

III. International legal instruments related to the prevention and suppression of international terrorism

A. Status of international conventions pertaining to international terrorism

138. Currently, there are 19 global or regional treaties pertaining to the subject of international terrorism. Each instrument listed below is represented by the letter shown on the left, which is featured in the tables that follow to reflect the status of that instrument:

- A. Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963 (entered into force on 4 December 1969): status as at 1 May 2001;⁶
- B. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at The Hague on 16 December 1970 (entered into force on 14 October 1971): status as at 1 May 2001;⁶
- C. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 23 September 1971 (entered into force on 26 January 1973): status as at 1 May 2001;⁶
- D. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 14 December 1973 (entered into force on 20 February 1977): status as at 13 June 2001;⁷
- E. International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 17 December 1979 (entered into force on 3 June 1983): status as at 13 June 2001;⁷
- F. Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, signed at Vienna on 3 March 1980 (entered into force on 8 February 1987): status as at 25 April 2001;⁸
- G. Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 24 February 1988 (entered into force on 6 August 1989): status as at 1 May 2001;⁸
- H. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, done at Rome on 10 March 1988 (entered into force on 1 March 1992): status as at 30 April 2001;⁹
- I. Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10 March 1988 (entered into force on 1 March 1992): status as at 30 April 2001;⁹
- J. Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, signed at Montreal on 1 March 1991 (entered into force on 21 June 1998): status as at 1 May 2001;¹⁰
- K. International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 December

1997 (opened for signature on 12 January 1998 until 31 December 1999): status as at 13 June 2001;⁷

- L. International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1999 (opened for signature on 10 January 2000 until 31 December 2001): status as at 13 June 2001;⁷
- M. Arab Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, signed at a meeting held at the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States in Cairo on 22 April 1998: status as at 25 October 1999;
- N. Convention of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on Combating International Terrorism, adopted at Ouagadougou on 1 July 1999: status as at 1 July 2000;
- O. European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, concluded at Strasbourg on 27 January 1977 (entered into force on 4 August 1978): status as at 15 June 2001;¹¹
- P. OAS Convention to Prevent and Punish Acts of Terrorism Taking the Form of Crimes against Persons and Related Extortion that are of International Significance, concluded at Washington, D.C., on 2 February 1971 (entered into force on 16 October 1973): status as at 5 February 1999;
- Q. OAU Convention on the Prevention and Combating of Terrorism, adopted at Algiers on 14 July 1999: status as at 1 July 2000;
- R. SAARC Regional Convention on Suppression of Terrorism, signed at Kathmandu on 4 November 1987 (entered into force on 22 August 1988): all seven States members of SAARC (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) are parties to the Convention;
- S. Treaty on Cooperation among States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States in Combating Terrorism, done at Minsk on 4 June 1999: status as at 4 June 1999.

Table 1

Total participation in international conventions pertaining to international terrorism

Signature																			
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	
41	77	60	25	39	45 ^a	69	41	39	51	59	43	22 ^b	3	37	17	36 ^c	-	8	
Ratification, accession or succession																			
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	
171	173	174	107	95	69 ^a	107	52	48	66	24	3	12	-	36	13	-	7	-	

^a Includes the European Atomic Energy Community, which is not listed in table 2.

^b Includes the Palestinian Authority.

^c Includes the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic.

Table 2
Status of participation in international conventions pertaining to international terrorism

State	Signature											Ratification, accession or succession																										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
Afghanistan	B								J											A	B	C																
Albania														O						A	B	C															O	
Algeria											K	L	M	N		Q				A	B	C	D	E		G	H		J								M	
Andorra																																						
Angola																Q				A	B	C																
Antigua and Barbuda																				A	B	C	D	E	F													
Argentina	B	C				F	G	H	I	J	K	L							S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		J									
Armenia																							D	F														
Australia	B	C	D			F														A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I										
Austria	B	C			E	F	G	H	J	K				O						A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K						O		
Azerbaijan																			S		B	C	D	E	G				J	K								
Bahamas								H	I											A	B	C	D	E														
Bahrain													M							A	B	C				G		J								M		
Bangladesh																				A	B	C															R	
Barbados	A	B	C																	A	B	C	D	E			H	I										
Belarus	B	C	D				G	H	I	J	K									A	B	C	D	E	F	G			K									
Belgium	A	B	C		E	F	G	H	I	J	K			O						A	B	C		E	F	G										O		
Belize											J									A	B	C				G												
Benin	B																Q																					
Bhutan																				A	B	C	D	E													R	
Bolivia					E						J									A	B	C																
Bosnia and Herzegovina																																						
Botswana																				A	B	C	D	E	F	G												
Brazil	A	B	C			F	G	H	I	J	K					Q				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L						P	
Brunei																																						
Darussalam									H	I										A	B	C	D	E	G													
Bulgaria	B	C	D			F	G	H	I	J		L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J							O		

