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# Status on August 1, 2023

State/IGO	Date on which State/IGO became party to the Agreement	Date on which State became party to the Hague Act <sup>3</sup>	Date on which State became party to the Complementary Act of Stockholm	Date on which State/IGO became party to the Geneva Act
African Intellectual Property				
Organization (OAPI)	September 16, 2008	_	-	September 16, 2008
Albania	March 19, 2007	March 19, 2007	March 19, 2007	May 19, 2007
Armenia	July 13, 2007	_	_	July 13, 2007
Azerbaijan	December 8, 2010	_	_	December 8, 2010
Belarus	July 19, 2021	_	_	July 19, 2021
Belgium <sup>5</sup>	April 1, 1979	August 1, 1984	May 28, 1979	December 18, 2018
Belize	July 12, 2003	July 12, 2003	July 12, 2003	February 9, 2019
Benin	November 2, 1986	November 2, 1986	January 2, 1987	_
Bosnia and Herzegovina	December 24, 2008		_	December 24, 2008
Botswana	December 5, 2006	_	_	December 5, 2006
Brazil	August 1, 2023	_	_	August 1, 2023
Brunei Darussalam	December 24, 2013	_	_	December 24, 2013
Bulgaria	December 11, 1996	December 11, 1996	December 11, 1996	October 7, 2008
Cambodia	February 25, 2017	_	_	February 25, 2017
Canada	November 5, 2018	_	_	November 5, 2018
China <sup>6</sup>	May 5, 2022	_	_	May 5, 2022
Côte d'Ivoire	May 30, 1993	May 30, 1993	May 30, 1993	
Croatia	February 12, 2004	February 12, 2004	February 12, 2004	April 12, 2004
Democratic People's	1001uary 12, 2001	1 columy 12, 2001	1 cordary 12, 2001	April 12, 2001
Republic of Korea	May 27, 1992	May 27, 1992	May 27, 1992	September 13, 2016
Denmark	December 9, 2008		-	December 9, 2008 <sup>7</sup>
Egypt	July 1, 1952	_	_	August 27, 2004
Estonia	December 23, 2003	_	_	December 23, 2003
European Union	January 1, 2008	_	_	January 1, 2008
Finland	May 1, 2011	_	_	May 1, 2011
France <sup>8</sup>	October 20, 1930	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	March 18, 2007
Gabon	August 18, 2003	August 18, 2003	August 18, 2003	
Georgia	August 1, 2003	August 1, 2003	August 1, 2003	December 23, 2003
Germany	June 1, 1928	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	February 13, 2010
Ghana	September 16, 2008	Mugust 1, 1904	September 27, 1975	September 16, 2008
Greece	April 18, 1997	April 18, 1997	April 18, 1997	September 10, 2008
Hungary <sup>9</sup>	April 7, 1984	August 1, 1984	April 7, 1984	May 1, 2004
Iceland	December 23, 2003	August 1, 1964	April 7, 1964	December 23, 2003
Israel	January 3, 2020	—	—	January 3, 2020
Italy	June 13, 1987	June 13, 1987	 August 13, 1987	January 3, 2020
Jamaica	February 10, 2022	June 15, 1987	August 15, 1987	 February 10, 2022
-	-	—	—	May 13, 2015
Japan	May 13, 2015		- March 17, 2002	December 23, 2003
Kyrgyzstan	March 17, 2003	March 17, 2005	March 17, 2003	
Latvia Liechtenstein	July 26, 2005	-	- Sontombor 27, 1075	July 26, 2005
Lithuania	July 14, 1933 Sontombor 26, 2008	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	December 23, 2003 Sontombor 26, 2008
	September 26, 2008	=	- Mart 29, 1070	September 26, 2008
Luxembourg <sup>5</sup>	April 1, 1979	August 1, 1984	May 28, 1979	December 18, 2018
Mali	September 7, 2006	September 7, 2006	September 7, 2006	 Marc ( 2022
Mauritius	May 6, 2023	_	-	May 6, 2023
Mexico	June 6, 2020	-	- Sontambar 27, 1075	June 6, 2020
Monaco	April 29, 1956	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	June 9, 2011
Mongolia	April 12, 1997	April 12, 1997	April 12, 1997	January 19, 2008
Montenegro	June 3, 2006	June 3, 2006	June 3, 2006	March 5, 2012
Morocco	October 20, 1930	October 13, 1999	October 13, 1999	July 22, 2022
Namibia	June 30, 2004	-		June 30, 2004
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) <sup>5</sup>	April 1, 1979	August 1, 1984 <sup>10</sup>	May 28, 1979 <sup>10</sup>	December 18, 2018 <sup>10</sup>
Niger	September 20, 2004	September 20, 2004	September 20, 2004	-

