

3. Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works

Berne Convention (1886), completed at Paris (1896), revised at Berlin (1908),
completed at Berne (1914), revised at Rome (1928), at Brussels (1948),
at Stockholm (1967) and at Paris (1971), and amended in 1979
(Berne Union)

Status on October 15, 2009

| State | Date on which State became party to the Convention | Latest Act ¹ of the Convention to which State is party and date on which State became party to that Act |
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| Albania | March 6, 1994 | Paris: March 6, 1994 |
| Algeria | April 19, 1998 | Paris: April 19, 1998 ² |
| Andorra..... | June 2, 2004 | Paris: June 2, 2004 |
| Antigua and Barbuda..... | March 17, 2000 | Paris: March 17, 2000 |
| Argentina | June 10, 1967 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: February 19, 2000 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: October 8, 1980 |
| Armenia..... | October 19, 2000 | Paris: October 19, 2000 |
| Australia | April 14, 1928 | Paris: March 1, 1978 |
| Austria | October 1, 1920 | Paris: August 21, 1982 |
| Azerbaijan | June 4, 1999 | Paris: June 4, 1999 |
| Bahamas | July 10, 1973 | Brussels: July 10, 1973 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: January 8, 1977 ² |
| Bahrain | March 2, 1997 | Paris: March 2, 1997 |
| Bangladesh | May 4, 1999 | Paris: May 4, 1999 ¹³ |
| Barbados..... | July 30, 1983 | Paris: July 30, 1983 |
| Belarus..... | December 12, 1997 | Paris: December 12, 1997 |
| Belgium | December 5, 1887 | Paris: September 29, 1999 |
| Belize..... | June 17, 2000 | Paris: June 17, 2000 |
| Benin | January 3, 1961 ³ | Paris: March 12, 1975 |
| Bhutan | November 25, 2004 | Paris: November 25, 2004 |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | November 4, 1993 | Paris: November 4, 1993 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina..... | March 1, 1992 | Paris: March 1, 1992 ⁴ |
| Botswana..... | April 15, 1998 | Paris: April 15, 1998 |
| Brazil | February 9, 1922 | Paris: April 20, 1975 |
| Brunei Darussalam | August 30, 2006 | Paris: August 30, 2006 |
| Bulgaria | December 5, 1921 | Paris: December 4, 1974 |
| Burkina Faso..... | August 19, 1963 ⁵ | Paris: January 24, 1976 |
| Cameroon | September 21, 1964 ³ | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: November 10, 1973 |
| Canada..... | April 10, 1928 | Paris: June 26, 1998 |
| Cape Verde..... | July 7, 1997 | Paris: July 7, 1997 |
| Central African Republic..... | September 3, 1977 | Paris: September 3, 1977 |
| Chad..... | November 25, 1971 | Brussels: November 25, 1971 ^{6,7} Stockholm: Articles 22 to 38: November 25, 1971 |
| Chile | June 5, 1970 | Paris: July 10, 1975 |
| China | October 15, 1992 | Paris: October 15, 1992 ⁸ |
| Colombia | March 7, 1988 | Paris: March 7, 1988 |
| Comoros | April 17, 2005 | Paris: April 17, 2005 |
| Congo | May 8, 1962 ³ | Paris: December 5, 1975 |
| Costa Rica..... | June 10, 1978 | Paris: June 10, 1978 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | January 1, 1962 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: May 4, 1974 |
| Croatia | October 8, 1991 | Paris: October 8, 1991 |
| Cuba..... | February 20, 1997 | Paris: February 20, 1997 ^{2, 13} |
| Cyprus | February 24, 1964 ³ | Paris: July 27, 1983 ⁴ |
| Czech Republic..... | January 1, 1993 | Paris: January 1, 1993 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea..... | April 28, 2003 | Paris: April 28, 2003 ² |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | October 8, 1963 ³ | Paris: January 31, 1975 |
| Denmark | July 1, 1903 | Paris: June 30, 1979 |
| Djibouti..... | May 13, 2002 | Paris: May 13, 2002 |
| Dominica | August 7, 1999 | Paris: August 7, 1999 |
| Dominican Republic..... | December 24, 1997 | Paris: December 24, 1997 |
| Ecuador..... | October 9, 1991 | Paris: October 9, 1991 |
| Egypt | June 7, 1977 | Paris: June 7, 1977 ² |