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Burkina Faso	A																			A	B	C				G												
Burundi		B	C						K								Q			A		C	D															
Cambodia		B																		A	B	C				G												
Cameroon							G													A	B	C	D	E			J											
Canada	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L								A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J									
Cape Verde																				A	B	C																
Central African Republic																				A	B	C				G												
Chad		B	C														Q			A	B	C																
Chile		B			E		G	H	I	J		L				P				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J									
China							G	H	I											A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I										
Colombia	A	B							J							P				A	B	C	D													P		
Comoros											K	L	M				Q			A	B	C																
Congo (Republic of the)	A		C				G										Q			A	B	C																
Cook Islands																																						
Costa Rica		B	C				G	H	I	J	K	L				P				A	B	C	D													P		
Côte d'Ivoire							G		J	K							Q			A	B	C		E														
Croatia																				A	B	C	D		F	G												
Cuba																				A		D		F														
Cyprus											K	L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F		H	I	K						O			
Czech Republic											K	L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G		J	K							O		
Democratic People's Republic of Korea																																						
Democratic Republic of the Congo																																						
Denmark	A	B	C	D											O		Q			A	B	C	D													O		
Djibouti																				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J									
Dominica													M							A	B	C														E		

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Dominican Republic		B	C		E	F										P				A	B	C	D															P
Ecuador	A	B		D	F		H	I	J		L					P				A	B	C	D	E	F			J										
Egypt			C		E		G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N		Q				A	B	C	D	E		G	H	I	J			M						
El Salvador		B			E											P				A	B	C	D	E		G	H	I	J								P	
Equatorial Guinea		B														Q				A	B	C																
Eritrea																Q												J										
Estonia											K	L			O					A	B	C	D		F	G		J									O	
Ethiopia		B	C				G									Q				A	B	C				G												
Fiji		B	C																	A	B	C				G												
Finland	A	B		D	E	F	G	H		J	K	L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F		H	I									O	
France	A	B			F	G	H	I	J	K	L				O					A	B	C		E	F	G	H	I	J	K							O	
Gabon		B	C		E		G		J		L					Q				A	B	C	D															
Gambia		B														Q				A	B	C						J										
Georgia											L				O			S		A	B	C				G										O		
Germany	A	B	C	D	E	F	G		J	K	L				O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J								O	
Ghana		B				G			J							Q				A	B	C	D	E		G		J										
Greece	A	B	C		E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J								O	
Grenada																				A	B	C		E														
Guatemala	A	B	C	D	E	F									P					A	B	C	D	E	F	G		J									P	
Guinea									J											A	B	C				G				K								
Guinea-Bissau									J							Q						B	C															
Guyana																				A	B	C																
Haiti			C		E	F														A	B	C	D	E														
Holy See	A																																					
Honduras					E				J						P					A	B	C		E														
Hungary		B	C	D		F	G	H	I	J	K				O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J							O		
Iceland				D		G			K						O					A	B	C	D	E		G										O		
India		B	C								K	L								A	B	C	D	E		G	H	I	J	K							R	
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Iran (Islamic Republic of)		B																			A	B	C	D															
Iraq		B			E			H	I			M									A	B	C	D		G													
Ireland	A					F	G			K					O						A	B	C		F	G													O
Israel	A	B	C		E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L									A	B	C	D		G													
Italy	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I		K	L			O						A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I										O
Jamaica	B	C			E	G										P					A	B	C	D															
Japan	A	B			E					K											A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J									
Jordan		B	C				G	H	I	J		M									A	B	C	D	E	G			J			M							
Kazakhstan																			S		A	B	C	D	E	G			J										
Kenya																					A	B	C		E	G													
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Lao People's Democratic Republic		B	C																		A	B	C																
Latvia															O						A	B	C	D		G		J										O	
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Liberia	A				E		G	H	I																		H	I											
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Malawi																					A	B	C	D	E														
Malaysia		B					G														A	B	C																
Maldives																					A	B	C	D															
Mali										J							Q				A	B	C		E	G			J	K								R	
Malta												L			O						A	B	C			G			J									O	

