

APPENDIX B

PARTIES TO THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR AS OF 1 JUNE 1977¹

State	Date of Deposit ²	U.N.T.S. ³	Reservation ⁴
Afghanistan	26 September 1956	253:339	
Albania	27 May 1957	270:376	10, 12, 85
Algeria ⁵	3 July 1962		
Angola			
Argentina	18 September 1956	251:374	
Australia	14 October 1958	314:332	
Austria	27 August 1953	173:399	
Bahamas	11 July 1975	16 I.R.R.C. 23	
Bahrain	30 November 1971	11 I.R.R.C. 27	
Bangladesh	4 April 1972	12 I.R.R.C. 333	
Barbados	10 September 1968	653:454	
Belgium	3 September 1952	139:461	
Benin ⁶	14 December 1961	423:302	
Bhutan			
Bolivia	10 December 1976	17 I.R.R.C. 263	
Botswana	29 March 1968	637:386	
Brazil	29 June 1957	274:339	
Bulgaria	22 July 1954	198:388	10, 12, 85
Burma			
Burundi	27 December 1971	12 I.R.R.C. 95	
Byelorussian S.S.R.	3 August 1954	198:388	10, 12, 85
Cambodia ⁷	8 December 1958	320:336	
Cameroon	16 September 1963	480:324	
Canada	14 May 1965	538:332	
Cape Verde			
Cent. African Rep.	23 July 1966	573:304	
Chad	5 August 1970	10 I.R.R.C. 557	
Chile	12 October 1950	78:367	
China, People's Rep.	28 December 1956	260:442	10, 12, 85
China, Rep. of			
Colombia	8 November 1961	421:296	
Comoros			
Congo	30 January 1967	600:328	
Costa Rica	15 October 1969	703:460	
Cuba	15 April 1954	191:367	
Cyprus	23 May 1962	445:316	
Czechoslovakia	19 December 1950	78:367	10, 12, 85
Denmark	27 June 1951	96:325	
Dominican Rep.	22 January 1958	286:339	
Ecuador	11 August 1954	198:389	

¹The opinions shared in this paper are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the U.S. Naval War College, the Dept. of the Navy, or Dept. of Defense.

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Egypt	10 November 1952	150:371	
El Salvador	17 June 1953	167:297	
Equatorial Guinea			
Ethiopia	2 October 1969	703:460	
Fiji	9 August 1971	797:388	
Finland	22 February 1955	207:346	
France	28 June 1951	96:325	
Gabon	20 February 1965	535:408	
Gambia	20 October 1966	632:290	
German Dem. Rep.	30 November 1956	257:368	10, 12, 85
Germany, Fed. Rep.	3 September 1954	199:331	
Ghana	2 August 1958	310:338	
Greece	5 June 1956	247:390	
Grenada			
Guatamala	14 May 1952	131:333	
Guinea			
Guinea-Bissau	21 February 1974	14 I.R.R.C. 191	4, 10
Guyana	22 July 1968	645:344	
Haiti	11 April 1957	267:373	
Holy See	22 February 1951	84:415	
Honduras	30 December 1965	562:324	
Hungary	3 August 1954	198:388	10, 12, 85
Iceland	10 August 1965	547:314	
India	9 November 1950	78:367	
Indonesia	30 September 1958	314:332	
Iran	20 February 1957	264:335	
Iraq	14 February 1956	230:433	
Ireland	27 September 1962	445:316	
Israel	6 July 1951	96:325	
Italy	17 December 1951	120:299	
Ivory Coast	28 December 1961	423:302	
Jamaica	17 July 1964	511:266	
Japan	21 April 1953	165:328	
Jordan	29 May 1951	91:380	
Kenya	20 September 1966	632:290	
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	27 August 1957	278:261	10, 12, 85
Korea, Rep. of	16 August 1966	575:284	
Kuwait	2 September 1967	608:354	
Laos ⁸	29 October 1956	253:339	
Lebanon	10 April 1951	87:395	
Lesotho	18 June 1968	639:328	
Liberia	29 March 1954	188:370	
Libya	22 May 1956	247:390	
Liechtenstein	21 September 1950	75:135	
Luxembourg	1 July 1953	171:417	
Malagasy Rep.	13 July 1963	478:418	
Malawi	5 January 1968	632:290	
Malaysia	24 August 1962	445:316	
Maldives			
Mali	24 May 1965	540:332	
Malta	22 August 1968	653:454	
Mauritania	27 October 1962	445:316	