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| El Salvador | February 19, 1994 | Paris: February 19, 1994 |
| Equatorial Guinea | June 26, 1997 | Paris: June 26, 1997 |
| Estonia | October 26, 1994 ⁹ | Paris: October 26, 1994 |
| Fiji | December 1, 1971 ³ | Brussels: December 1, 1971 |
| | | Stockholm: Articles 22 to 38: March 15, 1972 |
| Finland | April 1, 1928 | Paris: November 1, 1986 |
| France | December 5, 1887 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 |
| | | Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 15, 1972 |
| Gabon | March 26, 1962 | Paris: June 10, 1975 |
| Gambia | March 7, 1993 | Paris: March 7, 1993 |
| Georgia | May 16, 1995 | Paris: May 16, 1995 |
| Germany | December 5, 1887 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 ¹⁰ |
| | | Paris: Articles 22 to 38: January 22, 1974 |
| Ghana | October 11, 1991 | Paris: October 11, 1991 |
| Greece | November 9, 1920 | Paris: March 8, 1976 |
| Grenada | September 22, 1998 | Paris: September 22, 1998 |
| Guatemala | July 28, 1997 | Paris: July 28, 1997 ² |
| Guinea | November 20, 1980 | Paris: November 20, 1980 |
| Guinea-Bissau | July 22, 1991 | Paris: July 22, 1991 |
| Guyana | October 25, 1994 | Paris: October 25, 1994 |
| Haiti | January 11, 1996 | Paris: January 11, 1996 |
| Holy See | September 12, 1935 | Paris: April 24, 1975 |
| Honduras | January 25, 1990 | Paris: January 25, 1990 |
| Hungary | February 14, 1922 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 |
| | | Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 15, 1972 |
| Iceland | September 7, 1947 | Paris: Article 1 to 21: August 25, 1999 |
| | | Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 28, 1984 |
| India | April 1, 1928 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: May 6, 1984 ^{11,12} |
| | | Paris: Articles 22 to 38: January 10, 1975 ² |
| Indonesia | September 5, 1997 | Paris: September 5, 1997 ² |
| Ireland | October 5, 1927 | Paris: March 2, 2005 |
| Israel | March 24, 1950 | Paris: January 1, 2004 ² |
| Italy | December 5, 1887 | Paris: November 14, 1979 |
| Jamaica | January 1, 1994 | Paris: January 1, 1994 |
| Japan | July 15, 1899 | Paris: April 24, 1975 |
| Jordan | July 28, 1999 | Paris: July 28, 1999 ^{2, 13} |
| Kazakhstan | April 12, 1999 | Paris: April 12, 1999 |
| Kenya | June 11, 1993 | Paris: June 11, 1993 |
| Kyrgyzstan | July 8, 1999 | Paris: July 8, 1999 |
| Latvia | August 11, 1995 ¹⁴ | Paris: August 11, 1995 |
| Lebanon | September 30, 1947 | Rome: September 30, 1947 |
| Lesotho | September 28, 1989 | Paris: September 28, 1989 ² |
| Liberia | March 8, 1989 | Paris: March 8, 1989 ² |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | September 28, 1976 | Paris: September 28, 1976 ² |
| Liechtenstein | July 30, 1931 | Paris: September 23, 1999 |
| Lithuania | December 14, 1994 | Paris: December 14, 1994 ² |
| Luxembourg | June 20, 1888 | Paris: April 20, 1975 |
| Madagascar | January 1, 1966 | Brussels: January 1, 1966 |
| Malawi | October 12, 1991 | Paris: October 12, 1991 |
| Malaysia | October 1, 1990 | Paris: October 1, 1990 |
| Mali | March 19, 1962 ³ | Paris: December 5, 1977 |
| Malta | September 21, 1964 | Rome: September 21, 1964 |
| | | Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 12, 1977 ² |
| Mauritania | February 6, 1973 | Paris: September 21, 1976 |
| Mauritius | May 10, 1989 | Paris: May 10, 1989 ² |
| Mexico | June 11, 1967 | Paris: December 17, 1974 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | October 7, 2003 | Paris: October 7, 2003 |
| Monaco | May 30, 1889 | Paris: November 23, 1974 |
| Mongolia | March 12, 1998 | Paris: March 12, 1998 ^{2, 13} |
| Montenegro | June 3, 2006 | Paris: June 3, 2006 |
| Morocco | June 16, 1917 | Paris: May 17, 1987 |
| Namibia | March 21, 1990 | Paris: December 24, 1993 |
| Nepal | January 11, 2006 | Paris: January 11, 2006 ² |
| Netherlands | November 1, 1912 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: January 30, 1986 ¹⁵ |
| | | Paris: Articles 22 to 38: January 10, 1975 ¹⁶ |
| New Zealand | April 24, 1928 | Rome: December 4, 1947 |
| Nicaragua | August 23, 2000 | Paris: August 23, 2000 |

