

## STATUS TABLE

### 12: Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents

Entry into force: 24-I-1965

Last update: 5-X-2021

Number of Contracting Parties to this Convention: 121

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*The expression "Contracting Party" covers both cases in which the Convention has, and cases in which the Convention has not yet, entered into force for that Party following the deposit of its instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval (see column EIF in the chart).*

Contracting Parties to this Convention that are also Members of the HCCH (i.e., the Organisation) are in **bold**; Contracting Parties that are not Members of the HCCH are in *italics*.

| Contracting Party                       | S <sup>1</sup> | R/A/S <sup>2</sup> | Type <sup>3</sup> | EIF <sup>4</sup> | EXT <sup>5</sup> | Auth <sup>6</sup> | Res/D/N/DC <sup>7</sup> |
|---|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Albania</b>                          |                | 3-IX-2003          | A                 | 9-V-2004         |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Andorra</b>                          |                | 15-IV-1996         | A                 | 31-XII-1996      |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Antigua and Barbuda</i>              |                | 1-V-1985           | Su                | 1-XI-1981        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Argentina</b>                        |                | 8-V-1987           | A                 | 18-II-1988       |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <b>Armenia</b>                          |                | 19-XI-1993         | A                 | 14-VIII-1994     |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Australia</b>                        |                | 11-VII-1994        | A                 | 16-III-1995      |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <b>Austria</b>                          | 5-X-1961       | 14-XI-1967         | R                 | 13-I-1968        |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <b>Azerbaijan</b>                       |                | 13-V-2004          | A**               | 2-III-2005       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Bahamas</i>                          |                | 30-IV-1976         | Su                | 10-VII-1973      |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Bahrain</i>                          |                | 10-IV-2013         | A                 | 31-XII-2013      |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <i>Barbados</i>                         |                | 11-VIII-1995       | Su                | 30-XI-1966       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Belarus</b>                          |                | 16-VI-1992         | Su                | 31-V-1992        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Belgium</b>                          | 10-III-1970    | 11-XII-1975        | R                 | 9-II-1976        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Belize</i>                           |                | 17-VII-1992        | A                 | 11-IV-1993       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Bolivia (Plurinational State of)</i> |                | 6-IX-2017          | A                 | 7-V-2018         |                  | 1                 |                         |

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|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> |                | 23-VIII-1993       | Su                | 6-III-1992       |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <i>Botswana</i>               |                | 16-IX-1968         | Su                | 30-IX-1966       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Brazil</b>                 |                | 2-XII-2015         | A                 | 14-VIII-2016     |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <i>Brunei Darussalam</i>      |                | 23-II-1987         | A                 | 3-XII-1987       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Bulgaria</b>               |                | 1-VIII-2000        | A                 | 29-IV-2001       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Burundi</i>                |                | 10-VI-2014         | A**               | 13-II-2015       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Cabo Verde</i>             |                | 7-V-2009           | A                 | 13-II-2010       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Chile</b>                  |                | 16-XII-2015        | A                 | 30-VIII-2016     |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>China</b>                  |                |                    | C                 |                  |                  | 2                 | D,N                     |
| <i>Colombia</i>               |                | 27-IV-2000         | A                 | 30-I-2001        |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <i>Cook Islands</i>           |                | 13-VII-2004        | A                 | 30-IV-2005       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Costa Rica</b>             |                | 6-IV-2011          | A                 | 14-XII-2011      |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Croatia</b>                |                | 23-IV-1993         | Su                | 8-X-1991         |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Cyprus</b>                 |                | 26-VII-1972        | A                 | 30-IV-1973       |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Czech Republic</b>         |                | 23-VI-1998         | A                 | 16-III-1999      |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Denmark</b>                | 20-X-2006      | 30-X-2006          | R                 | 29-XII-2006      | 1                | 1                 | D                       |
| <i>Dominica</i>               |                | 22-X-2002          | Su                | 3-XI-1978        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Dominican Republic</b>     |                | 12-XII-2008        | A**               | 30-VIII-2009     |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Ecuador</b>                |                | 2-VII-2004         | A                 | 2-IV-2005        |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <i>El Salvador</i>            |                | 14-IX-1995         | A                 | 31-V-1996        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Estonia</b>                |                | 11-XII-2000        | A                 | 30-IX-2001       |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <i>Eswatini</i>               |                | 3-VII-1978         | Su                | 6-IX-1968        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Fiji</i>                   |                | 29-III-1971        | Su                | 10-X-1970        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <b>Finland</b>                | 13-III-1962    | 27-VI-1985         | R                 | 26-VIII-1985     |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <b>France</b>                 | 9-X-1961       | 25-XI-1964         | R                 | 24-I-1965        |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <b>Georgia</b>                |                | 21-VIII-2006       | A                 | 14-V-2007        |                  | 1                 | D                       |
| <b>Germany</b>                | 5-X-1961       | 15-XII-1965        | R                 | 13-II-1966       |                  | 1                 | D,N                     |
| <b>Greece</b>                 | 5-X-1961       | 19-III-1985        | R                 | 18-V-1985        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Grenada</i>                |                | 17-VII-2001        | A                 | 7-IV-2002        |                  | 1                 |                         |
| <i>Guatemala</i>              |                | 19-I-2017          | A                 | 18-IX-2017       |                  | 1                 | D                       |

