

**CONVENTION
ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
OF RIGHTS IN AIRCRAFT
SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 19 JUNE 1948**

Entry into force:	The Convention entered into force on 17 September 1953.
Status:	91 Parties.

State	Date of signature	Date of deposit of instrument of ratification, adherence or succession	Entry into force
Algeria		10 August 1964	8 November 1964
Angola		24 February 1998	25 May 1998
Argentina	19 June 1948	31 January 1958	1 May 1958
Australia	9 June 1950		
Azerbaijan		23 March 2000	21 June 2000
Bahrain		3 March 1997	1 June 1997
Bangladesh		6 January 1988	5 April 1988
Belgium	19 June 1948	22 October 1993	20 January 1994
Benin		11 March 2019	9 June 2019
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		9 July 1998	7 October 1998
Bosnia and Herzegovina (1)		7 March 1995	6 March 1992
Brazil	19 June 1948	3 July 1953	1 October 1953
Cameroon		23 July 1969	21 October 1969
Central African Republic		2 June 1969	31 August 1969
Chad		14 February 1974	15 May 1974
Chile	19 June 1948	19 December 1955	18 March 1956
China (9)	19 June 1948	28 April 2000	27 July 2000
Colombia	19 June 1948	8 September 2006	7 December 2006
Congo		3 May 1982	1 August 1982
Côte d'Ivoire		23 August 1965	21 November 1965
Croatia		5 October 1993	3 January 1994
Cuba	20 June 1949	20 June 1961	18 September 1961
Czech Republic		24 August 1998	22 November 1998
Denmark	3 January 1949	18 January 1963	18 April 1963
Dominican Republic	19 June 1948		
Ecuador		14 July 1958	12 October 1958
Egypt		10 September 1969	9 December 1969
El Salvador		14 August 1958	12 November 1958
Estonia		31 December 1993	31 March 1994
Ethiopia		7 June 1979	5 September 1979
France	19 June 1948	27 February 1964	27 May 1964
Gabon		14 January 1970	14 April 1970
Gambia		20 June 2000	18 September 2000
Germany		7 July 1959	5 October 1959
Ghana		15 July 1997	13 October 1997
Greece	19 June 1948	23 February 1971	24 May 1971
Grenada		28 August 1985	26 November 1985
Guatemala		9 August 1988	7 November 1988
Guinea		13 August 1980	11 November 1980
Haiti		24 March 1961	22 June 1961
Hungary		21 May 1993	19 August 1993
Iceland	19 June 1948	6 February 1967	7 May 1967
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	18 March 1950		
Iraq		12 January 1981	12 April 1981
Ireland	30 November 1948		
Italy	19 June 1948	6 December 1960	6 March 1961

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Kenya		15 January 1997	15 April 1997
Kuwait (2)		27 November 1979	25 February 1980
Kyrgyzstan		28 February 2000	28 May 2000
Lao People's Democratic Republic		4 June 1956	2 September 1956
Lebanon		11 April 1969	10 July 1969
Libya		5 March 1973	4 June 1973
Luxembourg		16 December 1975	15 March 1976
Madagascar		9 January 1979	9 April 1979
Maldives		5 September 1995	4 December 1995
Mali		28 December 1961	28 March 1962
Mauritania		23 July 1962	21 October 1962
Mauritius		17 April 1991	16 July 1991
Mexico (3)	19 June 1948	5 April 1950	17 September 1953
Monaco		14 December 1994	14 March 1995
Morocco		13 December 1993	13 March 1994
Netherlands (4)	19 June 1948	1 September 1959	30 November 1959
Niger		27 December 1962	27 March 1963
Nigeria		10 May 2002	8 August 2002
North Macedonia (6)		30 August 1994	17 September 1991
Norway	3 January 1949	5 March 1954	3 June 1954
Oman		19 March 1992	17 June 1992
Pakistan	21 August 1951	19 June 1953	17 September 1953
Panama		26 October 1998	24 January 1999
Paraguay		26 September 1969	25 December 1969
Peru	19 June 1948		
Philippines		22 February 1978	23 May 1978
Portugal (8)	19 June 1948	12 December 1985	12 March 1986
Qatar		20 April 2007	19 July 2007
Romania		26 October 1994	24 January 1995
Rwanda		17 May 1971	15 August 1971
Senegal		20 December 1995	19 March 1996
Serbia (10)		6 September 2001	27 April 1992
Seychelles		16 January 1979	16 April 1979
Slovenia		9 April 1997	8 July 1997
South Africa		21 September 1998	20 December 1998
Sri Lanka		24 January 1994	24 April 1994
Suriname		27 March 2003	25 June 2003
Sweden (5)	3 January 1949	16 November 1955	14 February 1956
Switzerland	19 June 1948	3 October 1960	1 January 1961
Tajikistan		20 March 1996	18 June 1996
Thailand		10 October 1967	8 January 1968
Togo		2 July 1980	30 September 1980
Tunisia		4 May 1966	2 August 1966
Turkmenistan		16 September 1993	15 December 1993
Uganda		28 November 2017	26 February 2018
United Kingdom	19 June 1948		
United States (7)	19 June 1948	6 September 1949	17 September 1953
Uruguay		21 August 1985	19 November 1985
Uzbekistan		8 May 1997	6 August 1997
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	19 June 1948		
Viet Nam		18 June 1997	16 September 1997
Zimbabwe		6 February 1987	7 May 1987

