

ANTARCTIC TREATY

Made 1 December 1959; entered into force 23 June 1961.

(The Treaty has no limit on its duration. It may be reviewed, at the request of a Consultative Party.)

Contracting Parties; in chronological order.

	<i>Adherence</i>	<i>Admission as a Consultative Party</i>
<i>Britain</i>	31 May 1960	31 May 1960
<i>South Africa</i>	21 June 1960	21 June 1960
<i>Belgium</i>	26 July 1960	26 July 1960
<i>Japan</i>	4 August 1960	4 August 1960
<i>United States of America</i>	18 August 1960	18 August 1960
<i>Norway</i>	24 August 1960	24 August 1960
<i>France</i>	16 September 1960	16 September 1960
<i>New Zealand</i>	1 November 1960	1 November 1960
<i>Russia</i> ¹	2 November 1960	2 November 1960
Poland	8 June 1961	29 July 1977
<i>Argentina</i>	23 June 1961	23 June 1961
<i>Australia</i>	23 June 1961	23 June 1961
<i>Chile</i>	23 June 1961	23 June 1961
Czechia ²	4 June 1962	27 May 2013
Slovakia ²	4 June 1962	
Denmark	20 May 1965	
Netherlands	30 March 1967	19 November 1990
Romania	15 September 1971	
Germany, DDR ³	19 November 1974	5 October 1987
Brasil	16 May 1975	12 September 1983
Bulgaria	11 September 1978	25 May 1998
Germany, BRD ³	5 February 1979	3 March 1981
Uruguay	11 January 1980	7 October 1985
Papua New Guinea ⁴	16 March 1981	
Italy	18 March 1981	5 October 1987
Perú	10 April 1981	9 October 1989
Spain	31 March 1982	21 September 1988
China, Peoples' Republic	8 June 1983	7 October 1985
India	19 August 1983	12 September 1983
Hungary	27 January 1984	
Sweden	24 April 1984	21 September 1988
Finland	15 May 1984	9 October 1989
Cuba	16 August 1984	
Korea (Seoul)	28 November 1986	9 October 1989
Greece	8 January 1987	
Korea (Pyongyang)	21 January 1987	
Austria	25 August 1987	
Ecuador	15 September 1987	19 November 1990
Canada	4 May 1988	
Colombia	31 January 1989	
Switzerland	15 November 1990	
Guatemala	31 July 1991	
Ukraine	28 October 1992	27 May 2004
Turkey	24 January 1996	
Venezuela	24 March 1999	
Estonia	17 May 2001	
Belarus	27 December 2006	
Monaco	22 May 2008	
Portugal	29 January 2010	
Malaysia	31 October 2011	
Pakistan	1 March 2012	
Kazakhstan	27 January 2015	
Mongolia	23 March 2015	
Iceland	13 October 2015	

Original Signatories; 12 states which signed the Treaty on 1 December 1959, are *italicised*; the dates given are those of the deposition of the instruments of ratification, approval, or acceptance of the Treaty.

Consultative Parties of the Treaty; 29 states are **emboldened**, the 12 original signatories and 17 others which achieved this status after becoming actively involved in Antarctic research.

A total of 53 states are adherent to the Treaty.

¹ Contracted as the Soviet Union, representation assumed by Russia from 8 December 1991.

² Succeeded to the Treaty after Czechoslovakia divided into two republics on 1 January 1993.

³ The two German states unified from 3 October 1990.

⁴ Succeeded to the Treaty after becoming independent of Australia.