

Annex 1: Members of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme

As of 1 June 2006, the Executive Committee consisted of 70 member States.

Algeria	Holy See	Poland
Argentina	Hungary	Portugal
Australia	India*	Republic of Korea
Austria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Romania
Bangladesh*	Ireland	Russian Federation
Belgium	Israel	Serbia and Montenegro
Brazil	Italy	Somalia
Canada	Japan	South Africa
Chile	Jordan*	Spain
China	Kenya	Sudan
Colombia	Lebanon*	Sweden
Côte d'Ivoire	Lesotho	Switzerland
Cyprus	Madagascar	Thailand*
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mexico	Tunisia
Denmark	Morocco	Turkey
Ecuador	Mozambique	Uganda
Egypt	Namibia	United Kingdom
Ethiopia	Netherlands	United Republic of Tanzania
Finland	New Zealand	United States of America
France	Nicaragua	Venezuela
Germany	Nigeria	Yemen
Ghana	Norway	Zambia
Greece	Pakistan*	
Guinea	Philippines	

* Countries that are not Party to the *1951 Refugee Convention* or its *1967 Protocol*

Annex 2: States Parties to the *1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees* and its *1967 Protocol*

As of 1 January 2006:

- The total number of States Parties to the *1951 Refugee Convention* was 143.
- The total number of States Parties to the *1967 Protocol* was also 143.
- States Parties to both the *1951 Refugee Convention* and the *1967 Protocol* was 140.
- Madagascar, Monaco, Saint Kitts and Nevis are States Parties to the *1951 Refugee Convention* only.
- Cape Verde, United States of America, Venezuela are States Parties to the *1967 Protocol* only.

Country	1951 Refugee Convention	1967 Protocol
Afghanistan	30 Aug 2005 a	30 Aug 2005 a
Albania	18 Aug 1992 a	18 Aug 1992 a
Algeria	21 Feb 1963 s	08 Nov 1967 a
Angola	23 Jun 1981 a	23 Jun 1981 a
Antigua and Barbuda	07 Sep 1995 a	07 Sep 1995 a
Argentina	15 Nov 1961 a	06 Dec 1967 a
Armenia	06 Jul 1993 a	06 Jul 1993 a
Australia	22 Jan 1954 a	13 Dec 1973 a
Austria	01 Nov 1954 r	05 Sep 1973 a
Azerbaijan	12 Feb 1993 a	12 Feb 1993 a
Bahamas	15 Sep 1993 a	15 Sep 1993 a
Belarus	23 Aug 2001 a	23 Aug 2001 a
Belgium	22 Jul 1953 r	08 Apr 1969 a
Belize	27 Jun 1990 a	27 Jun 1990 a
Benin	04 Apr 1962 s	06 Jul 1970 a
Bolivia	09 Feb 1982 a	09 Feb 1982 a
Bosnia and Herzegovina	01 Sep 1993 s	01 Sep 1993 s
Botswana	06 Jan 1969 a	06 Jan 1969 a
Brazil	16 Nov 1960 r	07 Apr 1972 a
Bulgaria	12 May 1993 a	12 May 1993 a
Burkina Faso	18 Jun 1980 a	18 Jun 1980 a
Burundi	19 Jul 1963 a	15 Mar 1971 a
Cambodia	15 Oct 1992 a	15 Oct 1992 a
Cameroon	23 Oct 1961 s	19 Sep 1967 a
Canada	04 Jun 1969 a	04 Jun 1969 a
Cape Verde		09 Jul 1987 a
Central African Republic	04 Sep 1962 s	30 Aug 1967 a
Chad	19 Aug 1981 a	19 Aug 1981 a

