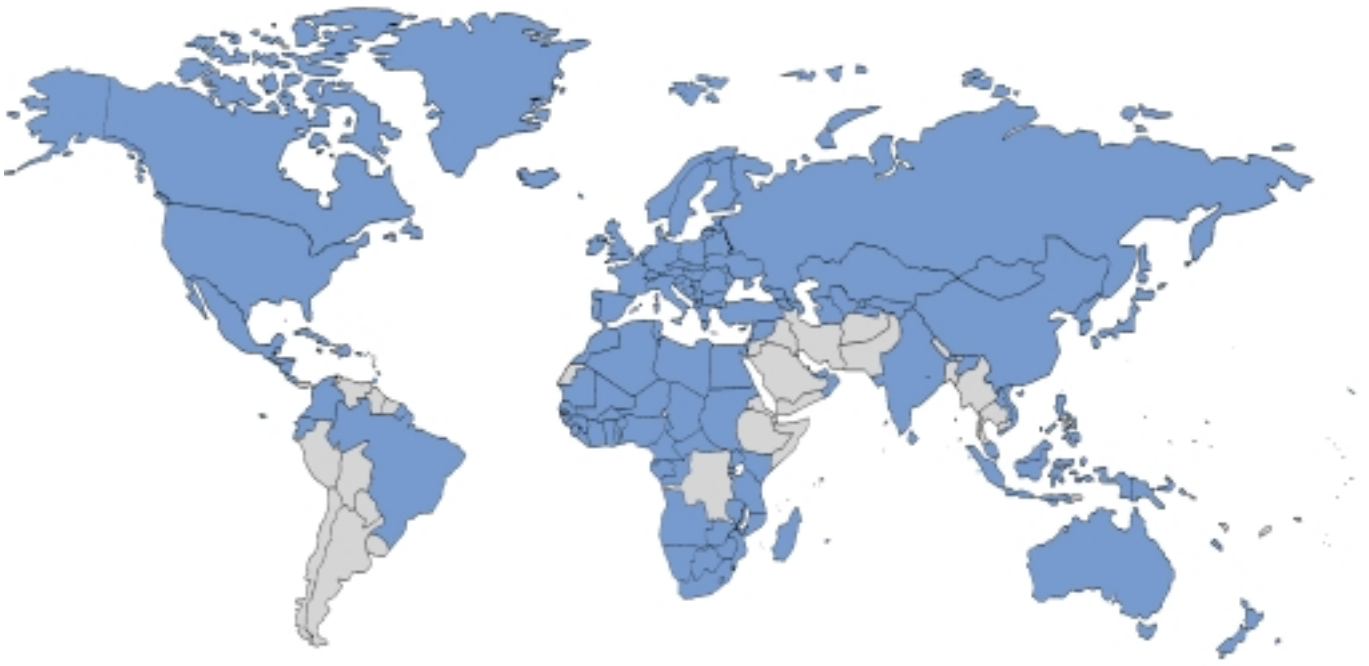


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AG Antigua and Barbuda	CU Cuba	IN India	MG Madagascar	SI Slovenia (EP) ²
AL Albania ¹	CY Cyprus (EP) ²	IS Iceland (EP)	MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	SK Slovakia (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)	CZ Czech Republic (EP)	IT Italy (EP) ²	ML Mali (OA) ²	SL Sierra Leone (AP)
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AT Austria (EP)	DK Denmark (EP)	KE Kenya (AP)	MR Mauritania (OA) ²	SN Senegal (OA) ²
AU Australia	DM Dominica	KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)	MT Malta (EP) ²	SV El Salvador
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)	DO Dominican Republic	KM Comoros	MW Malawi (AP)	SY Syrian Arab Republic
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BH Bahrain	FI Finland (EP)	LC Saint Lucia	NG Nigeria	TN Tunisia
BJ Benin (OA) ²	FR France (EP) ²	LI Liechtenstein (EP)	NI Nicaragua	TR Turkey (EP)
BR Brazil	GA Gabon (OA) ²	LK Sri Lanka	NL Netherlands (EP) ²	TT Trinidad and Tobago
BW Botswana (AP)	GB United Kingdom (EP)	LR Liberia	NO Norway	TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)	GD Grenada	LS Lesotho (AP)	NZ New Zealand	UA Ukraine
BZ Belize	GE Georgia	LT Lithuania (EP)	OM Oman	UG Uganda (AP)
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CF Central African Republic (OA) ²	GM Gambia (AP)	LV Latvia (EP) ²	PH Philippines	UZ Uzbekistan
CG Congo (OA) ²	GN Guinea (OA) ²	LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	PL Poland (EP)	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA) ²	GT Guatemala	MC Monaco (EP) ²	RO Romania (EP)	ZA South Africa
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CN China	HN Honduras		RU Russian Federation (EA)	ZW Zimbabwe (AP)
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