

# SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH AND THE ANTARCTIC TREATY

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**SCAR**, a part of the International Council for Science, was established on 3 February 1958. The **Treaty** was made on 1 December 1959 and came into force on 23 June 1961.

Members and Adherents (in alphabetical order)			
	<i>SCAR Members</i>		<i>Antarctic Treaty Adherents</i>
	Full	Associate	Non-Consultative    Consultative
<i>Argentina</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1961-06-23</b>
<i>Australia</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1961-06-23</b>
Austria			1987-08-25
Belarus			2006-12-27
<i>Belgium</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1960-07-26</b>
<i>Brasil</i>	<b>1984-10- 1</b>		<b>1983-09-12</b>
<i>Britain</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1960-05-31</b>
<i>Bulgaria</i>	<b>2006-07-17</b>	(1995-03- 5)	(1978-09-11) <b>1998-05-25</b>
Canada	<b>1998-07-27</b>	(1994-09- 5)	1988-05- 4
<i>Chile</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1961-06-23</b>
<i>China (Beijing /Peking)</i>	<b>1986-06-23</b>		(1983-06- 8) <b>1985-10- 7</b>
Colombia <sup>5</sup>		[1989-01-31]	
Cuba			1984-08-16
<i>Czechia</i> <sup>4</sup>		2014-09-01	1962-06-14 <b>2013-05-27</b>
Denmark		2006-07-17	1965-05-20
<i>Ecuador</i>	<b>1992-06-15</b>	(1988-09-12)	(1987-09-15) <b>1990-11-19</b>
Estonia <sup>5</sup>		[1992-06-15]	2001-05-17
<i>Finland</i>	<b>1990-07-23</b>	(1988-07- 1)	(1984-05-15) <b>1989-10- 9</b>
<i>France</i>	<b>1958-03- 3</b>		<b>1960-09-16</b>
<i>Germany</i> ] (BRD <sup>1</sup> )	<b>1978-05-22</b>		(1979-02- 5) <b>1981-03- 3</b>
<i>Germany</i> ] (DDR <sup>1</sup> )	<b>1981-09- 9</b>		(1974-11-19) <b>1987-10- 5</b>
Greece			1987-01- 8
Guatemala			1991-07-31
Hungary			1984-01-27
Iceland			2015-10-13
<i>India</i>	<b>1984-10- 1</b>		(1983-08-19) <b>1983-09-12</b>
Iran		2014-09-01	
<i>Italy</i>	<b>1988-09-12</b>	(1987-05-19)	(1981-03-18) <b>1987-10- 5</b>
<i>Japan</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1960-08- 4</b>
Kazakhstan			2015-01-27
Korea (Pyongyang)			1987-01-21
<i>Korea (Seoul)</i>	<b>1990-07-23</b>	(1987-12- 8)	(1986-11-28) <b>1989-10- 9</b>
Malaysia	<b>2008-07-14</b>	(2004-10- 4)	2011-11-31
Monaco		2010-08- 9	2008- 5-22
Mongolia			2015-03-23
<i>Netherlands</i>	<b>1990-07-23</b>	(1987-05-20)	(1967-03-30) <b>1990-11-19</b>
<i>New Zealand</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1960-11- 1</b>
<i>Norway</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1960-08-24</b>
Pakistan		1992-06-15	2012-03- 1
Papua New Guinea <sup>2</sup>			1981-03-16
<i>Perú</i>	<b>2002-07-22</b>	(1987-04-14)	(1981-04-10) <b>1989-10- 9</b>
<i>Poland</i>	<b>1978-05-22</b>		(1961-06- 8) <b>1977-07-29</b>
Portugal		2006-07-17	
Romania		2008-07-14	1971-09- 15
<i>Russia</i> <sup>3</sup>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1960-11- 2</b>
Slovakia <sup>4</sup>			1962-06-14
<i>South Africa</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1960-06-21</b>
<i>Spain</i>	<b>1990-07-23</b>	(1987-01-15)	(1982-03-31) <b>1988-09-21</b>
<i>Sweden</i>	<b>1988-09-12</b>	(1987-03-24)	(1984-04-24) <b>1988-09-21</b>
Switzerland	<b>2004-10- 4</b>	(1987-06-16)	1990-11-15
Turkey			1996-01-24
<i>Ukraine</i>	<b>2006 07-17</b>	(1994-09- 5)	(1992-10-28) <b>2004-04-27</b>
<i>United States of America</i>	<b>1958-02- 3</b>		<b>1960-08-18</b>
<i>Uruguay</i>	<b>1988-09-12</b>	(1987-07-29)	(1980-01-11) <b>1985-10- 7</b>
Venezuela		2012-08- 1	1999-03-24

Original Signatories and Members; the 12 states which made the Treaty and formed the Committee, are *Italicised*; the Treaty dates given these are those of the deposition of instruments of ratification, approval, or acceptance.

SCAR members are 31 Full and 8 Associate; the dates in brackets for some recent Full Members are those of prior admission as an Associate Member.

Consultative Parties of the Treaty; 29 states (**emboldened**), the 12 original signatories and 17 others which achieved this status after becoming actively involved in Antarctic research (with dates in brackets). A total of 53 states are currently adherents to the Treaty.

<sup>1</sup> The two German states unified from 1990-10- 3.

<sup>2</sup> Papua New Guinea succeeded to the Treaty after becoming independent of Australia.

<sup>3</sup> Formerly the Soviet Union, Russia assumed representation from 1991-12- 1.

<sup>4</sup> Succeeded to the Treaty as part of Czechoslovakia which separated into two republics from 1993-01- 1.

<sup>5</sup> Colombia and Estonia became Associate Members of SCAR on 1990-07- 3 and 1992-06-15; but withdrew on 1995-07- 3 and 2001-07- 4 respectively.