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| Niger..... | May 2, 1962 ³ | Paris: May 21, 1975 |
| Nigeria..... | September 14, 1993 | Paris: September 14, 1993 |
| Norway..... | April 13, 1896 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 11, 1995 ¹⁰ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: June 13, 1974 |
| Oman..... | July 14, 1999 | Paris: July 14, 1999 ^{2, 13} |
| Pakistan..... | July 5, 1948 | Rome: July 5, 1948 ⁶ Stockholm: Articles 22 to 38: January 29 or February 26, 1970 |
| Panama..... | June 8, 1996 | Paris: June 8, 1996 |
| Paraguay..... | January 2, 1992 | Paris: January 2, 1992 |
| Peru..... | August 20, 1988 | Paris: August 20, 1988 |
| Philippines..... | August 1, 1951 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: June 18, 1997 ¹³ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: July 16, 1980 |
| Poland..... | January 28, 1920 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 22, 1994 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: August 4, 1990 |
| Portugal..... | March 29, 1911 | Paris: January 12, 1979 ¹⁷ |
| Qatar..... | July 5, 2000 | Paris: July 5, 2000 |
| Republic of Korea..... | August 21, 1996 | Paris: August 21, 1996 |
| Republic of Moldova..... | November 2, 1995 | Paris: November 2, 1995 |
| Romania..... | January 1, 1927 | Paris: September 9, 1998 |
| Russian Federation..... | March 13, 1995 | Paris: March 13, 1995 |
| Rwanda..... | March 1, 1984 | Paris: March 1, 1984 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis..... | April 9, 1995 | Paris: April 9, 1995 |
| Saint Lucia..... | August 24, 1993 | Paris: August 24, 1993 ² |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines..... | August 29, 1995 | Paris: August 29, 1995 |
| Samoa..... | July 21, 2006 | Paris: July 21, 2006 ¹⁹ |
| Saudi Arabia..... | March 11, 2004 | Paris: March 11, 2004 |
| Senegal..... | August 25, 1962 | Paris: August 12, 1975 |
| Serbia ¹⁸ | April 27, 1992 | Paris: April 27, 1992 ⁴ |
| Singapore..... | December 21, 1998 | Paris: December 21, 1998 |
| Slovakia..... | January 1, 1993 | Paris: January 1, 1993 |
| Slovenia..... | June 25, 1991 | Paris: June 25, 1991 ⁴ |
| South Africa..... | October 3, 1928 | Brussels: August 1, 1951 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: March 24, 1975 ² |
| Spain..... | December 5, 1887 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: February 19, 1974 |
| Sri Lanka..... | July 20, 1959 ³ | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: December 27, 2005 ¹³ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: September 23, 1978 |
| Sudan..... | December 28, 2000 | Paris: December 28, 2000 ¹³ |
| Suriname..... | February 23, 1977 | Paris: February 23, 1977 |
| Swaziland..... | December 14, 1998 | Paris: December 14, 1998 |
| Sweden..... | August 1, 1904 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: September 20, 1973 |
| Switzerland..... | December 5, 1887 | Paris: September 25, 1993 |
| Syrian Arab Republic..... | June 11, 2004 | Paris: June 11, 2004 ¹³ |
| Tajikistan..... | March 9, 2000 | Paris: March 9, 2000 |
| Thailand..... | July 17, 1931 | Paris: Articles 1 to 21: September 2, 1995 ¹⁹ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 29, 1980 ² |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia..... | September 8, 1991 | Paris: September 8, 1991 |
| Togo..... | April 30, 1975 | Paris: April 30, 1975 |
| Tonga..... | June 14, 2001 | Paris: June 14, 2001 |
| Trinidad and Tobago..... | August 16, 1988 | Paris: August 16, 1988 |
| Tunisia..... | December 5, 1887 | Paris: August 16, 1975 ² |
| Turkey..... | January 1, 1952 | Paris: January 1, 1996 ² |
| Ukraine..... | October 25, 1995 | Paris: October 25, 1995 |
| United Arab Emirates..... | July 14, 2004 | Paris: July 14, 2004 ¹³ |
| United Kingdom..... | December 5, 1887 | Paris: January 2, 1990 ^{10, 20} |
| United Republic of Tanzania... | July 25, 1994 | Paris: July 25, 1994 ² |
| United States of America..... | March 1, 1989 | Paris: March 1, 1989 |
| Uruguay..... | July 10, 1967 | Paris: December 28, 1979 |
| Uzbekistan..... | April 19, 2005 | Paris: April 19, 2005 ¹³ |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)..... | December 30, 1982 | Paris: December 30, 1982 ² |
| Viet Nam..... | October 26, 2004 | Paris: October 26, 2004 ^{2, 13} |
| Yemen..... | July 14, 2008 | Paris: July 14, 2008 ¹³ |
| Zambia..... | January 2, 1992 | Paris: January 2, 1992 |

