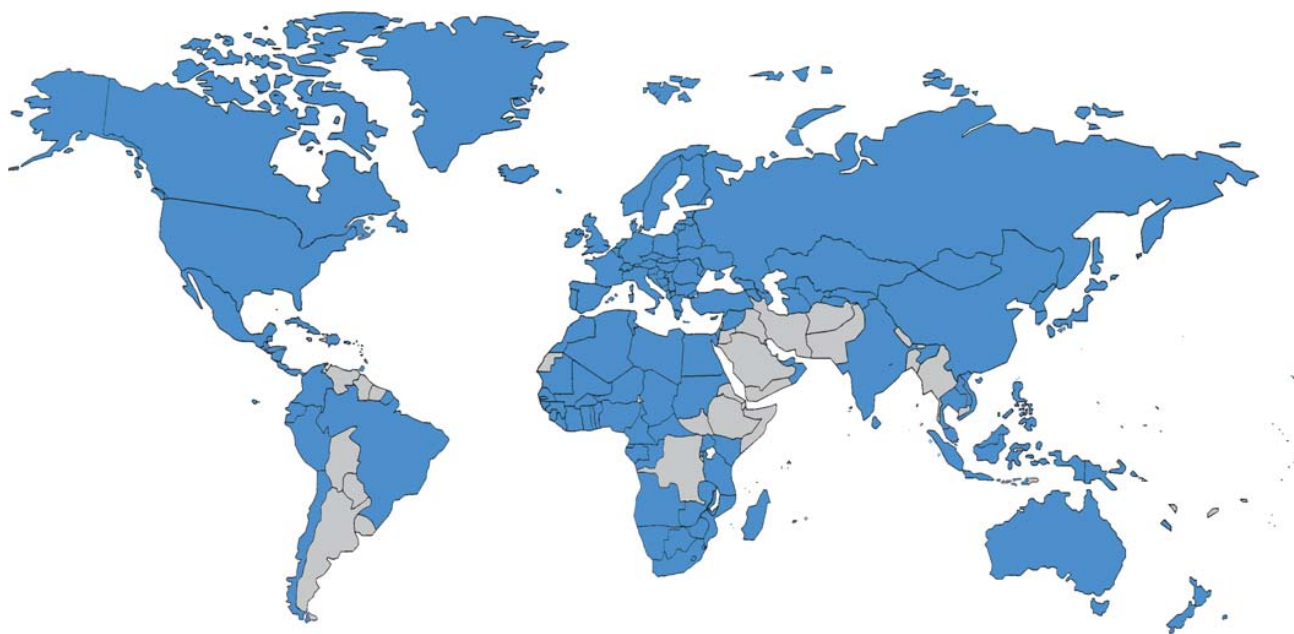


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AL Albania (EP) <sup>1,2</sup>	CU Cuba	IS Iceland (EP)	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>3</sup>	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>3</sup>	IT Italy (EP) <sup>3</sup>	MT Malta (EP) <sup>3</sup>	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AO Angola	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	JP Japan	MW Malawi (AP)	SM San Marino (EP)
AT Austria (EP)	DE Germany (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MX Mexico	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>3</sup>
AU Australia	DK Denmark (EP)	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MY Malaysia	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DM Dominica	KM Comoros	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SV El Salvador
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>2</sup>	DO Dominican Republic	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	NA Namibia (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
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BE Belgium (EP) <sup>3</sup>	EC Ecuador	KR Republic of Korea	NG Nigeria	TD Chad (OA) <sup>3</sup>
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BG Bulgaria (EP)	EG Egypt	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NL Netherlands (EP) <sup>3</sup>	TH Thailand
BH Bahrain	ES Spain (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NO Norway (EP)	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
BJ Benin (OA) <sup>3</sup>	FI Finland (EP)	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NZ New Zealand	TM Turkmenistan (EA)
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BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>3</sup>	LS Lesotho (AP)	<b>PA Panama</b> (from 7 September 2012)	TR Turkey (EP)
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BZ Belize	GH Ghana (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) <sup>3</sup>	PH Philippines	UA Ukraine
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