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North Macedonia	March 18, 1997	March 18, 1997	March 18, 1997	March 22, 2006
Norway	June 17, 2010	_	_	June 17, 2010
Oman	March 4, 2009	_	-	March 4, 2009
Poland	July 2, 2009	_	-	July 2, 2009
Republic of Korea	July 1, 2014	_	—	July 1, 2014
Republic of Moldova	March 14, 1994	March 14, 1994	March 14, 1994	December 23, 2003
Romania	July 18, 1992	July 18, 1992	July 18, 1992	December 23, 2003
Russian Federation	February 28, 2018	-	_	February 28, 2018
Rwanda	August 31, 2011	_	_	August 31, 2011
Samoa	January 2, 2020	-	_	January 2, 2020
San Marino	January 26, 2019	_	_	January 26, 2019
Sao Tome and Principe	December 8, 2008	_	-	December 8, 2008
Senegal	June 30, 1984	August 1, 1984	June 30, 1984	_
Serbia <sup>11</sup>	December 30, 1993	December 30, 1993	December 30, 1993	December 9, 2009
Singapore	April 17, 2005			April 17, 2005
Slovenia	January 13, 1995	January 13, 1995	January 13, 1995	December 23, 2003
Spain	June 1, 1928	_	_	December 23, 2003
Suriname	November 25, 1975	August 1, 1984	February 23, 1977	September 10, 2020
Switzerland	June 1, 1928	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	December 23, 2003
Syrian Arab Republic	May 7, 2008	_	- · · · · · · ·	May 7, 2008
Tajikistan	March 21, 2012	_	-	March 21, 2012
Tunisia	October 20, 1930	_	-	June 13, 2012
Türkiye	January 1, 2005	_	_	January 1, 2005
Turkmenistan	March 16, 2016	_	_	March 16, 2016
Ukraine	August 28, 2002	August 28, 2002	August 28, 2002	December 23, 2003
United Kingdom <sup>12, 13</sup>	June 13, 2018	_	_	June 13, 2018
United States of America	May 13, 2015	_	_	May 13, 2015
Viet Nam	December 30, 2019	_	_	December 30, 2019
(Total: 79)	(79)	(34)	(34)	(71)

<sup>1</sup> The Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs was adopted on July 2, 1999. The Geneva Act entered into force on December 23, 2003.

<sup>2</sup> The termination of the London Act, as well as of the Additional Act of Monaco, became effective on October 18, 2016, three months after the Director General received the required instruments of acceptance of termination by 11 Contracting Parties, following the earlier denunciation of the London Act by the three other Contracting Parties, which became effective on June 3, 2010, November 19, 2010, and December 13, 2011, respectively, (see Hague Notification No. 130).

<sup>3</sup> The Protocol to the Hague Act (1960) is not yet in force. It has been ratified by or acceded to by the following States: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Morocco, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Switzerland.

<sup>4</sup> The Protocol of Geneva (1975), in accordance with Article 11(2)(a) thereof, ceased to have effect as of August 1, 1984; however, as provided by Article 11(2)(b), States bound by the Protocol (Belgium (as from April 1, 1979), France (as from February 18, 1980), Germany (as from December 26, 1981), Hungary (as from April 7, 1984), Liechtenstein (as from April 1, 1979), Luxembourg (as from April 1, 1979), Monaco (as from March 5, 1981), the Kingdom of the Netherlands (as from April 1, 1979), Senegal (as from June 30, 1984), Suriname (as from April 1, 1979) and Switzerland (as from April 1, 1979)) are not relieved of their obligations thereunder in respect of industrial designs whose date of international deposit is prior to August 1, 1984.

<sup>5</sup> The territories of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe are, for the application of the Hague Agreement, to be deemed a single country.

<sup>6</sup> The Geneva Act does not apply to Hong Kong (China) and Macao (China).

<sup>7</sup> Applicable to Greenland as of January 11, 2011 and the Faroe Islands as of April 13, 2016.

<sup>8</sup> Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

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<sup>9</sup> With the declaration that Hungary does not consider itself bound by the Protocol annexed to the Hague Act (1960). The London Act ceased to be effective in respect of Hungary as of February 1, 2005.

<sup>10</sup> Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>11</sup> Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from June 3, 2006.

<sup>12</sup> In respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

<sup>13</sup> The United Kingdom extended the application of the Geneva Act to the territory of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with effect from March 23, 2021.