

## 25 years of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in the world: how the countries are performing...




COUNTRY	UN MEMBER SINCE	CEDAW SIGNATURE	CEDAW RATIFICATION, ACCESSION, SUCCESSION	OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO CEDAW	AMENDMENT TO ART. 20 OF CEDAW	REPORTS TO CEDAW	OBSERVATIONS	RESERVATIONS
Afghanistan	1946	1980	2003			Overdue		
Albania	1955		1994	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Algeria	1962		1996			Not yet due		Art. 2; Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 15, para. 4; Art. 16; Art. 29
Andorra	1993		1997	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Angola	1976		1986			Not yet due		
Antigua and Barbuda	1981		1989			Overdue		
Argentina	1945	1980	1985	Signature		Not yet due		Art. 29, para. 1
Armenia	1992		1993			Overdue		
Australia	1945	1980	1983		Acceptance	Pending Jan. 2006		Art. 11, para. 2
Austria	1955	1980	1982	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 11
Azerbaijan	1992		1995	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Bahamas	1973		1993		Acceptance	Overdue		Art. 2, para. (a); Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 16, para. (h); Art. 29, para. 1
Bahrain	1971		2002			Overdue		Art. 2; Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 15, para. 4; Art. 16; Art. 29, para. 1
Bangladesh	1974		1984	Ratification		Not yet due	Declaration under Art. 10 of OP	Art. 2
Barbados	1966	1980	1980			Overdue		
Belarus	1945	1980	1981	Ratification		Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Belgium	1945	1980	1985	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Belize	1981	1990	1990	Ratification		Overdue	Declaration under Art. 10 of OP	
Benin	1960	1981	1992	Signature		Pending Jul. 2005		
Bhutan	1971	1980	1981			Not yet due		
Bolivia	1945	1980	1990	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1992		1993	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Botswana	1966		1996			Overdue		
Brazil	1945	1981	1984	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 29, para. 1
Brunei Darussalam	1984							
Bulgaria	1955	1980	1982	Signature		Overdue		
Burkina Faso	1960		1987	Signature		Pending Jul. 2005		
Burundi	1962	1980	1992	Signature		Overdue		
Cambodia	1955	1980	1992	Signature		Pending Jan. 2006		
Cameroon	1960	1983	1994	Ratification		Overdue		
Canada	1945	1980	1981	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Cape Verde	1975		1980			Overdue		
Central African Republic	1960		1991			Overdue		
Chad	1960		1995			Overdue		
Chile	1945	1980	1989	Signature	Acceptance	Pending	Declaration under Art. 10 of OP	
China	1945	1980	1980		Acceptance	Pending		Art. 29, para. 1
Colombia	1945	1980	1982	Signature		Overdue		
Comoros	1975		1994			Overdue		
Congo, Dem. Rep.	1960	1980	1986			Pending		

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Congo, Rep.	1960	1980	1982			Pending		
Costa Rica	1945	1980	1986	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Côte d'Ivoire	1960	1980	1995			Overdue		
Croatia	1992		1992	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Cuba	1945	1980	1980	Signature		Overdue	Does not undertake Art. 8 and 9 of OP	Art. 29
Cyprus	1960		1985	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Czech Republic	1993		1993	Ratification		Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Denmark	1945	1980	1983	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Djibouti	1977		1998			Overdue		
Dominica	1978	1980	1980			Overdue		
Dominican Republic	1945	1980	1982	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Ecuador	1945	1980	1981	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Egypt	1945	1980	1981		Acceptance	Overdue		Art. 2; Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 16; Art. 29, para. 1
El Salvador	1945	1980	1981	Signature		Not yet due		Art. 29, para. 1
Equatorial Guinea	1968		1984			Not yet due		
Eritrea	1993		1995			Pending Jan. 2006		
Estonia	1991		1991			Overdue		
Ethiopia	1945	1980	1981			Overdue		Art. 29, para. 1
Fiji	1970		1995			Overdue		
Finland	1955	1980	1986	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
France	1945	1980	1983	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 14, para. 2; Art. 16, para. 1; Art. 29, para. 2
Gabon	1960	1980	1983	Ratification		Overdue		
Gambia	1965	1980	1993			Pending Jul. 2005		
Georgia	1992		1994	Ratification		Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Germany	1973	1980	1985	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Ghana	1957	1980	1986	Signature		Overdue		
Greece	1945	1982	1983	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Grenada	1974	1980	1990			Overdue		
Guatemala	1945	1981	1982	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Guinea	1958	1980	1982			Overdue		
Guinea-Bissau	1974	1980	1985	Signature		Overdue		
Guyana	1966	1980	1980			Pending Jul. 2005		
Haiti	1945	1980	1981			Overdue		
Holy See								
Honduras	1945	1980	1983			Overdue		
Hungary	1955	1980	1980	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Iceland	1946	1980	1985	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
India	1945	1980	1993			Overdue		Art. 29, para. 1
Indonesia	1950	1980	1984	Signature		Overdue		Art. 29, para. 1
Iran, Islamic Rep.	1945							
Iraq	1945		1986			Overdue		Art. 2, para. (f) and (g); Art. 9, para. 1 and 2; Art. 16; Art. 29, para. 1

