

## REPORT (2011) OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STATE TRADING ENTERPRISES

### I. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE WORKING PARTY

1. The Working Party on State Trading Enterprises was established by the Council for Trade in Goods at its meeting of 20 February 1995, pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XVII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (hereinafter "the Understanding"). Membership of the Working Party is open to all Members indicating their wish to serve on it. Observer governments in the General Council of the WTO have observer status in the Working Party. During the period under review (19 October 2010 to 27 October 2011, i.e. the period of time between the regular, annual meetings of the Working Party), Mr Christian FRESARD (Chile) assumed the Chairpersonship of the Working Party from Ms Doris JURADO (Colombia). Mr FRESARD was appointed Chair by the Council for Trade in Goods at its meeting on 21 March 2011.

2. The mandate of the Working Party, as set out in paragraph 5 of the Understanding, is: (i) to review notifications and counter-notifications on state trading; (ii) to review, in the light of the notifications received, the adequacy of the questionnaire on state trading (BISD 9S/184) and the coverage of state trading enterprises notified under paragraph 1 of the Understanding; and (iii) to develop an illustrative list showing the kinds of relationships between governments and enterprises, and the kinds of activities engaged in by these enterprises, which may be relevant for the purposes of Article XVII of the GATT 1994. Regarding the review of notifications, the Working Party having completed the mandated revision of the questionnaire on state trading, now reviews notifications in light of the questionnaire adopted on 2 April 1998 (G/STR/3) and revised on 14 November 2003 (G/STR/3/Rev.1). The notifications reviewed for the current period are listed below in paragraph 8. Regarding the Illustrative List of State Trading Relationships and Activities, the Working Party completed its mandate with the adoption of the Illustrative List by the Council for Trade in Goods on 15 October 1999 (G/STR/4).

3. This Report is submitted under paragraph 5 of the Understanding. It sets out the activities of the Working Party during the period under review.

4. Participants in the Working Party's meetings to date are: Angola; Argentina; Australia; Bahrain, Kingdom of; Bangladesh; Barbados; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Burundi; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Costa Rica; Cuba; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; European Union<sup>1</sup>; Guatemala; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Israel; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kenya; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Korea; Macao, China; Malaysia; Mauritius; Mexico; Morocco; New Zealand; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Singapore; South Africa; Switzerland; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey;

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<sup>1</sup> The European Union and its 27 Member States are counted as one.

Ukraine; United States; Uruguay; Viet Nam; Zambia; and Zimbabwe. Ethiopia; Iran; Russian Federation; and Sudan have participated as observers.

5. Following the regular meeting held on 19 October 2010, the Working Party held one regular meeting during the period under review. The regular meeting was held on 27 October 2011, and its minutes will be circulated in document G/STR/M/22.

6. The next regular meeting of the Working Party is scheduled for 2012.

## **II. NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW OF MEMBERS' STATE TRADING ACTIVITIES**

7. Article XVII:4 of GATT 1994, and paragraph 1 of the Understanding require Members to notify their state trading enterprises to the Council for Trade in Goods. New and full notifications were first required in 1995 and, subsequently, every third year thereafter, while updating notifications were to be made in the intervening years, indicating any changes since the last new and full notification. On 11 November 2003, the Working Party adopted the recommendation contained in document G/STR/5 regarding the frequency of notifications. The said recommendation, approved by the Council for Trade in Goods on 26 November 2003, modified the periodicity of state trading notifications so that new and full notifications on state trading were due every two years instead of every three years and the requirement of updating notifications in the intervening years was eliminated (i.e. the notification burden was reduced). On 3 October 2008 the Working Party recommended to the Council for Trade in Goods that the application of the recommendation contained in G/STR/5 be extended for a further period of two years. A recommendation to that effect was subsequently circulated as G/STR/6. Informal consultations were held on 29 April 2010 to review the frequency of notifications and decide whether to extend the application of the recommendation in G/STR/6 either as presently drafted or in a modified form, for a further period. The Working Party was not able to reach a conclusion. The Chair consulted with Members bilaterally, drafted a recommendation and circulated it for comments and then called a formal meeting on 16 June 2010. The recommendation was adopted as G/STR/7. Informal consultations will be held prior to 30 June 2012 to review the frequency of notifications with a view to determining whether to extend the application of the recommendation in G/STR/7, either as presently drafted or in a modified form, for a further period or for an indefinite period.

