

NOTES

Observer Status

Holy See / Vatican City U.N. Observer. (since 1964. Full membership except voting rights in 2004)

State of Palestine U.N. Observer (since 1974. 1988 UN updated the designation to "Palestine" in place of "PLO". Applied for full status in 2011. Not voted on yet. UNESCO did grant full status in 2011. UN recognized as non-member observer state in 2012.

Order of Malta (Sovereign Military...) Not a sovereign state. Has Observer status at UN. Maintains diplomatic relations with 107 countries.

Disputed / Other Status

Kosovo (Serbia) Disputed with Serbia. Not a member of the U.N. though it has relations with Half of U.N. states, and is part of IMF and World Bank. 2015 UNESCO application rejected.

Taiwan and Penghu (ROC) (Taipei)

Western Sahara (Laayoune) Disputed (between Morocco & Polisario Front). U.N. recognizes as a "Non-Self-Governing Territory"

French Guiana (Cayenne) Disputed

Crimea (Ukraine/Russia) Disputed

Kashmir (India/China) Disputed

Tibet (China) Lhasa Disputed

Somaliland (Hargeisa) Autonomous Region

Vojvodina (Novi Sad) Serbi: Disputed Region

Republika Srpska (Banja Luka) - Inside Bosnia Herzegovina

Brcko District (condominium of Bosnia Herzegovina and Srpska)

Note: Switzerland only joined the U.N. in 2002

Name Changes

Bosnia Herzegovina (Yugoslavia)

Montenegro (Yugoslavia)

North Macedonia (Yugoslavia)

Serbia (Yugoslavia)

Moldova (USSR)

Uzbekistan (USSR)

Kyrgyzstan (USSR)

Turkmenistan (USSR)

Tajikistan (USSR)

Zambia / Zimbabwe (Rhodesia)

Brunei (Brunei Darussalam)

Czech Republic / Czechia (Czechoslovakia)