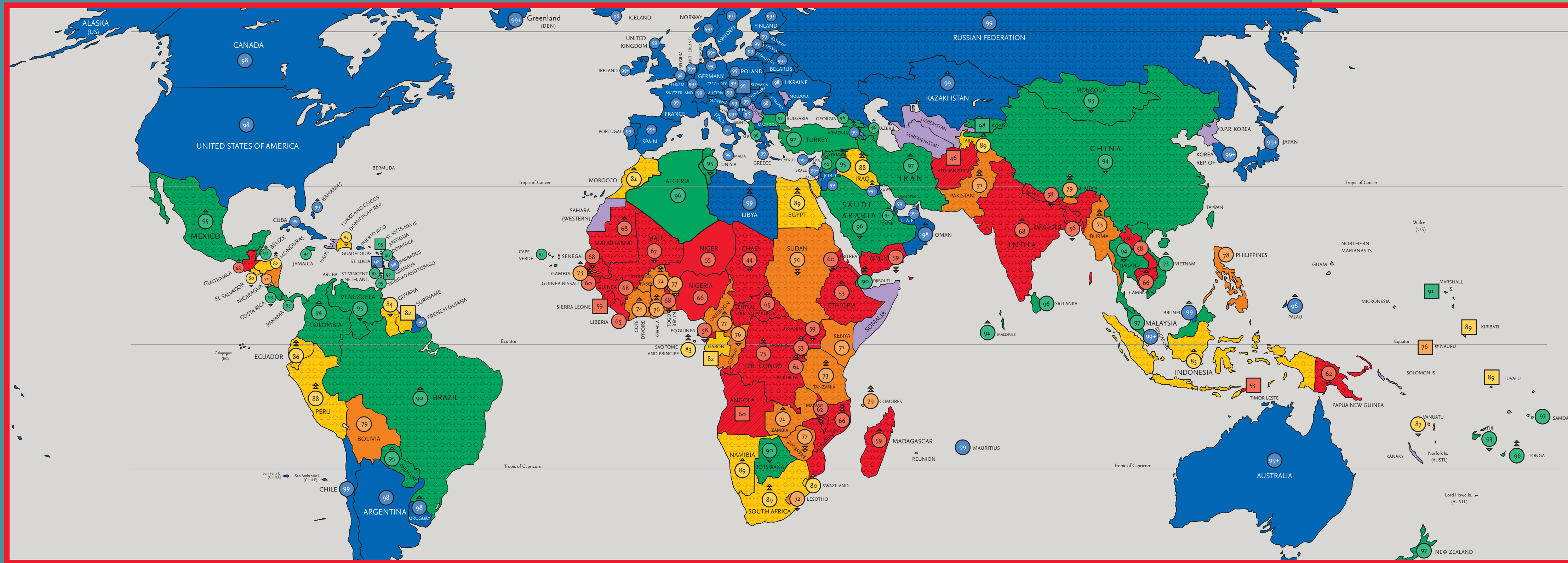




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BCI LEVEL		REFERENCES	
ACCEPTABLE	Blue square	VERY LOW	Orange square
MEDIUM	Green square	CRITICAL	Red square
LOW	Yellow square		
PROGRESS AND REGRESSION			
NO DATA ON EVOLUTION	White square	STAGNANT	White circle
PROGRESS	Green square	PROGRESS	Green circle
SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS	Upward arrow	REGRESSION	Downward arrow
SLIGHT PROGRESS	Light upward arrow	MAJOR REGRESSION	Light downward arrow
		NO DATA ON EVOLUTION	White circle
		STAGNANT	White square



ACCEPTABLE LEVEL: The following countries had achieved an acceptable level before 2009.

ARGENTINA (*)	BRUNEI (*)	FINLAND (*)	JAPAN (*)	LUXEMBOURG (*)	RUSSIAN FEDERATION (*)	UKRAINE (*)
ARMENIA (*)	CANADA (*)	FRANCE (*)	JORDAN (*)	MACAU (*)	SEYCHELLES (*)	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (*)
AUSTRALIA (*)	CHINA (*)	GERMANY (*)	KAZAKHSTAN (*)	MALTA (*)	SINGAPORE (*)	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (*)
AUSTRIA (*)	CROATIA (*)	GREECE (*)	KOREA REP. (*)	NETHERLANDS (*)	SLOVAKIA (*)	UNITED KINGDOM (*)
BAHRAIN (*)	CUBA (*)	HUNGARY (*)	KUWAIT (*)	NORWAY (*)	SLOVENIA (*)	URUGUAY (*)
BARBADOS (*)	CYPRUS (*)	ICELAND (*)	KYRGYZSTAN (*)	OMAN (*)	SPAIN (*)	
BERMUDA (*)	CZECH REPUBLIC (*)	IRELAND (*)	LATVIA (*)	POLAND (*)	ST. LUCIA (*)	
BELARUS (*)	ESTONIA (*)	ISRAEL (*)	LITHUANIA (*)	PORTUGAL (*)	SWEDEN (*)	
BELGIUM (*)		ITALY (*)		ROMANIA (*)	SWITZERLAND (*)	

THE COUNTRIES MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) ARE INCLUDED BY USING A METHODOLOGICAL PROCESS DESIGNED TO ESTIMATE THEIR VALUE ON THE CURRENT BCI, BECAUSE THERE IS A LACK OF INFORMATION FOR ONE OF THE INDICATORS THAT MAKES UP THIS VALUE.

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