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| Zimbabwe..... | April 18, 1980 | Rome: April 18, 1980 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: December 30, 1981 |
| (Total: 164 States) | | |

¹ “Paris” means the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971 (Paris Act); “Stockholm” means the said Convention as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967 (Stockholm Act); “Brussels” means the said Convention as revised at Brussels on June 26, 1948 (Brussels Act); “Rome” means the said Convention as revised at Rome on June 2, 1928 (Rome Act); “Berlin” means the said Convention as revised at Berlin on November 13, 1908 (Berlin Act).

² With the declaration provided for in Article 33(2) relating to the International Court of Justice.

³ Date on which the declaration of continued adherence was sent, after the accession of the State to independence.

⁴ Subject to the reservation concerning the right of translation.

⁵ Burkina Faso, which had acceded to the Berne Convention (Brussels Act) as from August 19, 1963, denounced the said Convention as from September 20, 1970. Later on, Burkina Faso acceded again to the Berne Convention (Paris Act); this accession took effect on January 24, 1976.

⁶ This State deposited its instrument of ratification of (or of accession to) the Stockholm Act in its entirety; however, Articles 1 to 21 (substantive clauses) of the said Act have not entered into force.

⁷ In accordance with the provision of Article 29 of the Stockholm Act applicable to the States outside the Union which accede to the said Act, this State is bound by Articles 1 to 20 of the Brussels Act.

⁸ The Paris Act applies also to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from July 1, 1997, and to the Macau Special Administrative Region with effect from December 20, 1999.

⁹ Estonia acceded to the Berne Convention (Berlin Act, 1908) with effect from June 9, 1927. It lost its independence on August 6, 1940, and regained it on August 20, 1991.

¹⁰ This State has declared that it admits the application of the Appendix of the Paris Act to works of which it is the State of origin by States which have made a declaration under Article VI(1)(i) of the Appendix or a notification under Article I of the Appendix. The declarations took effect on October 18, 1973, for Germany, on March 8, 1974, for Norway and on September 27, 1971, for the United Kingdom.

¹¹ This State declared that its ratification shall not apply to the provisions of Article 14*bis*(2)(b) of the Paris Act (presumption of legitimation for some authors who have brought contributions to the making of the cinematographic work).

¹² This State notified the designation of the competent authority provided by Article 15(4) of the Paris Act.

¹³ Pursuant to Article I of the Appendix of the Paris Act, this State availed itself of the faculties provided for in Articles II and III of the said Appendix. The relevant declaration is effective until October 10, 2014.

¹⁴ Latvia acceded to the Berne Convention (Rome Act, 1928) with effect from May 15, 1937. It lost its independence on July 21, 1940, and regained it on August 21, 1991.

¹⁵ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

¹⁶ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe. Articles 22 to 38 of the Paris Act apply also to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.

¹⁷ Pursuant to the provisions of Article 14*bis*(2)(c) of the Paris Act, this State has made a declaration to the effect that the undertaking by authors to bring contributions to the making of a cinematographic work must be in a written agreement. This declaration was received on November 5, 1986.

¹⁸ Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from June 3, 2006.

¹⁹ Pursuant to Article I of the Appendix of the Paris Act, this State availed itself of the faculty provided for in Article II of the said Appendix. The relevant declaration is effective until October 10, 2014.

²⁰ The United Kingdom extended the application of the Paris Act to the Isle of Man with effect from March 18, 1996.