
| Bahamas | 23 April, 1981 |
| Bhutan | 13 April, 1982 |
| Belize | 10 May, 1982 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 15 July, 1982 |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | 14 January, 1983 |
| Fiji | 14 July, 1983 |
| St. Christopher and Nevis | 26 October, 1983 |
| Djibouti | 31 August, 1989 |
| Kiribati | 24 October, 1989 |
| The Cook Islands | 25 October, 1989 |
| Lithuania | 7 October, 1991 |
| Estonia | 14 October, 1991 |
| Latvia | 14 October, 1991 |
| Tuvalu | 21 October, 1991 |
| Kazakhstan | 22 May, 1992 |
| Slovenia | 27 May, 1992 |
| Moldova | 27 May, 1992 |
| Croatia | 1 June, 1992 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 2 June, 1992 |
| Azerbaijan | 3 June, 1992 |
| Armenia | 9 June, 1992 |
| Georgia | 7 October, 1992 |
| Slovakia | 9 February, 1993 |
| Czech Republic | 22 February, 1993 |
| Tajikistan | 6 April, 1993 |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 2 June, 1993 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 28 June, 1993 |
| Turkmenistan | 17 August, 1993 |
| Eritrea | 2 September, 1993 |
| Solomon Islands | 7 September, 1993 |
| Andorra | 20 October, 1993 |
| Uzbekistan | 26 October, 1993 |
| Niue | 26 October, 1993 |

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Vanuatu | 10 February, 1994 |
| South Africa | 12 December, 1994 (8) |
| Marshall Islands | 30 June, 1995 |
| Nauru | 17 October, 1996 |
| Palau | 20 September, 1999 |
| Micronesia | 19 October, 1999 |
| Federal Republic of Yugoslavia | 20 December, 2000 |
| Timor-Leste (East Timor) | 5 June, 2003 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 17 March, 2005 |
| Montenegro | 1 March, 2007 |
| Republic of South Sudan | 27 October, 2011 |
| Palestine | 23 November, 2011 |

RESERVATIONS (R) , DECLARATIONS (D) AND OBJECTIONS (O)

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."

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 re-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: Acceptance of Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (with effect 20 December 2000).
From 4 February 2003 to 2 June 2006, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was known as 'Serbia and Montenegro'
From 3 June 2006, the Republic of Serbia became the continuation State of 'Serbia and Montenegro'
See Also: Acceptance of the Republic of Montenegro (with effect 1 March, 2007).

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 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Germany, Federal Republic of | 24 April, 1996 |
| Chile | 27 October, 1998 |
| Argentina | 8 February, 2000 |

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