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Mauritius	18 August 1970	10 I.R.R.C. 557	
Mexico	29 October 1952	149:410	
Monaco	5 July 1950	75:135	
Mongolia	20 December 1958	320:336	
Morocco	26 July 1956	248:364	
Mozambique			
Nepal	7 February 1964	492:344	
Netherlands	3 August 1954	198:388	
New Zealand	2 May 1959	330:356	
Nicaragua	17 December 1953	184:339	
Niger	16 April 1964	502:367	
Nigeria	20 June 1961	404:324	
Norway	3 August 1951	100:294	
Oman	31 January 1974	14 I.R.R.C. 191	
Pakistan	12 June 1951	96:325	
Panama	10 February 1956	230:433	
Papua New Guinea	26 May 1976	16 I.R.R.C. 349	
Paraguay	23 October 1961	421:296	
Peru	15 February 1956	230:433	
Philippines	6 October 1952	141:384	
Poland	26 November 1954	202:332	10, 12, 85
Portugal	14 March 1961	394:257	10
Qatar	15 October 1975	16 I.R.R.C. 69	
Romania	1 June 1954	191:367	10, 12, 85
Rwanda	21 March 1964	502:367	
San Marino	28 August 1953	173:399	
São Tomé and Príncipe	21 May 1976	16 I.R.R.C. 349	
Saudi Arabia	18 May 1963	470:378	
Senegal	23 April 1963	470:378	
Sierra Leone	31 May 1965	544:286	
Singapore	27 April 1973	13 I.R.R.C. 301	
Somalia	12 July 1962	478:418	
South Africa	31 March 1952	128:308	
Spain	4 August 1952	139:461	99
Sri Lanka ⁹	28 February 1959	328:307	
Sudan	23 September 1957	278:261	
Surinam	25 November 1975	16 I.R.R.C. 623	
Swaziland	28 June 1973	13 I.R.R.C. 456	
Sweden	28 December 1953	184:339	
Switzerland ²	31 March 1950	75:135	
Syria	2 November 1953	180:303	
Tanzania ¹⁰	12 December 1962	470:378	
Thailand	29 December 1954	202:332	
Togo	6 January 1962	423:302	
Trinidad and Tobago	24 September 1963	480:324	
Tunisia	4 May 1957	269:285	
Turkey	10 February 1954	186:316	
Uganda	18 May 1964	503:330	
Ukrainian S.S.R.	3 August 1954	198:389	10, 12, 85
U.S.S.R.	10 May 1954	191:367	10, 12, 85
United Arab Emirates	10 May 1972	12 I.R.R.C. 399	
United Kingdom	23 September 1957	278:261	

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United States	2 August 1955	213:383	
Upper Volta	7 November 1961	421:296	
Uruguay	5 March 1969	676:370	87, 100, 101
Venezuela	13 February 1956	230:433	
Vietnam, Dem. Rep. ¹¹	28 June 1957	274:339	10, 12, 85
Vietnam, Prov. Rev. ¹¹	3 December 1973	14 I.R.R.C. 135	4, 10, 12, 85
Vietnam, Rep. of ¹¹	14 November 1953	181:351	
Vietnam, Soc. Rep of ¹¹	4 July 1976	16 I.R.R.C. 623	4, 10, 12, 85
Yemen (Aden)	25 May 1977	17 I.R.R.C. 393	
Yemen (Sana'a)	16 July 1970	743:374	
Yugoslavia ²	21 April 1950	75:135	10, 12
Zaire ¹²	24 February 1961	392:341	
Zambia	19 October 1966	632:290	

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¹ This Appendix is based largely upon information kindly furnished by the Swiss Federal Political Department. All known members of the international community are listed, whether or not they have become Parties.

² This column indicates the date upon which the ratification, accession, declaration of continuity, etc., was received by the Swiss Government, designated as the depositary in Article 137 of the Convention. Under the provisions of Articles 138 and 139 the Convention became effective as between Switzerland and Yugoslavia, the first two Parties, on 21 October 1950, and as to all other Parties six months after the date of deposit. (In a few cases declarations of continuity, received by the Swiss Government on the date indicated, are declared to be retroactive to the date of independence.)

³ Where no citation to the United Nations Treaty Series is presently available, the notices that have appeared in the *International Review of the Red Cross*, the English-language periodical of the International Committee of the Red Cross, have been used.

⁴ The numbers appearing in this column indicate the articles of the Convention to which reservations were made at the time of deposit.

⁵ According to Bedjaoui, *Law and the Algerian Revolution* 183 and 217, the Provisional Government of Algeria acceded to the Convention on 20 June 1960. The Swiss Federal Political Department gives 3 July 1962 as the date of accession. Neither action by Algeria is included in the United Nations Treaty Series.

⁶ Formerly known as Dahomey.

⁷ Formerly known as Khmer Republic and now having the official, but little known, title of Democratic Kampuchea.

⁸ Laos is now officially known as Lao People's Democratic Republic.

⁹ Formerly known as Ceylon.

¹⁰ Tanganyika deposited a declaration of continuity on 12 December 1962. Zanzibar was also covered by the British ratification. It took no action on the Convention prior to merging with Tanganyika to form the United Republic of Tanzania.

¹¹ The Republic of Vietnam no longer exists. Its successor, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Vietnam filed a new adhesion. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam have now merged under the title Socialist Republic of Vietnam which has advised the Swiss Federal Council that it is bound by the Convention subject to the reservations made by its two predecessors.

¹² Formerly known as Congo (Kinshasha).