Country	1951 Refugee Convention	1967 Protocol
Chile	28 Jan 1972 a	27 Apr 1972 a
China	24 Sep 1982 a	24 Sep 1982 a
Colombia	10 Oct 1961 r	04 Mar 1980 a
Congo	15 Oct 1962 s	10 Jul 1970 a
Congo, Democratic Republic of	19 July 1965 a	13 Jan 1975 a
Costa Rica	28 Mar 1978 a	28 Mar 1978 a
Côte d'Ivoire	08 Dec 1961 s	16 Feb 1970 a
Croatia	12 Oct 1992 s	12 Oct 1992 s
Cyprus	16 May 1963 s	09 Jul 1968 a
Czech Republic	11 May 1993 s	11 May 1993 s
Denmark	04 Dec 1952 r	29 Jan 1968 a
Djibouti	09 Aug 1977 s	09 Aug 1977 s
Dominica	17 Feb 1994 a	17 Feb 1994 a
Dominican Republic	04 Jan 1978 a	04 Jan 1978 a
Ecuador	17 Aug 1955 a	06 Mar 1969 a
Egypt	22 May 1981 a	22 May 1981 a
El Salvador	28 Apr 1983 a	28 Apr 1983 a
Equatorial Guinea	07 Feb 1986 a	07 Feb 1986 a
Estonia	10 Apr 1997 a	10 Apr 1997 a
Ethiopia	10 Nov 1969 a	10 Nov 1969 a
Fiji	12 Jun 1972 s	12 Jun 1972 s
Finland	10 Oct 1968 a	10 Oct 1968 a
France	23 Jun 1954 r	03 Feb 1971 a
Gabon	27 Apr 1964 a	28 Aug 1973 a
Gambia	07 Sep 1966 s	29 Sep 1967 a
Georgia	09 Aug 1999 a	09 Aug 1999 a
Germany	01 Dec 1953 r	05 Nov 1969 a
Ghana	18 Mar 1963 a	30 Aug 1968 a
Greece	05 Apr 1960 r	07 Aug 1968 a
Guatemala	22 Sep 1983 a	22 Sep 1983 a
Guinea	28 Dec 1965 s	16 May 1968 a
Guinea-Bissau	11 Feb 1976 a	11 Feb 1976 a
Haiti	25 Sep 1984 a	25 Sep 1984 a
Holy See	15 Mar 1956 r	08 Jun 1967 a
Honduras	23 Mar 1992 a	23 Mar 1992 a
Hungary	14 Mar 1989 a	14 Mar 1989 a
Iceland	30 Nov 1955 a	26 Apr 1968 a
Iran, Islamic Republic of	28 Jul 1976 a	28 Jul 1976 a
Ireland	29 Nov 1956 a	06 Nov 1968 a
Israel	01 Oct 1954 r	14 Jun 1968 a
Italy	15 Nov 1954 r	26 Jan 1972 a
Jamaica	30 Jul 1964 s	30 Oct 1980 a
Japan	03 Oct 1981 a	01 Jan 1982 a
Kazakhstan	15 Jan 1999 a	15 Jan 1999 a

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Kenya	16 May 1966 a	13 Nov 1981 a
Kyrgyzstan	08 Oct 1996 a	08 Oct 1996 a
Korea, Republic of	03 Dec 1992 a	03 Dec 1992 a
Latvia	31 Jul 1997 a	31 Jul 1997 a
Lesotho	14 May 1981 a	14 May 1981 a
Liberia	15 Oct 1964 a	27 Feb 1980 a
Liechtenstein	08 Mar 1957 r	20 May 1968 a
Lithuania	28 Apr 1997 a	28 Apr 1997 a
Luxembourg	23 Jul 1953 r	22 Apr 1971 a
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	18 Jan 1994 s	18 Jan 1994 s
Madagascar	18 Dec 1967 a	
Malawi	10 Dec 1987 a	10 Dec 1987 a
Mali	02 Feb 1973 s	02 Feb 1973 a
Malta	17 Jun 1971 a	15 Sep 1971 a
Mauritania	05 May 1987 a	05 May 1987 a
Mexico	07 June 2000 a	07 June 2000 a
Moldova, Republic of	31 Jan 2002 a	31 Jan 2002 a
Monaco	18 May 1954 a	
Morocco	07 Nov 1956 s	20 Apr 1971 a
Mozambique	16 Dec 1983 a	01 May 1989 a
Namibia	17 Feb 1995 a	17 Feb 1995 a
Netherlands	03 May 1956 r	29 Nov 1968 a
New Zealand	30 Jun 1960 a	06 Aug 1973 a
Nicaragua	28 Mar 1980 a	28 Mar 1980 a
Niger	25 Aug 1961 s	02 Feb 1970 a
Nigeria	23 Oct 1967 a	02 May 1968 a
Norway	23 Mar 1953 r	28 Nov 1967 a
Panama	02 Aug 1978 a	02 Aug 1978 a
Papua New Guinea	17 Jul 1986 a	17 Jul 1986 a
Paraguay	01 Apr 1970 a	01 Apr 1970 a
Peru	21 Dec 1964 a	15 Sep 1983 a
Philippines	22 Jul 1981 a	22 Jul 1981 a
Poland	27 Sep 1991 a	27 Sep 1991 a
Portugal	22 Dec 1960 a	13 Jul 1976 a
Romania	07 Aug 1991 a	07 Aug 1991 a
Russian Federation	02 Feb 1993 a	02 Feb 1993 a
Rwanda	03 Jan 1980 a	03 Jan 1980 a
Saint Kitts and Nevis	01 Feb 2002 a	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	03 Nov 1993 a	03 Nov 2003 a
Samoa	21 Sep 1988 a	29 Nov 1994 a
Sao Tome and Principe	01 Feb 1978 a	01 Feb 1978 a
Senegal	02 May 1963 s	03 Oct 1967 a
Serbia and Montenegro	12 Mar 2001 s	12 Mar 2001 s
Seychelles	23 Apr 1980 a	23 Apr 1980 a
Sierra Leone	22 May 1981 a	22 May 1981 a