8. In the period under review 7 updating notifications and 11 new and full notifications were received. The Working Party reviewed all of these notifications at its regular meeting on 27 October 2011, and also reviewed a new and full notification from Japan<sup>2</sup> previously submitted and reviewed, but placed again on the agenda at the request of Australia, due to the short timeframe between the circulation of Japan's notification and the October 2010 meeting of the Working Party. The notifications reviewed were as follows: the 2010 new and full notifications from Bahrain, Kingdom of; Egypt; Japan; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Moldova; New Zealand and Nigeria; the 2008 new and full notifications from Bahrain, Kingdom of and Moldova; the 2006, 2004 and 2001 new and full notifications from Bahrain, Kingdom of; the 2003 and 2002 updating notifications from Bahrain and Korea; and the 2000, 1999 and 1997 updating notifications from Korea.

9. At the regular meeting of the Working Party, Australia and the European Union posed written questions relating to Japan's new and full notification submitted in document G/STR/N/13/JPN<sup>3</sup>; the European Union posed written questions relating to New Zealand's new and full notification submitted in document G/STR/N/13/NZL<sup>4</sup>; and Australia posed written questions relating to Korea's

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<sup>2</sup> G/STR/N/13/JPN.

<sup>3</sup> G/STR/Q1/JPN/15 and G/STR/Q1/JPN/16.

<sup>4</sup> G/STR/Q1/NZL/6.

updating notifications submitted in documents G/STR/N/3/KOR, G/STR/N/5/KOR, G/STR/N/6/KOR, G/STR/N/8/KOR, and G/STR/N/9/KOR.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, Australia circulated written questions requesting China and Brazil to inform the Working Party of when they expected to submit outstanding notifications, asking both Brazil and China to provide written responses.<sup>6</sup>

10. The Working Party adopted its Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods for the year 2011.

### **III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE NOTIFICATION OBLIGATION**

11. As of 27 October 2011, 28 notifications (out of a possible 126 notifications) have been received for the 2010 notification period (G/STR/N/13) and 38 notifications (out of a possible 126 notifications) for the 2008 notification period (G/STR/12). More detailed information with respect to the status of notifications since 1995 is set out in the table found attached to this report (along with the Membership list of the WTO, also attached).

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<sup>5</sup> G/STR/Q1/KOR/11.

<sup>6</sup> G/STR/Q1/BRA/7 and G/STR/Q1/CHN/1.

Table 1

**NOTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY WTO MEMBERS UNDER ARTICLE XVII:4(A)  
OF THE GATT 1994 AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE UNDERSTANDING ON THE  
INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE XVII OF THE GATT 1994**

Status as of 27 October 2011<sup>7</sup>

Member	New and Full Notification (1995) G/STR/N/1	Updating Notification (1996) G/STR/N/2	Updating Notification (1997) G/STR/N/3	New and Full Notification (1998) G/STR/N/4	Updating Notification (1999) G/STR/N/5	Updating Notification (2000) G/STR/N/6	New and Full Notification (2001) G/STR/N/7	Updating Notification (2002) G/STR/N/8	Updating Notification (2003) G/STR/N/9	New and Full Notification (2004) G/STR/N/10	New and Full Notification (2006) G/STR/N/11	New and Full Notification (2008) G/STR/N/12	New and Full Notification (2010) G/STR/N/13
Albania (ALB)	*	*	*	*	*	A				N	N	N	
Angola (AGO)	*	A											
Antigua and Barbuda (ATG)	A												
Argentina (ARG)	A N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
Armenia (ARM)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	N	N	N	
Australia (AUS)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bahrain, Kingdom of (BHR)	A			X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Bangladesh (BGD)	A												
Barbados (BRB)	A X												

<sup>7</sup> "X" indicates that a notification has been made.

"N" indicates that a nil notification has been made.

"\*" indicates that the country/customs territory was not yet a Member of the WTO.

"A" indicates the year in which the WTO Agreement entered into force for that Member.

"§" indicates that the country in question is currently a member of the European Union.

The shaded boxes indicate that the corresponding notification was submitted by the European Union (formerly the EC). For N13 the shaded box indicates that the corresponding notification was the obligation of the European Union.

