



# **Signatures and Ratifications of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

*as of 7 January 2005*

**Signatories: 76**

**Parties: 71**

<b>Participant</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Ratification Accession (a)</b>
Albania		23 June 2003 (a)
Andorra	9 July 2001	14 October 2002
Argentina	28 February 2000	
Austria	10 December 1999	6 September 2000
Azerbaijan	6 June 2000	1 June 2001
Bangladesh	6 September 2000	6 September 2000
Belarus	29 April 2002	3 February 2004
Belgium	10 December 1999	17 June 2004
Belize		9 December 2002 (a)
Benin	25 May 2000	
Bolivia	10 December 1999	27 September 2000
Bosnia & Herzegovina	7 September 2000	4 September 2002
Brazil	13 March 2001	28 June 2002
Bulgaria	6 June 2000	
Burkina Faso	16 November 2001	
Burundi	13 November 2001	
Cambodia	11 November 2001	
Cameroon		7 January 2005 (a)
Canada		18 October 2002 (a)
Chile	10 December 1999	
Colombia	10 December 1999	
Costa Rica	10 December 1999	20 September 2001
Croatia	5 June 2000	7 March 2001
Cuba	17 March 2000	
Cyprus	8 February 2001	26 April 2002

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Czech Republic	10 December 1999	26 February 2001
Denmark	10 December 1999	31 May 2000
Dominican Republic	14 March 2000	10 August 2001
Ecuador	10 December 1999	5 February 2002
El Salvador	4 April 2001	
Finland	10 December 1999	29 December 2000
France	10 December 1999	9 June 2000
Gabon		5 November 2004 (a)
Germany	10 December 1999	15 January 2002
Georgia		1 August 2002
Ghana	24 February 2000	
Greece	10 December 1999	24 January 2002
Guatemala	7 September 2000	9 May 2002
Guinea-Bissau	12 September 2000	
Hungary		22 December 2000 (a)
Iceland	10 December 1999	6 March 2001
Indonesia	28 February 2000	
Ireland	7 September 2000	7 September 2000
Italy	10 December 1999	22 September 2000
Kazakhstan	6 September 2000	24 August 2001
Kyrgyzstan		22 July 2002 (a)
Lesotho	6 September 2000	24 September 2004
Liberia	22 September 2004	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		18 Jun 2004 (a)
Liechtenstein	10 December 1999	24 October 2001
Lithuania	8 September 2000	5 August 2004
Luxembourg	10 December 1999	1 July 2003
Madagascar	7 September 2000	
Malawi	7 September 2000	
Mali		5 December 2000 (a)
Mauritius	11 November 2001	
Mexico	10 December 1999	15 March 2002
Mongolia	7 September 2000	28 March 2002
Namibia	19 May 2000	26 May 2000
Nepal	18 December 2001	
Netherlands	10 December 1999	22 May 2002
New Zealand	7 September 2000	7 September 2000
Niger		30 September 2004 (a)
Nigeria	8 September 2000	22 November 2004
Norway	10 December 1999	5 March 2002

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Panama	9 June 2000	9 May 2001
Paraguay	28 December 1999	14 May 2001
Peru	22 December 2000	9 April 2001
Philippines	21 March 2000	12 November 2003
Poland		22 December 2003(a)
Portugal	16 February 2000	26 April 2002
Romania	6 September 2000	25 August 2003
Russian Federation	8 May 2001	28 July 2004
São Tomé & Príncipe	6 September 2000	
Senegal	10 December 1999	26 May 2000
Serbia and Montenegro		31 July 2003 (a)
Seychelles	22 July 2002	
Sierra Leone	8 September 2000	
Slovakia	5 June 2000	17 November 2000
Slovenia	10 December 1999	23 September 2004
Solomon Islands		6 May 2002 (a)
Spain	14 March 2000	6 July 2001
Sri Lanka		15 October 2002 (a)
Sweden	10 December 1999	24 April 2003
Tajikistan	7 September 2000	
Thailand	14 June 2000	14 June 2000
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3 April 2000	17 October 2003
Timor-Leste		16 April 2003 (a)
Turkey	8 September 2000	29 October 2002
Ukraine	7 September 2000	26 September 2003
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		17 December 2004 (a)
Uruguay	9 May 2000	26 July 2001
Venezuela	17 March 2000	13 May 2002

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