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Ireland	1955		1985	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending Jul. 2005	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 11, para. 1; Art. 13, para. (a); Art. 16, para. 1 (d) and (f)
Israel	1949	1980	1991			Pending Jul. 2005		Art. 7, para. (b); Art. 16
Italy	1955	1980	1985	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Jamaica	1962	1980	1984			Pending		Art. 29, para. 1
Japan	1956	1980	1985		Acceptance	Not yet due		
Jordan	1955	1980	1992		Acceptance	Overdue		Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 15, para. 4; Art. 16, para. 1 (c), (d) and (g)
Kazakhstan	1992		1998	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Kenya	1963		1984			Overdue		
Kiribati	1999		2004					
Korea, Dem. Rep.	1991		2001			Pending Jul. 2005		Art. 2, para. (f); Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 29, para. 1
Korea, Rep.	1991	1983	1984		Acceptance	Pending		Art. 9
Kuwait	1963		1994			Overdue		Art. 7, para. (a); Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 16 (f); Art. 29, para. 1
Kyrgyzstan	1992		1997	Ratification		Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Lao PDR	1955	1980	1981			Overdue		
Latvia	1991		1992			Not yet due		
Lebanon	1945		1997			Pending Jul. 2005		Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 16, para. 1 (c), (d), (f) and (g); Art. 29, para. 2
Lesotho	1966	1980	1995	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 2
Liberia	1945		1984	Signature		Overdue		
Libya	1955		1989	Ratification		Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 2; Art. 16, para. 1 (c) and (d)
Liechtenstein	1990		1995	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 1; Art. 16 para. 1 (g)
Lithuania	1991		1994	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Luxembourg	1945	1980	1989	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Macedonia, FYR	1993		1994	Ratification		Pending Jul. 2005	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Madagascar	1960	1980	1989	Signature	Acceptance	Overdue		
Malawi	1964		1987	Signature		Pending		
Malaysia	1957		1995			Pending		Art. 5, para. (a); Art. 7, para. (b); Art. 9 (except para. 1); Art. 11; Art. 16, para. 1 (a), (c) and (g)
Maldives	1965		1993		Acceptance	Overdue		Art. 7, para. (a); Art. 16
Mali	1960	1984	1985	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending Jan. 2006	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Malta	1964		1991		Acceptance	Overdue		Art. 11, para. 1; Art. 13; Art. 15; Art. 16, para. 1
Marshall Islands	1991							
Mauritania	1961		2001			Overdue		
Mauritius	1968		1984	Signature	Acceptance	Pending		
Mexico	1945	1980	1981	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 29, para. 1
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	1991		2004					Art. 2, para. (f) Art. 5; Art. 11, para. (1d) and (2b); Art. 16; Art. 29, para. 1
Moldova	1992		1994			Pending		
Monaco	1993		2005					
Mongolia	1961	1980	1981	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Morocco	1956		1993			Overdue		Art. 2; Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 15, para. 4; Art. 16; Art. 29