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|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Guyana</i>            |                      | 30-VII-2018              | A                       | 18-IV-2019             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Honduras</b>          |                      | 20-I-2004                | A                       | 30-IX-2004             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Hungary</b>           |                      | 18-IV-1972               | A                       | 18-I-1973              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Iceland</b>           | 7-IX-2004            | 28-IX-2004               | R                       | 27-XI-2004             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>India</b>             |                      | 26-X-2004                | A**                     | 14-VII-2005            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Indonesia</i>         |                      | 5-X-2021                 | A                       | 4-VI-2022              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Ireland</b>           | 29-X-1996            | 8-I-1999                 | R                       | 9-III-1999             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Israel</b>            |                      | 11-XI-1977               | A                       | 14-VIII-1978           |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Italy</b>             | 15-XII-1961          | 13-XII-1977              | R                       | 11-II-1978             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Jamaica</i>           |                      | 2-XI-2020                | A                       | 3-VII-2021             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Japan</b>             | 12-III-1970          | 28-V-1970                | R                       | 27-VII-1970            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Kazakhstan</b>        |                      | 5-IV-2000                | A                       | 30-I-2001              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <i>Kosovo</i>            |                      | 6-XI-2015                | A**                     | 14-VII-2016            |                        | 1                       | D,DC                          |
| <i>Kyrgyzstan</i>        |                      | 15-XI-2010               | A**                     | 31-VII-2011            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Latvia</b>            |                      | 11-V-1995                | A                       | 30-I-1996              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <i>Lesotho</i>           |                      | 24-IV-1972               | Su                      | 4-X-1966               |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Liberia</i>           |                      | 24-V-1995                | A**                     | 8-II-1996              |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Liechtenstein</i>     | 18-IV-1962           | 19-VII-1972              | R                       | 17-IX-1972             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Lithuania</b>         |                      | 5-XI-1996                | A                       | 19-VII-1997            |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Luxembourg</b>        | 5-X-1961             | 4-IV-1979                | R                       | 3-VI-1979              |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Malawi</i>            |                      | 24-II-1967               | A                       | 2-XII-1967             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Malta</b>             |                      | 12-VI-1967               | A                       | 3-III-1968             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Marshall Islands</i>  |                      | 18-XI-1991               | A                       | 14-VIII-1992           |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Mauritius</b>         |                      | 20-XII-1968              | Su                      | 12-III-1968            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Mexico</b>            |                      | 1-XII-1994               | A                       | 14-VIII-1995           |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Monaco</b>            |                      | 24-IV-2002               | A                       | 31-XII-2002            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Mongolia</b>          |                      | 2-IV-2009                | A**                     | 31-XII-2009            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Montenegro</b>        |                      | 30-I-2007                | Su                      | 3-VI-2006              |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Morocco</b>           |                      | 27-XI-2015               | A**                     | 14-VIII-2016           |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Namibia</b>           |                      | 25-IV-2000               | A                       | 30-I-2001              |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Netherlands</b>       | 30-XI-1962           | 9-VIII-1965              | R                       | 8-X-1965               | 4                      | 1                       | D                             |