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Slovakia	04 Feb 1993 s	04 Feb 1993 s
Slovenia	06 Jul 1992 s	06 Jul 1992 s
Solomon Islands	28 Feb 1995 a	12 Apr 1995 a
Somalia	10 Oct 1978 a	10 Oct 1978 a
South Africa	12 Jan 1996 a	12 Jan 1996 a
Spain	14 Aug 1978 a	14 Aug 1978 a
Sudan	22 Feb 1974 a	23 May 1974 a
Suriname	29 Nov 1978 s	29 Nov 1978 s
Swaziland	14 Feb 2000 a	28 Jan 1969 a
Sweden	26 Oct 1954 r	04 Oct 1967 a
Switzerland	21 Jan 1955 r	20 May 1968 a
Tajikistan	07 Dec 1993 a	07 Dec 1993 a
Tanzania, United Republic of	12 May 1964 a	04 Sep 1968 a
Timor-Leste	07 May 2003 a	07 May 2003 a
Togo	27 Feb 1962 s	01 Dec 1969 a
Trinidad and Tobago	10 Nov 2000 a	10 Nov 2000 a
Tunisia	24 Oct 1957 s	16 Oct 1968 a
Turkey	30 Mar 1962 r	31 Jul 1968 a
Turkmenistan	02 Mar 1998 a	2 Mar 1998 a
Tuvalu	07 Mar 1986 s	07 Mar 1986 s
Uganda	27 Sep 1976 a	27 Sep 1976 a
Ukraine	10 Jun 2002 a	04 Apr 2002 a
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11 Mar 1954 r	04 Sep 1968 a
United States of America		01 Nov 1968 a
Uruguay	22 Sep 1970 a	22 Sep 1970 a
Venezuela		19 Sep 1986 a
Yemen	18 Jan 1980 a	18 Jan 1980 a
Zambia	24 Sep 1969 s	24 Sep 1969 a
Zimbabwe	25 Aug 1981 a	25 Aug 1981 a

s: signature – By signing the *1951 Refugee Convention*, a State indicates its intention to "ratify" it (become a "party") at a later date. Signing the Convention does not bind the State to the terms of the Convention. However the State assumes an obligation of good faith to refrain from acts which would defeat the object and purpose of the Convention.

r: ratification - By ratifying the *1951 Refugee Convention* a State indicates its consent to be bound by it. To ratify the *1951 Refugee Convention* a State must deposit an *Instrument of Ratification* with the United Nations. Ratification grants States the necessary time-frame to seek the required approval for the treaty at the domestic level and to enact the necessary legislation to give effect to it in their country.

a: accession - A process by which a State that did not sign the *1951 Refugee Convention*, accepts to be bound by it. Accession may occur before or after a treaty has entered into force. It has the same effect as ratification.