Member	New and Full Notification (1995) G/STR/N/1	Updating Notification (1996) G/STR/N/2	Updating Notification (1997) G/STR/N/3	New and Full Notification (1998) G/STR/N/4	Updating Notification (1999) G/STR/N/5	Updating Notification (2000) G/STR/N/6	New and Full Notification (2001) G/STR/N/7	Updating Notification (2002) G/STR/N/8	Updating Notification (2003) G/STR/N/9	New and Full Notification (2004) G/STR/N/10	New and Full Notification (2006) G/STR/N/11	New and Full Notification (2008) G/STR/N/12	New and Full Notification (2010) G/STR/N/13
Belize (BLZ)	A												
Benin (BEN)	*	A											
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (VEN)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Plurinational State of Bolivia (BOL)	A				N	N	N						
Botswana (BWA)	A N												
Brazil (BRA)	A X		X										
Brunei Darussalam (BRN)	A												
Bulgaria (BGR) <sup>8§</sup>	N	A					N	N		N			
Burkina Faso (BFA)	A												
Burundi (BDI)	A						N						
Cambodia (KHM)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A			
Cameroon (CMR)	A												
Canada (CAN)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cape Verde (CPV)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	
Central African Republic (CAF)	A												

<sup>8</sup> This Member became a member State of the European Union on 1 January 2007. See also last sentence in footnote 1.

Member	New and Full Notification (1995) G/STR/N/1	Updating Notification (1996) G/STR/N/2	Updating Notification (1997) G/STR/N/3	New and Full Notification (1998) G/STR/N/4	Updating Notification (1999) G/STR/N/5	Updating Notification (2000) G/STR/N/6	New and Full Notification (2001) G/STR/N/7	Updating Notification (2002) G/STR/N/8	Updating Notification (2003) G/STR/N/9	New and Full Notification (2004) G/STR/N/10	New and Full Notification (2006) G/STR/N/11	New and Full Notification (2008) G/STR/N/12	New and Full Notification (2010) G/STR/N/13
Chad (TCD)	*	A		N	N	N	N						
Chile (CHL)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
China (CHN)	*	*	*	*	*	*	A X	X	X				
Colombia (COL)	A X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Costa Rica (CRI)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Côte d'Ivoire (CIV)	A X												
Croatia (HRV)	*	*	*	*	*	A		N	N	N	N	N	
Cuba (CUB)	A												
Cyprus (CYP) <sup>9</sup> §	A X						N	N	N				
Czech Republic (CZE) <sup>3</sup> §	A X	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			
Democratic Republic of the Congo (COD)	*	*	A										
Djibouti (DJI)	A												
Dominica (DMA)	A			X	X	X							
Dominican Republic (DOM)	A												
Ecuador (ECU)	*	AN	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

<sup>9</sup> This Member became a member State of the European Union on 1 May 2004. See also last sentence in footnote 1.

Member	New and Full Notification (1995) G/STR/N/1	Updating Notification (1996) G/STR/N/2	Updating Notification (1997) G/STR/N/3	New and Full Notification (1998) G/STR/N/4	Updating Notification (1999) G/STR/N/5	Updating Notification (2000) G/STR/N/6	New and Full Notification (2001) G/STR/N/7	Updating Notification (2002) G/STR/N/8	Updating Notification (2003) G/STR/N/9	New and Full Notification (2004) G/STR/N/10	New and Full Notification (2006) G/STR/N/11	New and Full Notification (2008) G/STR/N/12	New and Full Notification (2010) G/STR/N/13
Egypt (EGY)	A			N									N
El Salvador (SLV)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Estonia (EST) <sup>3</sup> §	*	*	*	*	A		N	N	N				
European Union (EU)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N	
Fiji (FJI)	*	A		X									
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MKD)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A	N			
Gabon (GAB)	A												
Gambia (GMB)	N	A											
Georgia (GEO)	*	*	*	*	*	A	N	N					
Ghana (GHA)	A						N			N			
Grenada (GRD)	*	A											X
Guatemala (GTM)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N					
Guinea, Republic of (GIN)	A N						N	N	N				
Guinea Bissau (GNB)	A												
Guyana (GUY)	A												
Haiti (HTI)	N	A N	N	N	N	N							
Honduras (HND)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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Hong Kong, China (HKG)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Hungary (HUN) <sup>3</sup> §	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				
Iceland (ISL)	A X			X	X								
India (IND)	A X						X	X	X	X	X		
Indonesia (IDN)	A X	X		N			X	X		X	X	X	
Israel (ISR)	A X												
Jamaica (JAM)	A X		X				N					X	
Japan (JPN)	A X	X	X	X			X			X	X	X	X
Jordan (JOR)	*	*	*	X	X	A X	X	X	X				
Kenya (KEN)	A										N		
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (SAU) <sup>10</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	N	N	N
Korea, Republic of (KOR)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kuwait (KWT)	A												
Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ)	*	*	*	A									
Latvia (LVA) <sup>3</sup> §	*	*	*	X	A X	N	N	N	N	N			
Lesotho (LSO)	A												

<sup>10</sup> Saudi Arabia became a Member of the WTO on 11 December 2005.



