

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>Antarctic Treaty Adherents</i>	
	<i>SCAR Members</i>		Non-Consultative	Consultative
	Full	Associate		
<i>Argentina</i>	1958-02- 3			1961-06-23
<i>Australia</i>	1958-02- 3			1961-06-23
Austria			1987-08-25	
Belarus			2006-12-27	
<i>Belgium</i>	1958-02- 3			1960-07-26
Brasil	1984-10- 1		(1975-05-16)	1983-09-12
<i>Britain</i>	1958-02- 3			1960-05-31
Bulgaria	2006-07-17	(1995-03- 5)	(1978-09-11)	1998-05-25
Canada	1998-07-27	(1994-09- 5)	1988-05- 4	
<i>Chile</i>	1958-02- 3			1961-06-23
China (Beijing /Peking)	1986-06-23		(1983-06- 8)	1985-10- 7
Colombia ⁵		[1989-01-31]		
Cuba			1984-08-16	
Czechia ⁴		2014-09-01	1962-06-14	2013-05-27
Denmark		2006-07-17	1965-05-20	
Ecuador	1992-06-15	(1988-09-12)	(1987-09-15)	1990-11-19
Estonia ⁵		[1992-06-15]	2001-05-17	
Finland	1990-07-23	(1988-07- 1)	(1984-05-15)	1989-10- 9
<i>France</i>	1958-03- 3			1960-09-16
Germany] (BRD ¹)	1978-05-22		(1979-02- 5)	1981-03- 3
Germany] (DDR ¹)	1981-09- 9		(1974-11-19)	1987-10- 5
Greece			1987-01- 8	
Guatemala			1991-07-31	
Hungary			1984-01-27	
Iceland			2015-10-13	
India	1984-10- 1		(1983-08-19)	1983-09-12
Iran		2014-09-01		
Italy	1988-09-12	(1987-05-19)	(1981-03-18)	1987-10- 5
<i>Japan</i>	1958-02- 3			1960-08- 4
Kazakhstan			2015-01-27	
Korea (Pyongyang)			1987-01-21	
Korea (Seoul)	1990-07-23	(1987-12- 8)	(1986-11-28)	1989-10- 9
Malaysia	2008-07-14	(2004-10- 4)	2011-11-31	
Monaco		2010-08- 9	2008- 5-22	
Mongolia			2015-03-23	
Netherlands	1990-07-23	(1987-05-20)	(1967-03-30)	1990-11-19
<i>New Zealand</i>	1958-02- 3			1960-11- 1
<i>Norway</i>	1958-02- 3			1960-08-24
Pakistan		1992-06-15	2012-03- 1	
Papua New Guinea ²			1981-03-16	
Perú	2002-07-22	(1987-04-14)	(1981-04-10)	1989-10- 9
Poland	1978-05-22		(1961-06- 8)	1977-07-29
Portugal		2006-07-17	2010-01-29	
Romania		2008-07-14	1971-09- 15	
<i>Russia</i> ³	1958-02- 3			1960-11- 2
Slovakia ⁴			1962-06-14	
<i>South Africa</i>	1958-02- 3			1960-06-21
Spain	1990-07-23	(1987-01-15)	(1982-03-31)	1988-09-21
Sweden	1988-09-12	(1987-03-24)	(1984-04-24)	1988-09-21
Switzerland	2004-10- 4	(1987-06-16)	1990-11-15	
Turkey			1996-01-24	
Ukraine	2006 07-17	(1994-09- 5)	(1992-10-28)	2004-04-27
<i>United States of America</i>	1958-02- 3			1960-08-18
Uruguay	1988-09-12	(1987-07-29)	(1980-01-11)	1985-10- 7
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.

¹ The two German states unified from 1990-10- 3.

² Papua New Guinea succeeded to the Treaty after becoming independent of Australia.

³ Formerly the Soviet Union, Russia assumed representation from 1991-12- 1.

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

⁵ 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.