**NON-UNITED NATIONS STATES**

**(many are contested by other states)**

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| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/27/Flag_of_Abkhazia.svg/22px-Flag_of_Abkhazia.svg.png Abkhazia** – Republic of Abkhazia |  | Claimed by Georgia |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/35/Flag_of_the_Cook_Islands.svg/22px-Flag_of_the_Cook_Islands.svg.png**[**Cook Islands**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cook_Islands) |  | None |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/1f/Flag_of_Kosovo.svg/22px-Flag_of_Kosovo.svg.png**[**Kosovo**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_of_Kosovo) – Republic of Kosovo |  | Claimed by Serbia |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/8/8d/Flag_of_Nagorno-Karabakh.svg/22px-Flag_of_Nagorno-Karabakh.svg.png**[**Nagorno-Karabakh**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nagorno-Karabakh_Republic) – Nagorno-Karabakh Republic |  | Claimed byAzerbaijan |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/01/Flag_of_Niue.svg/22px-Flag_of_Niue.svg.png**[**Niue**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niue) |  | None |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/1e/Flag_of_the_Turkish_Republic_of_Northern_Cyprus.svg/22px-Flag_of_the_Turkish_Republic_of_Northern_Cyprus.svg.png**[**Northern Cyprus**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Cyprus) – Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus |  | Claimed by Cyprus |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/26/Flag_of_the_Sahrawi_Arab_Democratic_Republic.svg/22px-Flag_of_the_Sahrawi_Arab_Democratic_Republic.svg.png**[**Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sahrawi_Arab_Democratic_Republic) |  | Claimed by Morocco |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/4d/Flag_of_Somaliland.svg/22px-Flag_of_Somaliland.svg.png**[**Somaliland**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somaliland) – Republic of Somaliland |  | Claimed by Somalia |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/12/Flag_of_South_Ossetia.svg/22px-Flag_of_South_Ossetia.svg.png**[**South Ossetia**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Ossetia) – Republic of South Ossetia |  | Claimed by Georgia |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/72/Flag_of_the_Republic_of_China.svg/22px-Flag_of_the_Republic_of_China.svg.png**[**Taiwan**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taiwan) – Republic of China[[Note 15]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_sovereign_states#cite_note-ChinaTaiwan-25) |  | Claimed by the People's Republic of China |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/58/Flag_of_Transnistria.svg/22px-Flag_of_Transnistria.svg.png [Transnistria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transnistria" \o "Transnistria)** – Transnistrian Moldovan Republic (Pridnestrovie, Trans-Dniester) |  | Claimed by Moldova |  |

**UNITED NATION “OBSERVER” STATUS STATES**

Observers have the right to speak at United Nations General Assembly meetings, participate in procedural votes, and to sponsor and sign resolutions, but not to vote on resolutions and other substantive matters. Various other rights (e.g., to speak in debates, to submit proposals and amendments, the right of reply, to raise points of order and to circulate documents, etc.) are given selectively to some observers only.

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| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/00/Flag_of_Palestine.svg/22px-Flag_of_Palestine.svg.png**[**Palestine**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_of_Palestine) – State of Palestine |  | Disputed by Israel |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/00/Flag_of_the_Vatican_City.svg/20px-Flag_of_the_Vatican_City.svg.png**[**Vatican City**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vatican_City)**– Vatican City State** |  | None |  |

**OTHER CONTESTED “SOVEREIGN” STATES**

**(who are recognized United Nations states)**

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| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/2/2f/Flag_of_Armenia.svg/22px-Flag_of_Armenia.svg.png**[**Armenia**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenia) – Republic of Armenia | | Not recognised byPakistan |  |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d4/Flag_of_Cyprus.svg/22px-Flag_of_Cyprus.svg.png**[**Cyprus**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyprus) – Republic of Cyprus |  | Not recognised byTurkey and Northern Cyprus | Member of the EU. The northeastern part of the island is the de facto state of Northern Cyprus. See Foreign relations of Cyprus and Cyprus dispute. Turkey refers to the Republic of Cyprus government as "The Greek Cypriot Administration of South Cyprus". |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/d/d4/Flag_of_Israel.svg/22px-Flag_of_Israel.svg.png**[**Israel**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel)**– State of Israel** |  | Not recognized by 33 states | In 1967, Israel annexed the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan, and the Golan Heightsfrom Syria. These areas are not internationally-recognised as being part of Israel. Israel no longer has a permanent military presence in the Gaza Strip, following its unilateral disengagement, but is still considered the occupying power under international law. Israel is not recognized as a state by 32 UN members (including most Arab states) and by the SADR. |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/51/Flag_of_North_Korea.svg/22px-Flag_of_North_Korea.svg.png**[**Korea, North**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Korea)**– Democratic People's Republic of Korea** |  | Claimed by South Korea | North Korea is not recognized by two UN members: Japan and South Korea. |
| **http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/0/09/Flag_of_South_Korea.svg/22px-Flag_of_South_Korea.svg.png**[**Korea, South**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Korea)**– Republic of Korea** |  | Claimed by North Korea | South Korea contains 1 autonomous region, Jeju-do. South Korea is not recognized by one UN member: North Korea. |