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Liechtenstein (LIE)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Lithuania (LTU) <sup>3</sup> §	*	*	*	*	*	*	A X						
Macao, China (MAC)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Madagascar (MDG)	A												
Malawi (MWI)	A												
Malaysia (MYS)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Maldives (MDV)	A												
Mali (MLI)	A												
Malta (MLT) <sup>3</sup> §	A X			X	X	X	X	X					
Mauritania (MRT)	A												
Mauritius (MUS)	A X	X	X					X					
Mexico (MEX)	A N	N	N	N	N	N							
Moldova (MDA)	*	*	*	*	*	*	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Mongolia (MNG)	*	*	A	N	N	N	N						
Morocco (MAR)	A X												
Mozambique (MOZ)	A											N	
Myanmar (MYN)	A												
Namibia (NAM)	A X			X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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Nepal (NPL)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A			
New Zealand (NZL)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Nicaragua (NIC)	A												
Niger (NER)	*	A											
Nigeria (NGA)	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				N	N
Norway (NOR)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Oman (OMN)	*	*	*	*	*	A	X		X				
Pakistan (PAK)	A N		N	N	N	N	N	N	N				
Panama (PAN)	*	*	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			
Papua New Guinea (PNG)	*	A											
Paraguay (PRY)	A			X									
Peru (PER)	A X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N	N	N			
Philippines (PHL)	A X	X		X	X	X	X						
Poland (POL) <sup>3</sup> §	A X			N	N	N	N	N	N				
Qatar (QAT)	N	A			N					N	N	N	N
Romania (ROU) <sup>2</sup> §	A N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Rwanda (RWA)	*	A											
Saint Kitts & Nevis (KNA)	*	A											

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Saint Lucia (LCA)	A												
Saint Vincent & Grenadines (VCT)	A			X	X	X							
Senegal (SEN)	A												
Sierra Leone (SLE)	A												
Singapore (SGP)	A N	N	N	N	N	N			N	N	N	N	N
Slovak Republic (SVK) <sup>3§</sup>	A X	X	X	X	X	N	N	N	N				
Slovenia (SVN) <sup>3§</sup>	A X	X	X	X	X	N	N	N	N				
Solomon Islands (SLB)	*	A											
South Africa (ZAF)	A X	X	X	N	N	N	N	N					
Sri Lanka (LKA)	A												
Suriname (SUR)	A									N	N	N	
Swaziland (SWZ)	A												
Switzerland (CHE)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (TPKM)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A X	X	X	X	X	X
Tanzania (TZA)	A												
Thailand (THA)	A X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	
Togo (TGO)	A												
Tonga (TON) <sup>11</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Trinidad & Tobago (TTO)	A			X						X	X	X	X
Tunisia (TUN)	A X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Turkey (TUR)	A X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Uganda (UGA)	A			N	N	N				N			
Ukraine (UKR)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	A X	X
United Arab Emirates (ARE)	N	A											
United States (USA)	A X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Uruguay (URY)	A X		X										

<sup>11</sup> Tonga became a Member of the WTO on 27 July 2007.

Member	New and Full Notification (1995) G/STR/N/1	Updating Notification (1996) G/STR/N/2	Updating Notification (1997) G/STR/N/3	New and Full Notification (1998) G/STR/N/4	Updating Notification (1999) G/STR/N/5	Updating Notification (2000) G/STR/N/6	New and Full Notification (2001) G/STR/N/7	Updating Notification (2002) G/STR/N/8	Updating Notification (2003) G/STR/N/9	New and Full Notification (2004) G/STR/N/10	New and Full Notification (2006) G/STR/N/11	New and Full Notification (2008) G/STR/N/12	New and Full Notification (2010) G/STR/N/13
Viet Nam (VNM) <sup>12</sup>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Zambia (ZMB)	A N			N	N		N	N	N	N	N		
Zimbabwe (ZWE)	A										N	N	
<b>Number of Notifying Members/ Total Number of Members<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>59/97</b>	<b>36/113</b>	<b>40/116</b>	<b>56/118</b>	<b>51/120</b>	<b>48/125</b>	<b>60/128</b>	<b>51/129</b>	<b>43/131</b>	<b>44/123</b>	<b>37/124</b>	<b>38/126</b>	<b>28/126</b>

<sup>12</sup> Viet Nam became a Member of the WTO on 11 January 2007.