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Namibia	1990		1992	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Nauru	1999							
Nepal	1955	1991	1991	Signature		Overdue		
Netherlands	1945	1980	1991	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
New Zealand	1945	1980	1985	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Nicaragua	1945	1980	1981			Overdue		
Niger	1960		1999	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 2, para. (d) and (f); Art. 5, para. (a); Art. 15, para. 4; Art. 16, para. 1 (c), (e) and (g); Art. 29, para. 1
Nigeria	1960	1984	1985	Ratification		Not yet due		
Norway	1945	1980	1981	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Oman	1971							
Pakistan	1947		1996			Overdue		Art. 29, para. 1
Palau	1994							
Panama	1945	1980	1981	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Papua New Guinea	1975		1995			Overdue		
Paraguay	1945		1987	Ratification		Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Peru	1945	1981	1982	Ratification		Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Philippines	1945	1980	1981	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Poland	1945	1980	1980	Ratification		Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Portugal	1955	1980	1980	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Qatar	1971							
Romania	1955	1980	1982	Ratification		Pending	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Russian Federation	1945	1980	1981	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Rwanda	1962	1980	1981			Overdue		
Samoa	1976		1992			Not yet due		
San Marino	1992	2003	2003					
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	1975	1995	2003	Signature				
Saudi Arabia	1945	2000	2000			Overdue		
Senegal	1960	1980	1985	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 29, para. 1
Serbia and Montenegro	2000		2001	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Seychelles	1976		1992	Signature		Overdue		
Sierra Leone	1961	1988	1988	Signature		Overdue		
Singapore	1965		1995			Pending		Art. 2; Art. 16; Art. 29, para. 2
Slovakia	1993		1993	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Slovenia	1992		1992	Ratification		Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Solomon Islands	1978		2002	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Somalia	1960							
South Africa	1945	1993	1995			Overdue		
Spain	1955	1980	1984	Ratification		Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Sri Lanka	1955	1980	1981	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
St. Kitts and Nevis	1983		1985			Overdue		
St. Lucia	1979		1982			Overdue		

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St. Vincent and the Gren.	1980		1981			Overdue		
Sudan	1956							
Suriname	1975		1993			Overdue		
Swaziland	1968		2004					
Sweden	1946	1980	1980	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Switzerland	2002	1987	1997		Acceptance	Not yet due		Art. 15, para. 2; Art. 16, para.1 (g) and (h)
Syrian Arab Republic	1945		2003			Overdue		Art. 2; Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 15, para. 4; Art. 16, para. 1 (c), (d), (f) and (g); para. 2; Art. 29, para. 1
Tajikistan	1992		1993	Signature		Overdue		
Tanzania	1961	1980	1985			Overdue		
Thailand	1946		1985	Ratification		Pending Jan. 2006	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 16; Art. 29, para. 1
Timor-Leste	2002		2003	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Togo	1960		1983			Pending Jan. 2006		
Tonga	1999							
Trinidad and Tobago	1962	1985	1990			Overdue		Art. 29, para. 1
Tunisia	1956	1980	1985			Overdue		Art. 9, para. 2; Art. 16, para. 1 (c), (d), (f), (g) and (h); Art. 29, para. 1
Turkey	1945		1985	Ratification	Acceptance	Not yet due	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 9, para. 1; Art. 29, para. 1
Turkmenistan	1992		1997			Pending		
Tuvalu	2000		1999			Overdue		
Uganda	1962	1980	1985			Overdue		
Ukraine	1945	1980	1981	Ratification		Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
United Arab Emirates	1971		2004					
United Kingdom	1945	1981	1986	Ratification	Acceptance	Pending		Art. 1; Art. 2; Art. 9; Art. 11; Art. 15, para. 3; Art. 16, para. 1
United States of America	1945	1980						
Uruguay	1945	1981	1981	Ratification	Acceptance	Overdue	Accepts indiv. complaints	
Uzbekistan	1992		1995			Pending		
Vanuatu	1981		1995			Overdue		
Venezuela	1945	1980	1983	Ratification		Pending Jan. 2006	Accepts indiv. complaints	Art. 29, para. 1
Viet Nam	1977	1980	1982			Overdue		Art. 29, para. 1
Yemen	1947		1984			Not yet due		Art. 29, para. 1
Zambia	1964	1980	1985			Overdue		
Zimbabwe	1980		1991			Overdue		

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