

STATUS OF THE 1997 MINEBAN TREATY

The Mine Ban Treaty's official name is the "**Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction**". It is also known as the Ottawa Convention.

The Mine Ban Treaty was open for countries to sign starting on 3 December 1997. A country that signs a treaty is not formally bound by its provisions until it either *ratifies* or *accedes* to that treaty.

On 1 March 1999, the Mine Ban Treaty entered into force. This means that the required number of countries (40) had ratified it. **Ratification** is the process where a country's government approves the treaty and agrees to be legally bound by that treaty. A country that has ratified a treaty is called a State Party to the treaty.

After 1 March 1999, countries could no longer sign the Mine Ban Treaty. Instead, they now go through a process called accession. **Accession** is very much the same as ratification when a country agrees to be legally bound by a treaty. One important difference is that the country does not sign the treaty. A country that accedes to a treaty is called a State Party to the treaty.

Mine Ban Treaty Status as of 18 November 2007:

States Parties	-	156
States Not Parties	-	39 (includes Marshall Islands and Poland which have signed but not ratified)

Country	Signed	Ratified	Acceded
Afghanistan			11 Sep 02
Albania	8 Sep 98	29 Feb 00	
Algeria	3 Dec 97	9 Oct 01	
Andorra	3 Dec 97	29 Jun 98	
Angola	4 Dec 97	5 Jul 02	
Antigua and Barbuda	3 Dec 97	3 May 99	
Argentina	4 Dec 97	14 Sep 99	
ARMENIA	NOT JOINED		
Australia	3 Dec 97	14 Jan 99	
Austria	3 Dec 97	29 Jun 98	
AZERBAIJAN	NOT JOINED		
Bahamas	3 Dec 97	31 Jul 98	
BAHRAIN	NOT JOINED		
Bangladesh	7 May 98	6 Sep 00	
Barbados	3 Dec 97	26 Jan 99	
Belarus			3 Sep 03
Belgium	3 Dec 97	4 Sep 98	
Belize	27 Feb 98	23 Apr 98	
Benin	3 Dec 97	25 Sep 98	
Bhutan			18 Aug 05
Bolivia	3 Dec 97	9 Jun 98	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3 Dec 97	8 Sep 98	
Botswana	3 Dec 97	1 Mar 00	

<u>Country</u>	<u>Signed</u>	<u>Ratified</u>	<u>Acceded</u>
Brazil	3 Dec 97	30 Apr 99	
Brunei Darussalem	4 Dec 97	24 Apr 06	
Bulgaria	3 Dec 97	4 Sep 98	
Burkina Faso	3 Dec 97	16 Sep 98	
BURMA	NOT JOINED		
Burundi	3 Dec 97	22 Oct 03	
Cambodia	3 Dec 97	28 Jul 99	
Cameroon	3 Dec 97	19 Sep 02	
Canada	3 Dec 97	3 Dec 97	
Cape Verde	4 Dec 97	14 May 01	
Central African Republic			8 Nov 02
Chad	6 Jul 98	6 May 99	
Chile	3 Dec 97	10 Sep 01	
CHINA	NOT JOINED		
Colombia	3 Dec 97	6 Sep 00	
Comoros			9 Sep 02
Congo (Brazzaville)			4 May 01
Congo, Democratic Rep. Of			2 May 02
Cook Islands	3 Dec 97	16 Mar 06	
Costa Rica	3 Dec 97	17 Mar 99	
Cote d Ivoire	3 Dec 97	30 Jun 00	
Croatia	4 Dec 97	20 May 98	
CUBA	NOT JOINED		
Cyprus	4 Dec 97	17 Jan 03	
Czech Republic	3 Dec 97	26 Oct 99	
Denmark	4 Dec 97	8 Jun 98	
Djibouti	3 Dec 97	18 May 98	
Dominica	3 Dec 97	26 Mar 99	
Dominican Republic	3 Dec 97	30 Jun 00	
Ecuador	4 Dec 97	29 Apr 99	
EGYPT	NOT JOINED		
El Salvador	4 Dec 97	27 Jan 99	
Equatorial Guinea			16 Sep 98
Eritrea			27 Aug 01
Estonia			12 May 04
Ethiopia	3 Dec 97	17 Dec 04	
Fiji	3 Dec 97	10 Jun 98	
FINLAND	NOT JOINED		
France	3 Dec 97	23 Jul 98	
Gabon	3 Dec 97	8 Sep 00	
Gambia	4 Dec 97	23 Sep 02	
GEORGIA	NOT JOINED		
Germany	3 Dec 97	23 Jul 98	
Ghana	4 Dec 97	30 Jun 00	
Greece	3 Dec 97	25 Sep 03	
Grenada	3 Dec 97	19 Aug 98	
Guatemala	3 Dec 97	26 Mar 99	
Guinea	4 Dec 97	8 Oct 98	
Guinea-Bissau	3 Dec 97	22 May 01	
Guyana	4 Dec 97	5 Aug 03	