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|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>New Zealand</b>                      |                      | 7-II-2001                | A                       | 22-XI-2001             |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Nicaragua</b>                        |                      | 7-IX-2012                | A                       | 14-V-2013              |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Niue</i>                             |                      | 10-VI-1998               | A                       | 2-III-1999             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>North Macedonia</b>                  |                      | 20-IX-1993               | Su                      | 17-XI-1991             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Norway</b>                           | 30-V-1983            | 30-V-1983                | R                       | 29-VII-1983            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Oman</i>                             |                      | 12-V-2011                | A                       | 30-I-2012              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <i>Palau</i>                            |                      | 17-X-2019                | A                       | 23-VI-2020             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Panama</b>                           |                      | 30-X-1990                | A                       | 4-VIII-1991            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Paraguay</b>                         |                      | 10-XII-2013              | A**                     | 30-VIII-2014           |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Peru</b>                             |                      | 13-I-2010                | A**                     | 30-IX-2010             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Philippines</b>                      |                      | 12-IX-2018               | A**                     | 14-V-2019              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Poland</b>                           |                      | 19-XI-2004               | A                       | 14-VIII-2005           |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Portugal</b>                         | 20-VIII-1965         | 6-XII-1968               | R                       | 4-II-1969              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Republic of Korea</b>                |                      | 25-X-2006                | A                       | 14-VII-2007            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Republic of Moldova</b>              |                      | 19-VI-2006               | A**                     | 16-III-2007            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Romania</b>                          |                      | 7-VI-2000                | A                       | 16-III-2001            |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Russian Federation</b>               |                      | 4-IX-1991                | Su                      | 31-V-1992              |                        | 1                       | D,N                           |
| <i>Saint Kitts and Nevis</i>            |                      | 26-II-1994               | A                       | 14-XII-1994            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Saint Lucia</i>                      |                      | 5-XII-2001               | A                       | 31-VII-2002            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</i> |                      | 2-V-2002                 | Su                      | 27-X-1979              |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Samoa</i>                            |                      | 18-I-1999                | A                       | 13-IX-1999             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>San Marino</i>                       |                      | 26-V-1994                | A                       | 13-II-1995             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Sao Tome and Principe</i>            |                      | 19-XII-2007              | A                       | 13-IX-2008             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Serbia</b>                           |                      | 26-IV-2001               | Su                      | 27-IV-1992             |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <i>Seychelles</i>                       |                      | 9-VI-1978                | A                       | 31-III-1979            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Singapore</b>                        |                      | 18-I-2021                | A                       | 16-IX-2021             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Slovakia</b>                         |                      | 6-VI-2001                | A                       | 18-II-2002             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Slovenia</b>                         |                      | 8-VI-1992                | Su                      | 25-VI-1991             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>South Africa</b>                     |                      | 3-VIII-1994              | A                       | 30-IV-1995             |                        | 1                       |                               |

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|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Spain</b>  | 21-X-1976            | 27-VII-1978              | R                       | 25-IX-1978             |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Suriname</b>   |                      | 29-X-1976                | Su                      | 25-XI-1975             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Sweden</b>   | 2-III-1999           | 2-III-1999               | R                       | 1-V-1999               |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Switzerland</b>  | 5-X-1961             | 10-I-1973                | R                       | 11-III-1973            |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <i>Tajikistan</i>   |                      | 20-II-2015               | A**                     | 31-X-2015              |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Tonga</i>  |                      | 28-X-1971                | Su                      | 4-VI-1970              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>                                  |                      | 28-X-1999                | A                       | 14-VII-2000            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Tunisia</b>  |                      | 10-VII-2017              | A**                     | 30-III-2018            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Turkey</b>   | 8-V-1962             | 31-VII-1985              | R                       | 29-IX-1985             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Ukraine</b>  |                      | 2-IV-2003                | A                       | 22-XII-2003            |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</b> | 19-X-1961            | 21-VIII-1964             | R                       | 24-I-1965              | 13                     | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>United States of America</b>                             |                      | 24-XII-1980              | A                       | 15-X-1981              |                        | 1                       | D                             |
| <b>Uruguay</b>  |                      | 9-II-2012                | A                       | 14-X-2012              |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Uzbekistan</b>   |                      | 25-VII-2011              | A**                     | 15-IV-2012             |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <i>Vanuatu</i>  |                      | 1-VIII-2008              | Su                      | 30-VII-1980            |                        | 1                       |                               |
| <b>Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)</b>                   |                      | 1-VII-1998               | A                       | 16-III-1999            |                        | 1                       |                               |

1) S = Signature

2) R/A/Su = Ratification, Accession or Succession

3) Type = R: Ratification;

A: Accession;

A\*: Accession giving rise to an acceptance procedure; click on A\* for details of acceptances of the accession;

C: Continuation;

Su: Succession;

Den: Denunciation;

4) EIF = Entry into force

5) EXT = Extensions of application

6) Authorities per Convention = Designation of Authorities

7) Res/D/N/DC = Reservations, declarations, notifications or depositary communications