

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

(Entered into force on 10 October, 1967)

List of States which have signed the Treaty in London
and have deposited instruments of ratification and
accession with the Government of the United Kingdom

State	Date of Signature	Date of Deposit of Instrument of Ratification*
Afghanistan ²		17 March, 1988
Australia ²		10 October, 1967
Austria	20 February, 1967	26 February, 1968
Belgium	27 January, 1967	31 March, 1973
Brazil ¹	2 February, 1967	5 March, 1969
Bulgaria	27 January, 1967	19 April, 1967
Burma	22 May, 1967	18 March, 1970
Canada	27 January, 1967	10 October, 1967
Chile	3 February, 1967	
Cyprus	16 February, 1967	5 July, 1972
Czechoslovakia ³	27 January, 1967	11 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
Gambia, The	2 June, 1967	
Germany, Federal Republic of ¹	27 January, 1967	10 February, 1971 19 January, 1971
Greece 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	
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

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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	
Mexico	27 January, 1967	31 January, 1968
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	
Niger ²		17 April, 1967
Norway	3 February, 1967	1 July, 1969
Pakistan	12 September, 1967	8 April, 1968
Peru ²		1 March, 1979
Philippines	27 January, 1967	
Poland	27 January, 1967	30 January, 1968
Romania	27 January, 1967	9 April, 1968
Russian Federation (formerly 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 ²		8 October, 1968
Sri Lanka (formerly 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 ^{1, 5}	27 January, 1967	10 October, 1967 ⁴
United States of America	27 January, 1967	10 October, 1967
Yugoslavia ⁷	27 January, 1967	
Zaire (formerly Congo (Kinshasa))	4 May, 1967	

ACCESSIONS

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

SUCCESSIONS

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

*. 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".

Notes:

- 1 See Declarations and Reservations.
2. These States did not sign in London.
3. See now separate entries for the 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 wef 1 July 1997.
Applies to Hong Kong (SAR) wef 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'

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

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:

"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:

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.

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.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

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.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC (Cont.d)

From among the treaties deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland this applies to the following:

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 on 27 January 1967."

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."