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Haiti	3 Dec 97	15 Feb 06	
Holy See	4 Dec 97	17 Feb 98	
Honduras	3 Dec 97	24 Sep 98	
Hungary	3 Dec 97	6 Apr 98	
Iceland	4 Dec 97	5 May 99	
INDIA	NOT JOINED		
Indonesia	4 Dec 97	20 Feb 07	
IRAN	NOT JOINED		
Iraq			15 Aug 07
Ireland	3 Dec 97	3 Dec 97	
ISRAEL	NOT JOINED		
Italy	3 Dec 97	23 Apr 99	
Jamaica	3 Dec 97	17 Jul 98	
Japan	3 Dec 97	30 Sep 98	
Jordan	11 Aug 98	13 Nov 98	
KAZAKHSTAN	NOT JOINED		
Kenya	5 Dec 97	23 Jan 01	
Kiribati			7 Sep 00
KOREA, NORTH	NOT JOINED		
KOREA, SOUTH	NOT JOINED		
Kuwait			30 Jul 07
KYRGYZSTAN	NOT JOINED		
LAO PDR	NOT JOINED		
Latvia			1 Jul 05
LEBANON	NOT JOINED		
Lesotho	4 Dec 97	2 Dec 98	
Liberia			23 Dec 99
LIBYA	NOT JOINED		
Liechtenstein	3 Dec 97	5 Oct 99	
Lithuania	26 Feb 99	12 May 03	
Luxembourg	4 Dec 97	14 Jun 99	
Macedonia FYR			9 Sep 98
Madagascar	4 Dec 97	16 Sep 99	
Malawi	4 Dec 97	13 Aug 98	
Malaysia	3 Dec 97	22 Apr 99	
Maldives	1 Oct 98	7 Sep 00	
Mali	3 Dec 97	2 Jun 98	
Malta	4 Dec 97	7 May 01	
MARSHALL ISLANDS	4 DEC 97	NOT RATIFIED	
Mauritania	3 Dec 97	21 Jul 00	
Mauritius	3 Dec 97	3 Dec 97	
Mexico	3 Dec 97	9 Jun 98	
MICRONESIA	NOT JOINED		
Moldova	3 Dec 97	8 Sep 00	
Monaco	4 Dec 97	17 Nov 98	
MONGOLIA	NOT JOINED		
Montenegro			23 Oct 06
MOROCCO	NOT JOINED		
Mozambique	3 Dec 97	25 Aug 98	
Namibia	3 Dec 97	21 Sep 98	

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Nauru			7 Aug 00
NEPAL	NOT JOINED		
Netherlands	3 Dec 97	12 Apr 99	
New Zealand	3 Dec 97	27 Jan 99	
Nicaragua	4 Dec 97	30 Nov 98	
Niger	4 Dec 97	23 Mar 99	
Nigeria			27 Sep 01
Niue	3 Dec 97	15 Apr 98	
Norway	3 Dec 97	9 Jul 98	
OMAN	NOT JOINED		
PAKISTAN	NOT JOINED		
Palau			18 Nov 07
Panama	4 Dec 97	7 Oct 98	
Papua New Guinea			28 Jun 04
Paraguay	3 Dec 97	13 Nov 98	
Peru	3 Dec 97	17 Jun 98	
Philippines	3 Dec 97	15 Feb 00	
POLAND	4 DEC 97	NOT RATIFIED	
Portugal	3 Dec 97	19 Feb 99	
Qatar	4 Dec 97	13 Oct 98	
Romania	3 Dec 97	30 Nov 00	
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	NOT JOINED		
Rwanda	3 Dec 97	8 Jun 00	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	3 Dec 97	2 Dec 98	
Saint Lucia	3 Dec 97	13 Apr 99	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	3 Dec 97	1 Aug 01	
SAUDI ARABIA	NOT JOINED		
Samoa	3 Dec 97	23 Jul 98	
San Marino	3 Dec 97	18 Mar 98	
Sao Tome e Principe	30 Apr 98	31 Mar 03	
Senegal	3 Dec 97	24 Sep 98	
Serbia			18 Sep 03
Seychelles	4 Dec 97	2 Jun 00	
Sierra Leone	29 Jul 98	25 Apr 01	
SINGAPORE	NOT JOINED		
Slovak Republic	3 Dec 97	25 Feb 99	
Slovenia	3 Dec 97	27 Oct 98	
Solomon Islands	4 Dec 97	26 Jan 99	
SOMALIA	NOT JOINED		
South Africa	3 Dec 97	26 Jun 98	
Spain	3 Dec 97	19 Jan 99	
SRI LANKA	NOT JOINED		
Sudan	4 Dec 97	13 Oct 03	
Suriname	4 Dec 97	23 May 02	
Swaziland	4 Dec 97	22 Dec 98	
Sweden	4 Dec 97	30 Nov 98	
Switzerland	3 Dec 97	24 Mar 98	
SYRIA	NOT JOINED		
Tajikistan			12 Oct 99
Tanzania	3 Dec 97	13 Nov 00	

Country	Signed	Ratified	Acceded
Thailand	3 Dec 97	27 Nov 98	
Timor-Leste			7 May 03
Togo	4 Dec 97	9 Mar 00	
TONGA	NOT JOINED		
Trinidad and Tobago	4 Dec 97	27 Apr 98	
Tunisia	4 Dec 97	9 Jul 99	
Turkey			25 Sep 03
Turkmenistan	3 Dec 97	19 Jan 98	
TUVALU	NOT JOINED		
Uganda	3 Dec 97	25 Feb 99	
Ukraine	24 Feb 99	27 Dec 05	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	NOT JOINED		
United Kingdom	3 Dec 97	31 Jul 98	
UNITED STATES	NOT JOINED		
Uruguay	3 Dec 97	7 Jun 01	
UZBEKISTAN	NOT JOINED		
Vanuatu	4 Dec 97	16 Sep 05	
Venezuela	3 Dec 97	14 Apr 99	
VIETNAM	NOT JOINED		
Yemen	4 Dec 97	1 Sep 98	
Zambia	12 Dec 97	23 Feb 01	
Zimbabwe	3 Dec 97	18 Jun 98	