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Marshall Islands							G													A	B	C				G	H	I											
Mauritania												M					Q			A	B	C	D	E															
Mauritius					E		G		J											A	B	C		E	G														
Mexico	A	B	C			G			J		L					P				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J									P	
Micronesia (Federated States of)																																							
Monaco											K									A	B	C			F	G		J											
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Namibia																	Q																						
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Nepal											K									A	B	C	D	E													R		
Netherlands	A	B	C		E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J						O				
New Zealand		B	C		E		G	H	I		L									A	B	C	D	E		G	H	I											
Nicaragua				C	D					J						P				A	B	C	D														P		
Niger	A	B	C			F	G													A	B	C	D																
Nigeria	A							H	I		L									A	B	C																	
Niue																																							
Norway	A	B		D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K				O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K					O				
Oman													M							A	B	C	D	E		G	H	I					M						
Pakistan	A	B				G			J											A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I									R		
Palau																				A	B	C			G														
Panama	A	B	C		E	F				K						P				A	B	C	D	E	F	G		J	K							P			
Papua New Guinea																				A	B	C																	
Paraguay		B	C	D		F														A	B	C	D		F														
Peru							G		J		L					P				A	B	C	D		F	G		J								P			
Philippines	A	B	C		E	F	G	H	I	K										A	B	C	D	E	F														
Poland		B	C	D		F	G	H	I	K					O					A	B	C	D	E	F		H	I								O			

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Portugal	A	B	C		E	F	G		K	L			O							A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I									O		
Qatar												M								A	B	C	D				J											
Republic of Korea	A				F	G			J	K										A	B	C	D	E	F	G												
Republic of Moldova													O					S	A	B	C	D	F	G	J										O			
Romania		B	C	D		F	G				K	L			O				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J							O			
Russian Federation		B	C	D		F	G	H	I	J	K	L			O			S	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	K									O			
Rwanda		B	C	D													Q			A	B	C	D															
Saint Kitts and Nevis																									E													
Saint Lucia																				A	B	C			G													
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines							G													A	B	C	D	E	G													
Samoa																				A	B	C			G		J											
San Marino																																						
Sao Tome and Principe																																						
Saudi Arabia	A						G	H	I				M	N						A	B	C		E	G		J								M			
Senegal	A	B	C		E	G			J								Q			A	B	C		E														
Seychelles								H	I											A	B	C	D			H	I											
Sierra Leone	B																Q			A	B	C																
Singapore	B	C																		A	B	C		G														
Slovakia											K	L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J						O			
Slovenia										K					O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G		J	K						O			
Solomon Islands																				A		C																
Somalia														M																								
South Africa		B	C		F						K						Q			A	B	C		G			J											
Spain	A	B	C		F	G	H	I	J	K	L			O						A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K					O			
Sri Lanka					G						K	L								A	B	C	D	E	G	H	I	K	L							R		
Sudan											K	L	M				Q			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	M							

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Suriname					E															A	B	C		E															
Swaziland																	Q			A	B	C																	
Sweden	A	B		D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K				O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I										O	
Switzerland	A	B	C		E		F	G	H	J		L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J									O	
Syrian Arab Republic													M							A	B	C	D																
Tajikistan																			S	A	B	C			F	G													
Thailand		B																		A	B	C																	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia												K	L							A	B	C	D	E	F	G			J										
Togo					E		G			J	K						Q			A	B	C	D	E		G													
Tonga																																							
Trinidad and Tobago		B	C													P				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K									
Tunisia				D								M					Q			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J								M		
Turkey	B	C				F	G	H	I	J	K				O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J									O	
Turkmenistan											K									A	B	C	D	E		G	H	I	K										
Tuvalu																																							
Uganda					E						K						Q			A	B	C				G													
Ukraine		B	C	D			G	H	I	J		L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J										
United Arab Emirates													M							A	B	C				G			J								M		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland																																							
Ireland	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L			O					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L							O	
United Republic of Tanzania																		Q		A	B	C																	
United States of America	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L			P					A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J									P	
Uruguay											K				P					A	B	C	D			G											P		

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Uzbekistan											K	L								A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K								
Vanuatu																				A	B	C					H	I										
Venezuela	A	B	C				G				K					P				A	B	C	E													P		
Viet Nam																				A	B	C			G													
Yemen				C									M							A	B	C	D				H	I	K	M								
Yugoslavia						F																	D	E	F													
Zambia																				A	B	C							J									
Zimbabwe																				A	B	C																