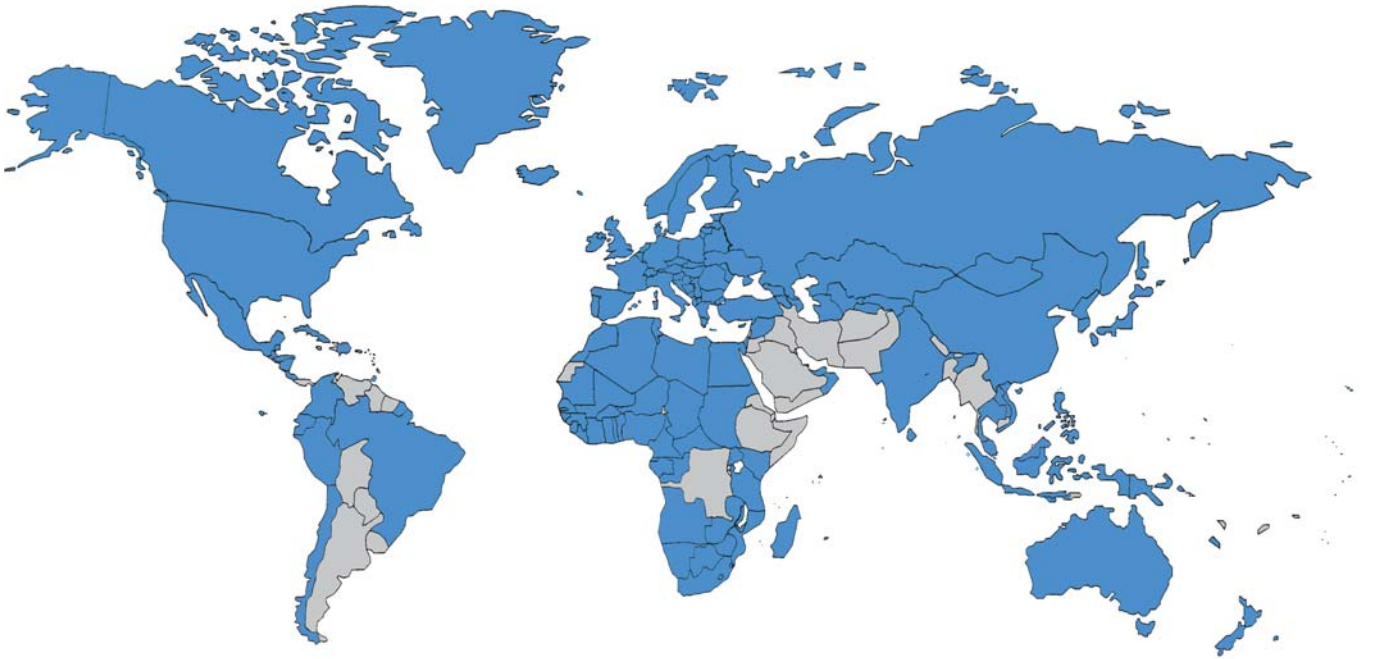


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AL Albania (EP) <sup>1,2</sup>	CY Cyprus (EP) <sup>3</sup>	IS Iceland (EP)	MN Mongolia	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) <sup>3</sup>	MR Mauritania (OA) <sup>3</sup>	SM San Marino (EP) <sup>7</sup>
AO Angola	DE Germany (EP)	JP Japan	MT Malta (EP) <sup>3</sup>	SN Senegal (OA) <sup>3</sup>
AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MW Malawi (AP)	ST Sao Tome and Principe
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MX Mexico	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MY Malaysia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>2</sup>	DZ Algeria	KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	MZ Mozambique (AP)	SZ Swaziland (AP) <sup>3</sup>
BB Barbados	EC Ecuador	KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	NA Namibia (AP)	TD Chad (OA) <sup>3</sup>
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BG Bulgaria (EP)	ES Spain (EP)	LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	NI Nicaragua	TJ Tajikistan (EA)
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BJ Benin (OA) <sup>3</sup>	FR France (EP) <sup>3</sup>	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NO Norway (EP) <sup>4</sup>	TN Tunisia
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) <sup>3</sup>	LK Sri Lanka	NZ New Zealand	TR Turkey (EP)
BW Botswana (AP)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia (AP) <sup>5</sup>	OM Oman	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BY Belarus (EA)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	PE Peru	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	PG Papua New Guinea	UA Ukraine
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CL Chile	GT Guatemala	MD Republic of Moldova (EA)	SC Seychelles	ZA South Africa
CM Cameroon (OA) <sup>3</sup>	GW Guinea-Bissau (OA) <sup>3</sup>	ME Montenegro <sup>2</sup>	SD Sudan (AP)	ZM Zambia (AP)
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	HU Hungary (EP)			
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