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(as of March 2007)

and the Berne Union (Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works)
(as of March 2007)

WTO Members whose name is underlined are party to the PARIS Convention.
WTO Members whose name is in bold are party to **the BERNE Convention**;

WTO MEMBER	DATE OF MEMBERSHIP
<u>Albania</u>	Sept. 8, 2000
Angola	Nov. 23, 1996
<u>Antigua and Barbuda</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Armenia</u>	Feb. 5, 2003
<u>Argentina</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Australia</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Austria</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Bahrain, Kingdom of</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Bangladesh</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Barbados</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Belgium</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Belize</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
Benin	Feb. 22, 1996
<u>Bolivia</u>	Sept. 12, 1995
<u>Botswana</u>	May 31, 1995
Brazil	Jan. 1, 1995
Brunei Darussalam	Jan. 1, 1995
Bulgaria	Dec. 1, 1996
Burkina Faso	June 3, 1995
<u>Burundi</u>	July 23, 1995
Cambodia	Oct. 13, 2004
Cameroon	Dec. 13, 1995
<u>Canada</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
Central African Rep.	May 31, 1995
Chad	Oct. 19, 1996
<u>Chile</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>China</u>	Dec. 11, 2001
<u>Chinese Taipei</u>	Jan. 1, 2002
<u>Colombia</u>	Apr. 30, 1995
<u>Congo</u>	March 27, 1997
Costa Rica	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Côte d'Ivoire</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Croatia</u>	Nov. 30, 2000
<u>Cuba</u>	Apr. 20, 1995
<u>Cyprus</u>	July 30, 1995
Czech Republic	Jan. 1, 1995

<u>Dem. Rep. of the Congo</u>	Jan. 1, 1997
<u>Denmark</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Djibouti</u>	May 31, 1995
<u>Dominica</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Dominican Republic</u>	March 9, 1995
<u>Ecuador</u>	Jan. 21, 1996
<u>Egypt</u>	June 30, 1995
<u>El Salvador</u>	May 7, 1995
<u>Estonia</u>	Nov. 13, 1999
<i>European Community¹</i>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Fiji</u>	Jan. 14, 1996
<u>Finland</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)</u>	Apr. 4, 2003
<u>France</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Gabon</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>The Gambia</u>	Oct. 23, 1996
<u>Georgia</u>	June 14, 2000
<u>Germany</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Ghana</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Greece</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Grenada</u>	Feb. 22, 1996
<u>Guatemala</u>	July 21, 1995
<u>Guinea Bissau</u>	May 31, 1995
<u>Guinea</u>	Oct. 25, 1995
<u>Guyana</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Haiti</u>	Jan. 30, 1996
<u>Honduras</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Hong Kong, China</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Hungary</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Iceland</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>India</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Indonesia</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Ireland</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Israel</u>	Apr. 21, 1995
<u>Italy</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Jamaica</u>	March 9, 1995
<u>Japan</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Jordan</u>	Apr. 11, 2000
<u>Kenya</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Korea, Republic of</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Kuwait</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Kyrgyz Republic</u>	Dec. 20, 1998
<u>Latvia</u>	Feb. 10, 1999
<u>Lesotho</u>	May 31, 1995
<u>Liechtenstein</u>	Sept. 1, 1995
<u>Lithuania</u>	May 31, 2001
<u>Luxembourg</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Macao, China</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Madagascar</u>	Nov. 17, 1995
<u>Malawi</u>	May 31, 1995

¹ All EU Member States are party to both the Paris and Berne Conventions.

<u>Malaysia</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
Maldives	May 31, 1995
<u>Mali</u>	May 31, 1995
<u>Malta</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Mauritania</u>	May 31, 1995
<u>Mauritius</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Mexico</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Moldova</u>	July 26, 2001
<u>Mongolia</u>	Jan. 29, 1997
<u>Morocco</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Mozambique</u>	August 26, 1995
Myanmar	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Namibia</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Nepal</u>	Apr. 23, 2004
<u>Netherlands²</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>New Zealand</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Nicaragua</u>	Sept. 3, 1995
<u>Niger</u>	Dec. 13, 1996
<u>Nigeria</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Norway</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Oman</u>	Nov. 9, 2000
<u>Pakistan</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Panama</u>	Sept. 6, 1997
Papua New Guinea	June 9, 1996
<u>Paraguay</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Peru</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Philippines</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Poland</u>	July 1, 1995
<u>Portugal</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Qatar</u>	Jan. 13, 1996
<u>Romania</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Rwanda</u>	May 22, 1996
<u>Saint Kitts and Nevis</u>	Feb. 21, 1996
<u>Saint Lucia</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Saint Vincent & the Grenadines</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Senegal</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Saudi Arabia</u>	Dec. 11, 2005
Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Jan. 1, 2002
<u>Sierra Leone</u>	July 23, 1995
<u>Singapore</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Slovak Republic</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Slovenia</u>	July 30, 1995
Solomon Islands	July 26, 1996
<u>South Africa</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Spain</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Sri Lanka</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Suriname</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Swaziland</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Sweden</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Switzerland</u>	July 1, 1995
Taiwan (see Chinese Taipei)	

² With respect to the Berne Convention, only Articles 22 to 38 (administrative) apply to the Antilles.

<u>Tanzania (United Republic of)</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Thailand</u>	Jan. 1, 1995 B
<u>Togo</u>	May 31, 1995
<u>Trinidad and Tobago</u>	March 1, 1995
<u>Tunisia</u>	March 29, 1995
<u>Turkey</u>	March 26, 1995
<u>Uganda</u>	Jan. 1, 1995 P
<u>United Arab Emirates</u>	Apr. 10, 1996
<u>United Kingdom</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>United States of America</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Uruguay</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Venezuela</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Viet-Nam</u>	Jan. 11, 2007
<u>Zambia</u>	Jan. 1, 1995
<u>Zimbabwe</u>	March 5, 1995

Observer governments and membership candidates³:

<u>Afghanistan</u>
<u>Algeria</u>
<u>Andorra</u>
<u>Azerbaijan</u>
<u>Bahamas</u>
<u>Belarus</u>
<u>Bhutan</u>
<u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>
<u>Cape Verde</u>
<u>Equatorial Guinea</u>
<u>Ethiopia</u>
<u>Holy See (Vatican)</u>
<u>Iran</u>
<u>Iraq</u>
<u>Kazakhstan</u>
<u>Lao People's Democratic Republic</u>
<u>Lebanese Republic</u>
<u>Libya</u>
<u>Montenegro</u>
<u>Russian Federation</u>
<u>Samoa</u>
<u>Sao Tome and Principe</u>
<u>Serbia</u>
<u>Seychelles</u>
<u>Sudan</u>
<u>Tajikistan</u>
<u>Tonga</u>
<u>Ukraine</u>
<u>Uzbekistan</u>
<u>Vanuatu</u>

³ With the exception of the Holy See, WTO observers must start accession negotiations within five years of becoming observers.

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