<sup>13</sup> The numerator and denominator used for the years 1995-2003 reflect the fact that, for each notification obligation, the European Union (formerly the EC) submitted a single notification that covered all of its then 15 member States. As Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia became member States of the European Union on 1 May 2004, they were counted separately in this table and not as part of the European Union, for the period 1995-2003. The numerator and the denominator used for the years 2004 and 2006 count the European Union and its then 25 member States as one; while the numerator and the denominator used for the year 2008 count the European Union and its 27 member States as one. The total number of Members of the World Trade Organization is currently 153.

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

### Revision

Upon the accession of Cape Verde, on **23 July 2008**, the number of Members of the World Trade Organization will have reached **153**. The following is the list of Members, together with the effective dates of their membership:

<u>Government</u>	<u>Entry into Force/ Membership</u>
Albania .....	8 September 2000
Angola .....	23 November 1996
Antigua and Barbuda .....	1 January 1995
Argentina .....	1 January 1995
Armenia .....	5 February 2003
Australia .....	1 January 1995
Austria .....	1 January 1995
Bahrain , Kingdom of .....	1 January 1995
Bangladesh .....	1 January 1995
Barbados .....	1 January 1995
Belgium .....	1 January 1995
Belize .....	1 January 1995
Benin .....	22 February 1996
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela .....	1 January 1995
Bolivia .....	12 September 1995
Botswana .....	31 May 1995
Brazil .....	1 January 1995
Brunei Darussalam .....	1 January 1995
Bulgaria .....	1 December 1996
Burkina Faso .....	3 June 1995
Burundi .....	23 July 1995
Cambodia .....	13 October 2004
Cameroon .....	13 December 1995
Canada .....	1 January 1995
Cape Verde .....	23 July 2008
Central African Republic .....	31 May 1995
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China .....	11 December 2001
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Croatia .....	30 November 2000
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Czech Republic .....	1 January 1995
Democratic Republic of the Congo .....	1 January 1997
Denmark .....	1 January 1995
Djibouti .....	31 May 1995
Dominica .....	1 January 1995
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Egypt .....	30 June 1995
El Salvador .....	7 May 1995
Estonia .....	13 November 1999
European Communities .....	1 January 1995
Fiji .....	14 January 1996
Finland .....	1 January 1995
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia .....	4 April 2003
France .....	1 January 1995
Gabon .....	1 January 1995
The Gambia .....	23 October 1996
Georgia .....	14 June 2000
Germany .....	1 January 1995
Ghana .....	1 January 1995
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Honduras .....	1 January 1995
Hong Kong, China .....	1 January 1995
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Italy .....	1 January 1995
Jamaica .....	9 March 1995
Japan .....	1 January 1995
Jordan .....	11 April 2000
Kenya .....	1 January 1995
Korea, Republic of .....	1 January 1995
Kuwait .....	1 January 1995
Kyrgyz Republic .....	20 December 1998
Latvia .....	10 February 1999
Lesotho .....	31 May 1995
Liechtenstein .....	1 September 1995
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Maldives .....	31 May 1995
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Mexico .....	1 January 1995
Moldova .....	26 July 2001
Mongolia .....	29 January 1997
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Netherlands - For the Kingdom in Europe and for the Netherlands Antilles .....	1 January 1995
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Niger .....	13 December 1996
Nigeria .....	1 January 1995
Norway .....	1 January 1995
Oman .....	9 November 2000
Pakistan .....	1 January 1995
Panama .....	6 September 1997
Papua New Guinea.....	9 June 1996
Paraguay .....	1 January 1995
Peru .....	1 January 1995
Philippines.....	1 January 1995
Poland .....	1 July 1995
Portugal .....	1 January 1995
Qatar .....	13 January 1996
Romania .....	1 January 1995
Rwanda.....	22 May 1996
Saint Kitts and Nevis .....	21 February 1996
Saint Lucia.....	1 January 1995
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines .....	1 January 1995
Saudi Arabia.....	11 December 2005
Senegal .....	1 January 1995
Sierra Leone .....	23 July 1995
Singapore.....	1 January 1995
Slovak Republic .....	1 January 1995
Slovenia .....	30 July 1995
Solomon Islands .....	26 July 1996
South Africa .....	1 January 1995
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Sweden .....	1 January 1995
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Thailand.....	1 January 1995
Togo .....	31 May 1995
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Trinidad and Tobago.....	1 March 1995
Tunisia .....	29 March 1995
Turkey .....	26 March 1995
Uganda .....	1 January 1995
Ukraine .....	16 May 2008
United Arab Emirates .....	10 April 1996
United Kingdom.....	1 January 1995
United States of America .....	1 January 1995
Uruguay.....	1 January 1995
Viet Nam .....	11 January 2007
Zambia .....	1 January 1995
Zimbabwe.....	5 March 1995

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