- (1) An instrument of succession by the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina was deposited with the International Civil Aviation Organization on 7 March 1995, with effect from 6 March 1992.
- (2) It is understood that accession to the Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft (Geneva, 1948) does not mean, in any way, recognition of Israel by the State of Kuwait. Furthermore, no treaty relation will arise between the State of Kuwait and Israel.
- (3) Translation by the ICAO Secretariat: “The Mexican Government expressly reserves the rights belonging to it to recognize the priorities granted by Mexican laws to fiscal claims and claims arising out of work contracts over any other claims. Therefore, the priorities referred to in the Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft, signed at Geneva, shall be subject, within the national territory, to the priorities accorded by Mexican laws to fiscal claims and claims arising out of work contracts”.
- (4) The instrument of ratification was deposited on 1 September 1959 with regard to the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe only. In a declaration annexed to the instrument of ratification, the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands states “that it is unable to accept the reservation made by the Government of Mexico when depositing its instrument of ratification on April 5, 1950, and therefore it will not regard this Convention as having entered into force between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of Mexico”.

On 31 March 1988, the Kingdom of the Netherlands deposited with ICAO an instrument of adherence to the Convention on behalf of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, in accordance with Article XXIII, paragraph 4, thereof. The Convention took effect for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba on 29 June 1988.

The Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist as an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands with effect from 10 October 2010. By a note dated 31 August 2011, deposited on 9 September 2011, the Netherlands advised ICAO that, following a modification in the structure of the Kingdom of the Netherlands effective from 10 October 2010, this Convention applies from 10 October 2010 to the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba), Curaçao and Sint Maarten. It applies to the European part of the Netherlands from 30 November 1959 and to Aruba from 29 June 1988.

The above-mentioned declaration is confirmed for Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba). The declaration remains valid for the European part of the Netherlands and Aruba.

- (5) In a letter dated 8 November 1955 transmitted with its instrument of ratification, the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden indicated that it does not consider that the Convention, as ratified by Mexico, will come into force between the Kingdom of Sweden and Mexico.
- (6) An instrument of succession by the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was deposited with the International Civil Aviation Organization on 30 August 1994, with effect from 17 September 1991.
- (7) Statement by the Government of the United States of America dated 1 July 1950: “that it considers the reservation attached by Mexico to its ratification to be in the nature of an amendment which would, to a considerable degree, vitiate the protection offered by the Convention to persons having property rights in aircraft. Consequently, the Government of the United States of America is unable to accept the reservation made by the Government of Mexico and will not regard the Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft, as ratified by Mexico, as having entered into force between the United States of America and Mexico on July 4, 1950”.
- (8) Statement by the Government of Portugal dated 7 December 1999:
“In accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Government of the Portuguese Republic and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the Question of Macao signed on 13 April 1987, the Portuguese Republic will continue to have international responsibility for Macao until 19 December 1999 and from that date onwards the People’s Republic of China will resume the exercise of sovereignty over Macao with effect from 20 December 1999.

From 20 December 1999 onwards the Portuguese Republic will cease to be responsible for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the Convention to Macao.”

- (9) Statement by the Government of the People’s Republic of China dated 9 December 1999:
“It is provided both in Section VIII of Elaboration by the Government of the People’s Republic of China of its Basic Policies Regarding Macao, which is Annex I to the Joint Declaration, and Article 138 of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China, . . . , that international agreements to which the People’s Republic of China is not yet a party but which are implemented in Macao may continue to be implemented in the Macao Special Administrative Region.

In accordance with the above provisions, I am instructed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China to inform . . . of the following:

The Convention . . . which applies to Macao at present, will continue to apply to the Macao Special Administrative Region with effect from 20 December 1999.

Within the above ambit, the Government of the People's Republic of China will assume the responsibility for the international rights and obligations that are placed on a party to the Convention."

The following Notification was made by the Government of the People's Republic of China upon deposit of its instrument of adherence on 28 April 2000:

"1. The Government of the People's Republic of China does not recognize the signing of the *Convention* . . . by the old Chinese Government;

2. The *Convention* . . . does not apply *ex tempore* in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China until notified otherwise by the Government of the People's Republic of China."

- (10) By a Note dated 17 July 2001, deposited on 6 September 2001, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia declared itself bound, as a successor State to the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, by the provisions of, *inter alia*, this Convention, with effect from 27 April 1992, the date of State succession. (The former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia had adhered to the Convention on 16 October 1991).

On 4 February 2003, the name of the State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was changed to Serbia and Montenegro.

Following the Declaration of Independence adopted by the National Assembly of Montenegro on 3 June 2006, the Republic of Serbia advised ICAO by a note dated 13 July 2006 that it continues to exercise its rights and honour its commitments deriving from international treaties concluded by Serbia and Montenegro and requests that the Republic of Serbia be considered a party to all international agreements in force, instead of Serbia and Montenegro.